

Lincoln County Highway Committee
Minutes of Thursday, March 4, 2010 – 7:30 a.m.
Commissioner's Office - Merrill

Members Present: Bob Lee, John Bailey, Graham Rankin, Arlene Meyer, and Richard Berndt
Visitors: Randy Scholz, Heather Marheine, Jerry Jagmin, Jason Lemmer, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Garth Heckendorf, and Joan Giusto

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 Lee, seconded by Berndt to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. **Set Future Meetings:**

April 5, 2010, Thursday 1:00 p.m., Commissioner's Office – Merrill

May 6, 2010, Thursday 7:30 a.m., Commissioner's Office - Merrill

4. **Claims:** None

5. **Public Comment:** No one was present for public comment.

6. **Harrison ATV Club request for routes on CTH's B, D, H, A, and X** – The Committee reviewed the request road by road with the videos that Scholz had taken. Scholz's main concern was with County Road B and the number of curves that are on that road. They discussed different alternative routes. Giusto indicated that people are already using that road with their ATVs even though it's not a designated route, it would be better that the road be posted as an ATV route so the auto drivers can be alerted of the ATVs which would make it safer. Motion by Lee, seconded by Meyer to approve the Harrison ATV Club request for routes on CTH B, D, H, A, and X except for routes CTH D to Crass Road and CTHC H North of CTH D to CTH A to Cash Road and Pickerel Creek Road pending the City of Tomahawk approvals so that the routes have access to the City of Tomahawk. These routes can be changed or modified if any safety issues occur. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. **Financial Report** – Marheine reviewed the financial reports with the Committee and the Committee placed it on file. The winter maintenance budget looks really good since we haven't had much snow.

8. **Budget Reduction Options for 2010 Budget** – Scholz indicated this item was placed on the agenda to discuss different options in order to bring to the County Board. They discussed possible early retirements, different comp time options, temporary & permanent layoffs, and the last one was if there would be no changes then we would do less work. The Committee agreed that some of these options have to be approved either by County Board and/or other Committees. Motion by Bailey, seconded by Berndt to have Scholz and Lee present the different options to the Personnel Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. **Bids for AC, Asphalt, Emulsion, Milling, and Rubblizing** – The Committee reviewed all the bids separately by category. The County received 3 bids for AC and the lowest bid came in at \$546.90 which is a 2.33% increase from last year. Motion by Lee, seconded by Rankin to award the AC bid to Flint Hills for \$546.90. All ayes. Motion carried. The County received 2 Asphalt bids, the lowest bid was for \$39.68 from American Asphalt which is a 13% increase from last year. Motion by Meyer, seconded by Berndt to award the Asphalt bid to American Asphalt for \$39.68. All ayes. Motion carried. The County received 2 bids for emulsion, the lowest bid was for \$2.0368 from Meigs which is a 3.13% increase from last year. Motion by Meyer, seconded by Lee to award the Emulsion bid to Meigs for \$2.0368. All ayes. Motion carried. The County received 3 bids for milling County Road L and the lowest bid came in at \$34,789.71 from WK Construction. Motion by Rankin, seconded by Berndt to award the milling project on County Road L to WK Construction for \$34,789.71. All ayes. Motion

carried. The County received 1 bid from Antigo Construction for rubblizing County Road L for \$22,950.00. Motion by Berndt, seconded by Rankin to award the rubblizing bid for County Road L to Antigo Construction for \$22,950.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. **Letter to Legislatures about Ramps on STH 51 and CTH C Bridge** – The letter was prompted from the County Board and the letter was written by Art Lersch. The letter would be signed by Bob Lussow and would be addressed to the Governor, all Legislatures Federal and State, and DOT. Motion by Lee, seconded by Berndt to forward the letter to the County Board Chairman for signature and be sent to all State and Federal Legislatures. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. **Report by Superintendents** – Lemmer indicated that the crew has been out tarring to get ready for chip sealing this summer. The county salt inventory is good since we have had a mild winter. Jagmin reviewed the state averages for salt used, costs, and winter severalty compared to other counties in the state. Weight limits maybe put on the roads in the next couple of days.
12. **Term for the Committee Members on WCHA Executive Committee** – Scholz explained that the WCHA Executive Committee is made up of Highway Commissioners and County Board members and it is a 6 year commitment for the county board members. They were asking for feedback from every County if they felt that 6 years was too long of a commitment. If everyone agrees then the bylaws would have to be amended. The Committee agreed with the recommended 3 year commitment.
13. **Closed Session – Convene into Closed Session pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1) (e) Wis. Stats. For conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – Bargaining Update and Hot Mix Plant** – Motion by Meyer, seconded by Berndt to go into closed session along with Scholz. All ayes. Motion carried.
14. **Open Session – Take any necessary action on Items Discussed in Closed Session** – Motion by Rankin, seconded by Meyer that Scholz continue to negotiate. All ayes. Motion carried.
15. **Commissioner’s Report on Highway Operations** –
 - a. TIGER Grant Update – Lincoln County wasn’t awarded the TIGER grant. There was 54 billion dollars applied for and 1.5 billion was awarded.
 - b. Prevailing Wage Update – Scholz explained that all the guys qualify for prevailing wage and will have to be paid those rates. The 2010 rates came in lower than the 2009 rates.
16. **Adjourn** - Motion by Meyer, seconded by Berndt to adjourn at 10:07 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.