

Lincoln County Highway Committee
Minutes of Thursday, December 2, 2010 – 7:30 a.m.
Tomahawk City Hall

Members Present: Bob Lee, John Bailey, Graham Rankin, and Richard Berndt
Visitors: Heather Marheine, Russ Habeck, and Jerry Jagmin

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**
Meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.
2. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)** – Motion by Rankin, seconded by Berndt to approve the minutes from the last meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. **Set Future Meetings:**
Thursday, January 6, 2011 -7:30 a.m., Commissioner's Office - Merrill
Thursday, February 3, 2011 -7:30 a.m., Tomahawk City Hall - Tomahawk
4. **Claims:** None
5. **Public Comment** - No one was present for public comment.
6. **Sign DOT Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) for 2011** – Russ Habeck from the DOT was present and handed out 3 copies of the RMA for 2011. Habeck did review the details with the Committee. There were questions on how the money is distributed to the counties. There also was a discussion on privatizing crack filling and the contractor's quality of work the last couple of years. It was stated things may change since we have a new governor. Motion by Berndt, seconded by Rankin to approve and sign the RMA for 2011. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. **Financial Report** – Marheine distributed and reviewed copies of the financial reports with the Committee through October, 2010. We are looking good in winter maintenance with only 2 months left in 2010. Motion by Lee, seconded by Berndt to approve the financial report and place it on file. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. **Training with Alpha Terra** – Jagmin explained that Alpha Terra would be doing our training this year again and their proposal was not to exceed \$5,500 for mine safety, confined space, etc. safety programs for the Highway Department 2011. The Committee agreed that this is required and we really don't have much choice.
9. **Review Ad Hoc Report** – Jagmin reviewed the Ad Hoc report with the Committee. The Committee felt it is very important that the Ad Hoc Committee knows about the state funds so those positions aren't eliminated also what programs are mandated. It's also important that this Committee understands all operations and the different revenue sources of the Highway Department. There are also areas where the departments can work together and the Ad Hoc needs to know the different ideas and suggestions.
10. **Replace Patrol Superintendent Position** – Jagmin indicated that he has been doing both jobs and there are things that aren't being done. He recommended replacing the Patrol Superintendent position but fill the position from within the department, then not replace the vacant position created in order to reduce the workforce in the Highway Department by one more person. Also, the state pays 80% of the cost of the Patrol Superintendent's position. They looked at every angle but he felt this was the best solution. Motion by Lee, seconded by Bailey to authorize the Highway Commissioner to post the position within the department after it has gone through Admin and Personnel Committees. Jagmin and Lemmer should bring their recommendations to the Highway Committee for review. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. **Report by Superintendents** – Lemmer wasn't present but Jagmin stated the crew is basically doing winter maintenance activities.

12. **Commissioner's Report on Highway Operations** -
 - a. AVL-GPS – Jagmin feels that this is just Big Brother watching but it's just a matter of time before this is required statewide. If we don't participate we will be paying for it on our own but if we participate now the state will pay for.

13. **Adjourn** - Motion by Rankin, seconded by Lee to adjourn at 8:54 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.