

## **IOWA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

### **February 28, 2011**

The Transportation Committee met in the Iowa County Health and Human Services Building Community Room in the City of Dodgeville on Monday, February 28, 2011 and was called to order by Committee Chair John Meyers at 6:02 P.M.

Roll call was taken:

Committee members present: Sups. Bob Bunker, Dan Curran, John Meyers, Curt Peterson, Robert Pilling, and Ryan Walmer

Committee members excused/absent: Sups. Dave Bauer, Ron Benish, and Robert Zinck

Other County Board members present: Sup. Daniel Nankee

Also present: Highway Commissioner Craig E. Hardy, Business Manager Jeri Grabbert, County Administrator Curt Kephart, and State Roads Patrol Superintendent Randy Sudmeier.

Sup. John Meyers noted that the meeting had been duly noticed.

Sup. Curt Peterson moved for approval of the February 28, 2011 agenda and the minutes of January 31, 2011. Motion was seconded by Sup. Ryan Walmer. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee.

None

Appearance regarding Cause for Paws Event. Shannon Baxter appeared to discuss the annual Paws for a Cause Fun Run fundraiser for the Humane Society. The run will be held on Saturday April 2, with registration starting at 8:00 AM and the run starting at 9:00 AM at the Humane Society parking lot. The route will go to Brown Street, to Johns Street, to CTH YZ, to Bea Ann Drive, to Loeffler Road, to Bennett Road, and back on CTH YZ. The walkers will walk on the DNR trail. They will be crossing CTH YZ at Johns Street and City of Dodgeville Police Department will have traffic control at that point for the walkers. Sup. Curt Peterson noted that since Bea Ann Drive is in the Town of Dodgeville Ms. Baxter would also have to appear in front of the Dodgeville Town Board. Craig Hardy indicated that, as in past years, the Highway Department would set out cones along the ditch of CTH YZ between Bennett Road and Johns Street, the event workers would place the cones out to the shoulder during the event, event workers would move the cones back to the ditch after the event, and the highway department would pick up the cones after the event. In the past, the Transportation Committee has approved the Highway Department work without cost to the event sponsors as it is a fund raiser for the non-profit Iowa County Humane Society.

A motion was made by Sup. Ryan Walmer and seconded by Sup. Robert Pilling to approve the event. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Old Business**

- A. MDSS AVL-GPS – Shari Bremser WDOT 30-minute presentation. Shari Bremser gave a presentation to provide further details and explanation of the MDSS AVL-GPS system that the DOT would like placed on all state used trucks for the purpose of research on state maintained roads. The funding comes from a federal level grant. The funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2011 to qualify. Ms. Bremser would like to see them encumbered closer to April 1 for budgeting purposes. The investment costs will be paid by the grant funds and the ongoing maintenance costs will be part of the county's operational costs. The WCHA Machinery Management Committee is working on determining ways to pay for the system maintenance and establish rates. The next MMC meeting is scheduled for March 18. Further discussion of this program will occur at the next Transportation Committee meeting with more information from the MMC meeting results.

The Highway Committee shall entertain a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1) (c) WI Statutes for considering employment, promotion, compensation and performance evaluation data of any public employment over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Grievance #11-01, Seasonal Position Duties) – possible action.

The Union was not available to attend this meeting. This item is postponed to the next Transportation Committee meeting.

## **Old Business – continued:**

- B. 18/151 Design Study Discussion – Accidents in February. Craig Hardy gave a brief update and passed around pictures on the 2 fog related accidents that occurred on 18/151 on February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. The accident on the 16<sup>th</sup> was at the intersection of 18/151 and CTH YZ. It involved 16 vehicles, including 8 semis and 8 other vehicles. There were 17 injuries and no fatalities. The accident on the 17<sup>th</sup> was at the intersection of 18/151 and the east intersection with CTH HHH near Ridgeway. It involved a semi and a car. There were no fatalities, but the driver of the car was severely injured and remains in critical condition. Further discussion took place regarding the design changes to reduce cross traffic on 18/151.
- C. EECBG Update – Highway Insulation Results. Electric bills for the upper truck building for February 2010 and February 2011 were presented for comparison in heating costs before and after the insulation project. The heating cost decreased by \$1,951 for this month from last year to this year. Alliant Energy estimated a 45% decrease in costs therefore the project should pay for itself in about 10 years. There are still some areas that need repainting by the contractor and then the project should be complete. The county still holds the retainer pending completion and final approval.
- D. EECBG Update – Windows Project. The contract with Midwest Builders has been signed and they have the materials ordered. Expected start date is in late March.
- E. Departmental Equipment Classes & Depreciation, Service, and Usage Life. Rate of Return Cost Analyses were distributed for equipment classes 118, tandem trucks, and

1118, tri-axle trucks. For class 118's, the analysis show that after the third year the truck no longer produces revenue and becomes a cost to the county. Around year 11, the costs to maintain the truck are similar to what it would cost to place a new vehicle into service for the same hours of usage. For the 1118's, the first threshold would be in about year 4 or 5 and the second threshold would be in about year 12. The goal is to analyze the service life and create a replacement plan for equipment. Iowa County Highway Department has 9 class 106's (single axle trucks) with an average age of 11½ years, 13 class 118's with an average age of 7½ years, and 13 class 1118's with an average age of 7 years.

- F. PASER Map and Discussion. Iowa County has 365.7 centerline miles of county highway to maintain. Roads with a rating of 1 through 4 would need a major improvement with a 1-1/2-inch asphalt overlay or more. The table shows that in the last 2 years, only 2.9% of the road miles, or 10.5 miles, have had these improvements. Roads with ratings of 5, 6, or 7 would need crackfilling, overlays of less than 1½ inches, or sealcoating. The PASER report summarizes the whole county system and is used to determine which roads to work on. The ratings are done in-house by staff that have attended workshops and learned the process. Craig presented a 24X24 map created in conjunction with the GIS department to illustrate the various ratings on the system.
- G. Comm 10 Operator Certifications Update. The Energy Policy Act of 2005, DCOMM 10, requires owners of underground fuel tank systems to have classified operators on staff. The deadline to meet this requirement is January 1, 2012. Training classes are scheduled for May 25 in Madison for Craig Hardy, Tom Pratt, and Von Hiller. Craig will be a Class A operator, and Tom and Von will be Class B operators. A \$75 per person grant was received towards registration costs and a discount of \$50 per person was awarded for registering 3 or more participants. Therefore the training costs were reduced by \$375 for a final cost of \$450 for the 3 registrants.
- H. Don's Tire & Service Center Response to Metco. At the last meeting the committee was informed that the County received notice that residual petroleum contamination from Don's Tire and Service Center exists in soil within the right-of-way of CTH I east of Don's. The committee passed a motion for Craig Hardy to prepare a letter of response to the notification. The letter of response is in the packet for review.

#### **New Business:**

- A. January 2011 Revenue and Expenditure Report. The January report was presented noting that it has a new format which separates county operations, state operations, special one-time transactions, direct pass-through transactions, and unbudgeted transactions. At the end of the report is a summary of all sections showing total revenue and expenditures for the month. For January the revenue over expenditures is \$244,437. At the end of the report the wages and fringes that are included in various lines of the revenue and expenditure report are shown as a whole. Comments and recommended changes were asked for regarding the new format. Craig Hardy indicated that he would be condensing the format further as well.

- B. STH 39 – Bridge Construction and CTH F Detour Route. Bridge construction is scheduled for 2012 for the Blue Mounds Branch Bridge, often referred to as the “Blue Bridge,” on STH 39. The bridge will be closed completely during construction and the DOT is working on a traffic management plan which will require a detour for this route. The preferred alternative is to take STH 78 into Blanchardville to CTH F and to take CTH F north back to STH 39.
- C. STP Project Funding Resolution (5-Year Capital Plan). Sup. Dan Curran gave a powerpoint presentation and initiated discussion on Surface Transportation Program (STP) road and bridge projects from the 5-year Capital Plan. The County was awarded 5 bridge projects and three rural road projects for design, construction, right of way purchase, or a combination of all for fiscal years 2011-2014. Supervisor Curran discussed the projects, stating the County needs to establish a method to provide its’ 20% cost share of the projects in order to take advantage of state funding at 80%.

A motion was made by Sup. Dan Curran and seconded by Sup. Robert Pilling that \$300,000 of General Fund funds be designated to the Highway Department for the STP 2011 – 2014 projects and to forward the motion for further action. Supervisor Curran stated he would like some time on the County Board agenda to present the same powerpoint presentation. Motion passed 5 – 1. No – Sup. Curt Peterson.

- D. LFA – STH 39 Pavement Patching. The DOT construction project from 2010 on STH 39 from STH 23 south of Mineral Point to Hollandale had some areas requiring pothole patching and repairs. The DOT has issued an LFA – Local Force Account project for ICHD in the amount of \$4,990 to have County forces do the asphaltic patching due to the winter shutdown of the contractors involved in the project. The County will periodically repair the asphaltic pavements as conditions warrant until the project recommences in early May 2011 by the contractors.
- E. 2010 Paint Program – DMA. For the 2010 painting season, the preliminary estimated profit is \$39,336. The anticipated Discretionary Maintenance Agreement (DMA) paint contract for 2011 is \$378,500. Of the amount, \$61,400 is for labor and fringes, which covers about 2,000 hours of work for the crew. The 2010 contract amount for paint work for the state was \$275,000.
- F. FEMA Storm Reimbursement Process. Iowa County has received a disaster declaration for the blizzard on February 1. The 48-hour period that ICHD will use has total costs of \$71,282. The amount submitted will be less because regular labor hours need to be deducted as FEMA will only pay for overtime hours for labor. There is the possibility that the time period may be increased to a 72-hour period pending the FEMA review process.
- G. MOU Quarry Land Rental Agreement. There is just over 39 acres of property at the east end of the quarry for future quarry use. Currently it is zoned agricultural and there is no permit yet to use it as quarry land. The proposed agreement is included in the packet. Craig Hardy stated an adjacent landowner has requested that this land be rented out for the year.

A motion was made by Sup. Curt Peterson and seconded by Sup. Ryan Walmer to put out for bids on renting this property. Motion passed unanimously.

- H. Spill Prevention Control & Countermeasure Plan (SPCC). This is a written description of how a facility's operations comply with the prevention guidelines in the Oil Pollution Prevention Regulation. The plan must be certified by a registered Professional Engineer unless the facility is qualified to self-certify the SPCC Plan. The deadline is November 10, 2011. Craig commented he will be working on and developing the plan for future review by committee.

**Highway Commissioner Report:** Craig Hardy reviewed the following items with the Committee:

- A. WCHA Training & Safety Committee Update. The draft copy of the WCHA certification program for equipment operators is ready to go to the Spring Commissioner's training meeting in April for review and approval. The WCHA Commissioners will review the program at its' spring conference in Sheboygan on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The objective is to create minimum standards and testing requirements for certification of operators of various pieces of machinery operated by a county highway department. The certification program documents are created in an editable format for counties to modify the minimum certification recommendations and incorporate into their operations. Counties will not be required to implement the program, it is set up as an optional program, created and endorsed by the WCHA.
- B. WCHA Machinery Management Committee Update. The last MMC meeting included discussions on the AVL-GPS equipment rates, which were discussed earlier in the meeting during the MDSS presentation.
- C. WCA Budget Update Meeting – March 18 Deer Valley. The WCA Southern District will hold a Regional Legislative Budget Review Meeting on March 18 at Deer Valley Lodge from 9:00 AM – Noon. Discussion will include the Governor's Budget Proposal.
- D. WCHA 2011 Capital Days – March 21 & 22. WCHA Capital Days is an opportunity to meet with legislators, raise questions, offer comments, and get involved in discussions. The deadline to sign up is Monday March 14. There is no cost for participation in Capital Days. Supervisors were encouraged to contact Craig or Jeri to get registered by March 14.
- E. Blizzard Event Assistance. Craig Hardy wanted to recognize those people and other counties and townships for all the help provided during the blizzard on February 1. Darrin Stanton of Mifflin and William Spurley of Linden both assisted with clearing and opening roads and then with clean up. Equipment was rented from Green County, La Crosse County, and the townships of Waldwick, Moscow, Ridgeway, and Brigham. All the help was greatly appreciated and provided faster results in getting roads cleared and open.

**Additional Items:**

MSHA Training will take place on March 23 from 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM and on March 24 from 7:30 AM – Noon at the Dodger Bowl. After the training on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 3:30 – 6:00 PM an appreciation party for the Highway Department and the Sheriff Department staff will be sponsored by County Administrator Kurt Kephart, Highway Commissioner Craig Hardy, and Sheriff Steve Michek. The Transportation Committee is invited to attend.

The next regular Transportation Committee meeting will be on Monday, April 4, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sup. Robert Pilling and seconded by Sup. Bob Bunker. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Jeri Grabbert, Business Manager.