

IOWA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

January 31, 2011

The Transportation Committee met in the Iowa County Highway Department Conference Room in the City of Dodgeville on Monday, January 31, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order by Committee Chair John Meyers.

Roll call was taken:

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

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

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

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

Sup. Ryan Walmer moved for approval of the January 31, 2011 agenda, with the omission of Item 4A, and the minutes of January 3, 2011. Motion was seconded by Sup. Robert Pilling. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Sup. Dan Curran noted that he had spoken with our State legislators last week as a County Ambassador. Discussion included the state budget and the drastic cuts, in double digits, that were coming. Sup. Curran encouraged others to contact state legislators and discuss issues such as the prevailing wages as soon as possible. He indicated that now is the time for those discussions.

Old Business

- A. MDSS AVL-GPS – Shari Bremser WDOT 30-minute presentation. Shari cancelled her presentation due to weather conditions. It will be rescheduled at a later meeting. Craig Hardy noted that a sample contract was included in the packet for review.
- B. 18/151 Design Study Discussion. A copy of the WDOT minutes of the meeting they held on November 30, 2010 is in the packet. There were no updates to present this month.
- C. EECBG Update – Highway Insulation and Windows Project(s). Three bids were received for the Windows Project. Midwest Builders was the low bidder at \$112,890. Rock Church Construction submitted a bid for \$156,000 and Glenn Valley Construction submitted a bid for \$113,633. Capital funds will cover \$19,093 of the cost and the balance will be paid from the Highway budget. June 15, 2011 is the substantial completion date. June 30, 2011 is the final completion date as well as the date the grant

period ends. The penalty clause in the contract calls for \$250 per day for not meeting substantial completion and \$1,500 per day for not meeting final completion.

A motion was made by Sup. Robert Pilling and seconded by Sup. Bob Bunker to award the project to Midwest Builders for \$112,890. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Departmental Equipment Classes & Depreciation, Service, and Usage Life. Rate of Return Cost Analyses were distributed for equipment classes 103 and 106. Classes 118 and 1118 will be analyzed next for further evaluation of the fleet as a whole. The purpose of this analysis is to create a replacement schedule for the 5-year capital plan.
- E. Patrol Superintendent's Truck Discussion. The General and State Patrol Superintendents appeared in front of the Committee to discuss additional features from the specs as awarded and which they feel are justified for the highway operations. The upgrades with additional features would cost about \$1,500 to \$1,600 more. Craig Hardy suggested that the specs remain the same and the new truck could replace the Commissioner's truck rather than the General Superintendent's truck. The Commissioner's truck would then go to the Emergency Management Director.

A motion was made by Sup. Robert Zinck and seconded by Sup. Robert Pilling to purchase the new truck as spec'd and to replace the Commissioner's truck. Motion passed 6 – 1. No – Sup. Curt Peterson.

New Business:

- A. December 2010 Revenue and Expenditure Report. The December report was presented noting that it is not the final numbers due to year-end allocations that need to be made when all 2010 transactions are complete. Areas of discussion included the EECBG grant projects and funds, capital funds transferred to highway for EECBG project costs, and road projects that were done in 2010.
- B. 2011 Small Tools and Fringe Benefits Rates. As submitted to and approved by the DOT, the 2011 fringe benefit rate is 75.84% and the Small Field Tools rate is 1.2%.
- C. 2011 Discretionary Traffic Maintenance Agreement (TMA) with DOT. This agreement is for replacing traffic signs on state highways. Aluminum-based signs are \$9,400 and wood-based signs are \$5,900, for a total TMA Agreement of \$15,300.

A motion was made by Sup. Dan Curran and seconded by Sup. Bob Bunker to approve the TMA as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Correspondence Regarding Soil Contamination in the Right-of-Way. The Iowa County Highway Department received notice that residual petroleum contamination from Don's Tire and Service Center, 359 Main Street, Highland, Wisconsin, exists in soil within the right-of-way of County I (Main Street) to the east of Don's Tire and Service Center site. Don's Tire and Service Center is submitting a Case Summary and Close Out Request to Wisconsin Department of Commerce.

A motion was made by Sup. Robert Zinck and seconded by Sup. Curt Peterson for Commissioner Hardy to send a letter to Department of Commerce requesting the following: (1) a copy of the Case Summary and Close Out Request; (2) a deed restriction from Don's Tire and Service Center that any buyers of Don's will be responsible for disposing of contaminated soil; and (3) for additional information on the borings. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Paser/WISLR Ratings and What They Mean. Paser ratings are done in the odd years, therefore they will be done in 2011. The different rating levels were reviewed. The GIS Department is working in conjunction with the Highway Department in creating a mapping system of the county roads and their ratings. Discussion continued regarding the number of miles of roads in Iowa County and statistics showing the roads in need of repairs or replacement. Craig Hardy was asked to compile a cost analysis for doing the work needed based on the Paser ratings. 2009 Paser ratings are the most recent and will be used in conjunction with the 2009 annual report and costs.

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

- A. WCHA Training & Safety Committee Update. Nothing to update this month.
- B. WCHA Machinery Management Committee Update. The last MMC meeting was held at the Winter Road School Conference. The committee chairman gave a report on the summary of actions taken and topics discussed in 2010 and topics that will be discussed in 2011. New equipment rates were effective January 1.
- C. Reauthorization of Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP). Included in the packet is a fact sheet from NaCo, National Association of Counties, expressing their viewpoint on the issues that need to be addressed in the reauthorization.
- D. Gas Tax Article. The article is presented for informational purposes. It is regarding funding sources for maintaining roads and highways.
- E. County Vehicle Incidents. Craig Hardy reviewed accidents that occurred this winter and the damages incurred to some equipment.

The next regular Transportation Committee meeting will be on Monday, February 28, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sup. Dan Curran and seconded by Sup. Ryan Walmer. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Jeri Grabbert, Business Manager.