

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4, 2013

State of Wisconsin County of Iowa	APPROVED MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY DECEMBER 2, 2013 UPPER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 222 N. IOWA STREET DODGEVILLE, WISCONSIN 53533	2013-13
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Item		
#1	Chair Meyers called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM	Call to Order
#2	Motion to approve the consent agenda as listed by Sups Benish, second by Sups. DeLain. Motion carried unanimously. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Roll call: Present Benish, Bunker, Demby, Delain, Parman, Peterson, Meyers, and Commissioner Hardy. Absent Sups Bauer and Walmer. b) Approval of agenda c) Approval of the minutes of the 10-28-2013 meeting. d) Traffic safety Commission meeting minutes of the 11-12-2013 meeting. 	Certification of Meeting & Approval of Agenda & Minutes
#3	No comments from the general public. Sup Parman summarized a tour of the county road system he had recently completed as part of the Municipal Streets Improvement committee he is on. He stated of all the roads he was on, he felt CTH F from his district was one of the worst and needs an improvement. He stated he has witnessed an increase of truck traffic on CTH K south of Hollandale, due to in his estimation avoidance of CTH F. He summarized the local share cost amounts for the project at \$188,000 for design and \$980,000 for construction. He stated supervisors are encouraged to be creative to come up with ways to fund things they would like to see done, and is concerned the department will be required to fund the obligation out of its' annual budget allocations, to which he feels it can't. Sup Meyers made some comments with regards to the creation of the task force / advisory panel for the Special Events Ordinance creation. He stated the process of development was confusing and frustrating, summarizing it can be difficult to get government to function as there are lots of road blocks in procedure.	Comment from Public/ Supervisors
#4	ATV route designation request from Pec Valley ATV club for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CTH K between Hollandale and CTH F 2. CTH DD between Walnut Hill Road and CTH K Shaun Cassidy and Mark Yager were both present to discuss with the committee. Commissioner Hardy summarized the approval process for designation of ATV routes to be by action of the committee. He circulated pictures of the routes for review. Summarized conversations with the Village of Hollandale President, Town chair of Moscow and Waldwick; who were all in support of the route designations proposed. The village and towns had previously met with the club and agreed to open other routes within their jurisdictions if so approved by the county. Discussion of economic benefit to the village, use by the local residents, signage requirements, rationale for the CTH DD route, ability for snowmobile usage, and other aspects. Signage is governed by DNR and federal highway guidelines. Snowmobiles are not allowed on ATV highway routes by statute. Determined if the local municipalities	ATV Route designation request CTH K, CTH DD

	<p>or public have issues with the route designations, the committee can revisit the designations. Motion by Benish, second by Parman to approve the route designations. Motion carried unanimously.</p>	
#5	<p>Variance to Highway Access Ordinance for Dave Blume along CTH Z – stopping sight distance. Dave Blume was present to discuss the driveway application and property usage. Commissioner Hardy started with a summary of the aspects of the location of the parcel along CTH Z and circulated some photos of the proposed driveway site location. Concerns with the site are related to the stopping site distance from north of the parcel. Based on the posted speed limit, there is not enough stopping sight distance for a vehicle approaching the proposed driveway location from the north to be able to stop. An alternative location for the drive further to the north would provide additional distance, but the minimum for the posted speed would still not be met. Dave discussed his immediate intentions for the use of the driveway as a field entrance, with a plan for future residential use of the parcel. Discussion of the potential of usage by the landowner to the south – DNR – due to being within 300 feet of the property line would be limited as the DNR does not want access at the location for the public. Discussion of the horizontal and vertical curves in the area which limit travel speeds of vehicles to less than the posted speed due to other traffic calming aspects. Motion by Parman, second by Bunker to approve a variance allowing the driveway permit. Motion carried unanimously.</p>	<p>Driveway variance – CTH Z Blume</p>
#6	<p>Variance to Highway Access Ordinance for Dan Leifker along CTH G – less than 300 feet from property line. Dan Leifker was not able to attend the meeting due to residency out of the county. He was available by cell phone if the committee felt a need to discuss anything with him. Commissioner Hardy summarized the driveway approval process as well as the requirements for possible shared driveway usage for locations within 300 feet of the property line. He distributed pictures of the site location as well as a copy of the survey for the parcel. Due to the shape of the parcel, the net width of the property at the right of way line is 100 feet. The ordinance requires a landowner with a driveway within 300 feet of the property line to discuss the location with adjoining landowners for the potential to designate a shared drive. The landowners discuss the potential for a shared use agreement or easement during sales of the property, but opted for ownership to the right of way so the parcel would have its’ own access. The parcel to the south has an existing access through the existing farm site, the parcel to the north has an existing field entrance some 800 feet + to the north. It is not intended to be a need for additional drives based on the current usage of the parcels. Sup Bunker questioned the stopping site distance due to the vertical curve to the north of the proposed sight. Commissioner Hardy stated the distance is adequate with a requirement for 490 feet and 790 feet available. Motion by Benish, second by Peterson to approve a variance allowing the driveway. Motion carried unanimously.</p>	<p>Driveway Variance – CTH G Leifker</p>
#7	<p>Wisconsin Winter Road School and proxy voting rights. Commissioner Hardy summarized the events for the upcoming January WCHA winter road school event, requesting any supervisors interested in attending to notify him prior to the December 9th registration deadline. Hardy summarized the business meeting, upcoming elections, and voting process of the counties. The County Board Highway/Transportation Committee chair has voting rights at the meeting per the association by-laws. If the committee chair does not plan to attend, a proxy voting form is required to transfer those voting rights. Discussion of elections to be held at this meeting with regards to election of a Secretary (Highway Commissioner) to the</p>	<p>WCHA Business meeting proxy vote and Winter Road School</p>

	<p>association. Currently there are two candidates – from LaCrosse and St Croix counties. Motion by Bunker, second by Benish to transfer the voting proxy to the Commissioner or other Board members who may be in attendance. Motion carried unanimously.</p>	
<p># 8</p>	<p>Highway Commissioner’s report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FEMA/Flood damage repair update. Commissioner summarized the current costs for damage repairs due to the June 2013 flood are at \$212,000. The county has two projects still being reviewed by FEMA with regards to box culvert repairs along CTH X and IG, which are estimated between \$120,000 and \$320,000 depending on the repair/replacement. Those repairs/replacements would be completed during 2014. 2. Utility Accommodation Policy. Commissioner provided a copy of the WCHA utility accommodation policy for the committee members to review. The policy was created in 2000 by the WCHA and he would like the county to adopt it for uniformity in the utility permitting process. The item will come back at a future meeting in 2014 for further discussion/action. 3. Surface Transportation Improvement Program. Commissioner summarized the STIP monthly update for the committee to provide a summary of state and federal aid funded projects occurring in the county over the next 3 to 5 years. 4. USH 18-151 project updates – CTH BB roundabout verses 4-way stop intersection. Commissioner summarized the state is moving forward with design of the first limited access interchange construction project which is located at CTH BB. Of consideration to the county is the intersection of proposed CTH BB and HHH south of Ridgeway. The state is proposing a roundabout at the location, but in order to build it will require an agreement from the maintaining authority – county – for maintenance of the street lighting associated to it. Discussion of options to build a 4-way stop, costs of lighting operational costs, costs of the overall project to be 100% state/federal funded improvement with maintenance by the local municipalities, and discussion of improved intersection safety of roundabouts over 4-way stop conditions. Motion by Parman, second by Bunker to agree with the proposed roundabout development and the county’s maintenance of lighting associated with it upon completion of construction. The project is scheduled for the 2017 construction season. Discussion with regards to committing county funds to cover increased maintenance costs for infra-structure related to the lighting operational costs, costs of the roundabout verses 4-way stop intersection, safety aspects of roundabouts eliminating t-bone crashes, LED verses incandescent lighting costs, and other issues. Motion carried with Benish in opposition. 5. SB349 draft language. Commissioner advised the committee members of the draft bill text with regards to regulation of non-metallic mining operations in unzoned townships, but the bill also carries some changes with regards to road use agreements which would limit local municipality authority over control of it’s road maintenance and construction improvement costs for certain users. 6. Auction items sold update. Commissioner advised the committee of a net revenue of \$2,800 for sales of mowing equipment, radio storage building, and outdated machinery parts. 7. Truck #122 repair update. Commissioner circulated photos of damages and 	<p>Highway Commissioner Report</p>

	<p>updated the committee with regards to truck box repairs performed for truck #122, which is a 1995 ford tandem axle truck. Discussion of the age of the truck fleet (12 trucks older than 14 years - 1999) and rising costs to maintain the fleet due to rust and age.</p> <p>8. 2014 construction update for STH 23 and 80. Commissioner updated the committee on the issues surrounding the STH 23 overlay project near Taliesin, which may postpone the project until 2015. Advised the committee of an accelerated schedule for an asphalt overlay project on STH 80 from CTH P to STH 133.</p> <p>9. CTH H bridge maintenance repairs update. Commissioner advised the committee of emergency repairs performed on a bridge along CTH H near the Arena and Ridgeway town line. Photos were circulated to illustrate the problems. A hole the size of 2 feet by 4 feet was temporarily repaired in the deck. Additional more extensive repairs will be required to the bridge in the spring of 2014, which will have to be re-allocated from other 2014 projects due to be unanticipated.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Motion to set next meeting date at Thursday December 12, 2013 at 6:00 PM and adjourn. Motion by Benish, second by Parman for the next meeting date discussion of the Special Events Ordinance creation. Motion carried unanimously.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p>

Respectfully Submitted;
 County Highway Commissioner, Craig Hardy