

Lincoln County Highway Committee
Minutes of Thursday, May 4, 2006 - 7:30 A.M.
Tomahawk City Hall – Tomahawk

Members Present: Robert Lee, Robert Lussow, Wayne Plant, Arlene Meyer and Graham Rankin

Members Absent:

Visitors: Randy Scholz, Jerry Jagmin, Jeff Janik, Linda Rhinehart, Curt Powell, John Lazarz, Bob DeMesy, Paul Heikkinen, Jane Severt and Nancy Bergstrom

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Commissioner Scholz.

2. Election of Officers:

The Commissioner called for nominations for Chairman. Motion by Lee, second by Rankin to nominate Lussow. There were no other nominations. All ayes, Lussow was elected Chairman. Lussow called for nominations for Vice Chair. Motion by Plant, second by Lussow to nominate Lee. There were no other nominations. All ayes, Lee was elected Vice Chairman.

Lussow called for nominations for Secretary. Motion by Lussow, second by Meyer to nominate Plant. There were no other nominations. All ayes, Plant was elected Secretary.

3. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings(s):

Motion by Lee, second by Plant to approve minutes of the last meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Present Bills for Review:

Vouchers were reviewed.

5. Set Future Meetings:

June 1, 2006, Thursday, 7:30 a.m., Commissioner's Office – Merrill
July 6, 2006, Thursday, 7:30 a.m., Tomahawk City Hall - Tomahawk

6. Claims:

None.

7. Public Comment:

None.

8. Discuss/Action Re: Request to Run ATV's on County Road S:

John Lazarz addressed the Committee as a private citizen, with a request to run his ATV on approximately 70' feet of County Road S. County Road S is not a designated ATV trail. The Committee discussed the request with the consensus being that if this request would be granted it would then open the County to a multitude of similar requests. It was stated that while it is legal for snowmobiles to use right-of-way, ATV's can not and it would need legislative change to make it happen. There was some discussion on the circumstances and the possibility that access may be granted if it is considered an act of "husbandry" by State Statutes. The Committee however did not grant the request at this time.

(The Committee moved to Items #11 through Item #15 and Item #17 at this time)

9. Closed Meeting

Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1)(f) a. Considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific person, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of specific charges, which, if discussed in public would likely have a adverse effect on the reputation of the person referred to in such data

a. Defense of Termination of Employee

Motion by Lee, second by Lussow to convene into Closed Session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Randy Scholz, Nancy Bergstrom and Curt Powell to remain the Committee for Closed Session.

Motion by Lee, second by Plant to go out of Closed Session. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Open Meeting

Take Any Necessary Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session
No action taken.

11. Action Re: Approve Quote for Asphalt for CHIP-D Project on County Road O:

The Commissioner stated one quote was received. Motion by Lee, second by Lussow to approve the E-1 Superpave Asphalt at \$29/Ton from American Asphalt. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Action Re: Approve RFP for Asbestos Removal at Merrill Shop:

The Commissioner stated that one quote was received from Mavo in Wausau. Motion by Lussow, second by Lee to approve the quote of Mavo for the removal of asbestos from the Merrill Highway Shop. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Discuss/Action Re: Attendance at Summer Highway Conference June 12-14, 2006:

Motion by Lee, second by Rankin to approve attendance at the Summer Highway Conference for any member who attends. All ayes. Motion carried.

14. 2006 Budget Update:

Sarah Olson updated the Committee on the status of the budget. Commission Scholz stated that the winter maintenance budget looked good and would not be making any adjustments. If it becomes an issue at some point, it could be achieved, if necessary, by cutting some services. Rankin stated that roads should be maintained as usual and not to cut back on services.

15. Discuss/Action Re: C.I.P.:

Sarah Olson reviewed the C.I.P. plan with the Committee. Motion by Lussow, second by Plant to sign the C.I.P. and forward to Finance Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

16. Discuss/Action Re: Theis Pit:

Commissioner Scholz stated that the Forestry Committee has turned over Theis Pit to the Highway Department. Bob DeMesy and Paul Heikkinen from Musson Brothers addressed the Committee regarding a request to continue to use the pit for the remainder of this year to complete their jobs. Corporation Counsel, Nancy Bergstrom stated the County's position is regulated by State Statutes which specifically state who the County may sell to. It was agreed that the County would work with Musson Brothers to get material already crushed and stockpiled out and reclaim the pit.

17. Report of Highway Superintendents:

Jerry Jagmin stated that crack filling is being done and work for Townships.
Jeff Janik updated the Committee on the problems being encountered with the Hamm roller. Having a major problem getting parts which are now considered obsolete with an estimate of approximately \$20,000. The repairs would exceed the salvage value of the machine. Randy looked into the possibility of renting a roller which could be done for \$4,100/month. If the machine was used for 90 hours per month we would cover the cost of rental and all repairs would be the responsibility of the manufacturer. The consensus was to sell the Hamm roller and rent a roller for use during the season.

18. Commissioner's Report on Highway Operations:

- a. Safety Update – Commissioner stated there was one reportable Workers Comp claim. Competent Person Training is scheduled for May 15th.
- b. Projects for 2006 – Commissioner stated that AC prices have risen dramatically this year. He updated them on the status and changes in projects.
- c. Concern of Finance Committee Re: Gravel Inventory – Concerns were noted and will change time of inventory.
- d. Status of Radios – All agreements have been signed and work on the tower will now begin. The towers at both shops can be taken down.

19. Adjourn:

Motion by Plant, second by Rankin to adjourn at 9:20 a.m.