

**Lincoln County Highway Committee
Minutes of Thursday, August 7, 2008 – 7:30 a.m.
Tomahawk City Hall - Tomahawk**

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

Member Absent: Richard Berndt

Visitors: Randy Scholz, Sarah Olson, Jeff Janik, and Scott Gabrich,

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**

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

2. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s):**

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

3. **Set Future Meetings:**

September 4, 2008, Thursday, 7:30 a.m. Commissioner's Office – Merrill

October 2, 2008, Thursday, 7:30 a.m. Tomahawk City Hall - Tomahawk

4. **Claims:**

None

5. **Public Comment:**

None

6. **Financial Reports**

Sarah reviewed the reports, motion by Lee, seconded by Meyer to place reports on file. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. **Present 2009 Budget**

Randy and Sarah reviewed the 2009 budget with the Committee. In order to maintain the roads at the 20 year average we would need an 86% increase. The proposed budget had only the recommended 2% tax levy increase, it included the \$250,000 that was approved by CIP, and a carryover of \$20,000 from the bridge account. Randy also reviewed the 2009 anticipated road projects that he included in the budget. Motion by Plant, seconded by Meyer to approved the 2009 budget as presented and forward the budget to the Finance Department. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. **Sign DMA from DOT**

Randy explained that the Discretionary Maintenance Agreement (DMA) is in the amount of \$120,000 to replace culverts on State Road 64 East. Motion by Lee, seconded by Meyer to sign the DMA from DOT to replace culverts on State Road 64 East. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. **Replacing of Portable Welders**

Gabrich explained that the welder at the Tomahawk Shop is obsolete. The new welder also has a back up generator included. With all the power outages that we have had it would at least allow them to use the fuel pumps and still be able to do repairs in the shop. The welder/generator would come from Northern Welding. Janik explained that the Merrill Shop welder was purchased in 1959 and is mounted on a 1986 GMC truck. There are some major repairs that would have to done to the truck and with the purchase of the welder/generator it would eliminate a vehicle and repair costs. If the welder is needed when crushing the mechanics can put it in their service trucks. There is a 3 year full part warrantee on the welder and a 2 year engine warrantee. The old welders do have value and would be sold

along with the vehicle. The price of the 2 welders would be approximately \$13,000. Motion by Plant, seconded by Meyer to approve the replacement of portable welders; one for each shop. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. **Replacing Lighting**

Randy explained that he received an e-mail from Focus on Energy and they are offering an incentive of \$90 per light. The incentive was originally \$60 per light. They are proposing to replace 100 lights in both shops and that's a \$9,000 savings. The labor is \$7,500 to install the lights, the cost after the rebate is \$5,455 for a total of \$13,955. The estimated the payback would be approximately \$5,000 per year or approximately 3 years to re-coop the cost. The electrician installing the lights will take the old lighting, sell them, and we would get 50% of the sale of the lights. The rebate offer is good through December 31, 2008. Motion by Meyer, seconded by Plant to approve the replacement of lighting in both the Merrill and Tomahawk Shops with a cost of \$13,955 with an approximate \$5,000 per year savings in electricity. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. **Purchasing Electric Scissors Lift**

Randy passed around a picture of an electric scissors lift. They were proposing to purchase a 26 foot lift and that would reach both shop ceilings with a maximum cost of \$7,500. It would weigh approximately 1,200 – 1,300 pounds. This would also be available for other County Departments to use. Motion by Graham, seconded by Meyer to approve the purchasing of an Electric Scissors Lift with a maximum cost of \$7,500 that would be used at both shops and would be available to other departments and municipalities as well. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. **Report by Superintendents**

Randy explained that Jagmin is on vacation and Lemmer is extremely busy working on the County Road A job. He explained that CTH A is being built and is on schedule. Chip sealing is complete with 14 miles in 2 days.

13. **Commissioner's Report on Highway Operations:**

a. Safety Report – Randy met with Al Fox and Bob Cooke from Alpha Terra to go over the annual review. Things look good and are going really well. They are in the process of putting us on their server so we can enter all our training records, sign up sheets, tests, etc. No reportable for this month.

b. Results of Meeting with Town of Tomahawk – Randy met with the Town of Tomahawk and indicated that we have approximately \$160,000 in men and equipment for their township and we only receive \$60,000 in work per year for them. They weren't aware of any of that information. The bottom line was they were just frustrated with the Chems system. The state is working on improving the system but it's a state program not a county program. The Town of Tomahawk did sign the agreement and they indicated that they appreciate all the hard work that the Highway Department does for the Town.

c. Review Informer from WCHA – Randy explained that the Informer is from the Wisconsin County Highway Association and is published quarterly. The Committee would like to receive copies of the informer to keep them up to date. Randy will have them available at the meetings to be handed out to save postage.

14. **Adjourn:**

Motion by Rankin, seconded by Meyer to adjourn at 8:30 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.