

Lincoln County Highway Committee
Minutes of Thursday, July 6, 2006 - 7:30 A.M.
Tomahawk City Hall - Tomahawk

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

Members Absent:

Visitors: Randy Scholz, Sarah Olson, Linda Rhinehart, Kevin Noel, Bob Kulp, Dean Rein, Don Woodford, Jim Nordstrom, Mike Hagen, Laurie Groskopf and Ed Fry

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chairman Lussow.

2. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings(s):

Motion by Plant, seconded by Lussow to approve the minutes of the last meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Financial Reports:

Sarah Olson reviewed two types of reports with Committee. Future financial reports will go out with packets prior to meeting for review.

4. Set Future Meetings:

August 3, 2006, Thursday, 7:30 a.m., Commissioner's Office - Merrill
September 7, 2006, Thursday, 7:30 a.m., Tomahawk City Hall - Tomahawk

5. Claims:

None

6. Public Comment:

None

7. Discuss County Road A Project:

The Commissioner stated that he had met previously with landowners on June 8, 2006, to address concerns regarding the upcoming project. Several landowners were in attendance today and voiced concerns regarding some of the proposed changes, locations and speed in the layout. The Commissioner explained that if STP (Surface Transportation Project) funding is used that certain standards must be met. It would be the preference of landowners to leave curves and speed as they are now but would accept them at a 45 mph limit to move forward with the project. The County would not be able to improve this road without the STP funding. Laurie Groskopf asked that the Commissioner check the lowest mph speed that would be allowed and still qualify for STP funding. The Committee thanked landowners for coming and voicing concerns which is most helpful so compromises and changes, when possible, can be made.

8. Discuss/Action Re: Request from Dean Rein to Change Easement Agreement:

The County is selling the land in front of Dean Rein's land and the Commissioner advised the Committee of a previous easement granted to Dean Rein. Mr. Rein's concern is that the easement would not transfer to new owners. He requested a permanent easement attached to his land. The Commissioner conferred with Corporation Counsel regarding this matter. The Commissioner gave the Committee three options. Motion by Lussow, seconded by Rankin to make the change to grant the easement agreement per Corporation Counsel to landowner. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. Approve RFP for Replacement of Roof and Roof Drainage System for Merrill Shop:

The Commissioner stated two RFP's were received and recommended the proposal of Kulp's of Stratford which stays within the budgeted amount. Motion by Lussow, seconded by Rankin to approve proposal of Kulp's of Stratford for the replacement of roof and roof drainage system for the Merrill Shop. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Approve RFP for Removal and Replacement of Current HVAC System for Merrill Shop:

The Commissioner handed out the tabulation of proposals. Commissioner also stated that the HVAC proposal was within budget. Motion by Lee, seconded by Plant to approve the proposal of Stainless Specialists for the removal and replacement of the current HVAC system for the Merrill Shop. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. Discuss/Action Re: Sign Agreement with D.O.T. for Wal-Mart:

The Committee discussed issues. Motion by Lee, seconded by Lussow to approve agreement with D.O.T. All ayes. Motion carried.

Closed Meeting

12. Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1) (c) Wis. Stat. to Consider the Employment, Promotion, Compensation or Performance Evaluation Data of Any Public Employee:

a. Performance Evaluation of Crew Foreman

Motion by Plant, second by Rankin to convene into Closed Session. All ayes. Motion carried. Randy Scholz was allowed to remain with the Committee.

Motion by Rankin, second by Lussow to go out of Closed Session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Open Meeting

13. Take Any Necessary Action on Item(s) Discussed in Closed Session:

Motion by Lussow, seconded by Lee to approve the favorable evaluation of the Crew Foreman with a step increase. All ayes. Motion carried. The Commissioner and Committee expressed their appreciation for a job well done.

14. Report of Highway Superintendents:

There were no supervisors available for this meeting.

15. Commissioner's Report on Highway Operations:

- a. Safety Update – Commissioner will update the Committee at the next meeting.
- b. Summer Projects – Commissioner informed Committee of the Armstrong Creek Bridge on County Road O.
- c. Update on Railroad Crossing on County Road Y – Some work has been done with more work to be completed by September.
- d. Update on Sheriff's building – Going ahead with plans for construction
- e. Update on Radios – Most are installed in Merrill with Tomahawk to be completed next.
- f. Sexual Harassment Training – Has been completed
- g. Demo for Paver scheduled for July 11 & 12th for any member wishing to see.

16. Adjourn:

Motion by Lussow, second by Rankin to adjourn at 9:04 a.m.