MONDAY – MARCH 5th, 2012		
State of Wisconsin County of Iowa	**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY, MARCH 5th, 2012 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE DODGEVILLE, WISCONSIN**	2012-03

Item		
#1	Chair Meyers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the upper conference room of the Courthouse at Dodgeville, WI.	Call to Order
#2 a	Roll Call – Members Present: Supervisors – Meyers, Bunker, Benish, Curran, Peterson, Walmer Other also Present: Supervisors Nankee and Deal, Commissioner Hardy, Administrator Kephart	Members Present Also Present
#2 b	The Certification Notice of the meeting was confirmed by the Highway Commissioner. Motion by Bunker seconded by Peterson to move agenda item # 6e into agenda item # 4. Motion adopted unanimously. Motion by Walmer seconded by Benish to approve the consent agenda as amended including the agenda for this meeting and the minutes of the 02-06-2012 meeting. Motion adopted unanimously.	Certification of Meeting & Approval of Agenda & Minutes
#3	No comments from the audience were received. Supervisor Walmer suggested that the next Transportation Committee should elect an official recording secretary.	Comment from Public/ Supervisors
#4 a	Representatives of the Paws for a Cause Humane Society Fun Run/Walk presented a request for authorization of their event to use the public right of way. Motion by Benish seconded by Bunker to authorize the Humane Society use of the public right of way May 21st, 2012 for the Paws for a Cause Fun Run/Walk event provided that proper coordination occurs with the Sheriff's Department and Army National Guard. Motion adopted unanimously.	Human Society Event Public Right of Way Use
#4b	Ken Lucht of the Wisconsin Southern Railroad presented a summary of the TIGER IV grant application request. Iowa County is being asked to sponsor the grant application through grants.gov. The County would apply for a $15 million dollar grant for the $25 million dollar project and the local match would not come from County tax levy dollars. The upgrade to the corridor route would be from Middleton, WI to Lone Rock, WI. Mr. Lucht assured the committee that the County has no financial obligation in applying for this grant and that if in the event any requirements were unacceptable to the County, Iowa could withdraw the application. Motion by Peterson seconded by Curran to authorize a letter of support for the TIGER IV Federal grant application as requested by the WSOR and to authorize the County Administrator to make application for Federal funding in the amount of $15,000,000 with no matching funds requirement from Iowa County. At any time Iowa County may rescind its support of this application. Motion adopted, Walmer nay.	TIGER IV Railroad Upgrade Grant Application
#6 e	Supervisor Meyers the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Transportation Task Force Committee meeting and Supervisor Curran updated the Committee on the Professional Dairy Producers Transportation task force meeting he attended	Road Weight Restriction Update

	regarding impacts to highways and agricultural weight limits. They advised the Committee that it would be best to stay out in front of this issue and keep a dialogue going with heavy haulers.	
# 5	Highway Commissioner Hardy updated the Committee on several projects and their status: a) 18-151 Highway Interchange Study b) ACS/CHEMS Transition c) Highway Department Funding & Operations Report Part VIB – Asphalt Plant 6 c) January 2012 Revenue and Expenditure Report d) Highway Department Funding and Operation Report Part VII – Employment e) (see above) f) Traffic Safety Commission – Jon Pepper appointed County Safety Coordinator g) Mowing Policy NR40	Highway Commissioner Updates
#6g	Motion by Benish seconded by Bunker to rescind current mowing policy and employ best management practices consistent with NR-40 until a formal policy may be drafted and approved. Motion adopted unanimously.	Rescind Mowing Policy
#7	Highway Commissioner Report – The Highway Commissioner updated the Committee on the following items: a) Legislative bills under consideration b) Spring Commissioner's Training update c) SW Commissioner's meeting d) Departmental training scheduled e) OSHA update – Auger protection	Highway Commissioner Report
#8 & 9	Motion by Benish seconded by Curran to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Motion adopted unanimously. The next regular committee meeting date is scheduled for Monday, April 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.	Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted;
Curt Kephart, County Administrator