

Lincoln County Highway Committee
Minutes from Thursday, October 6, 2016
7:30 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.
Commissioners Office, Merrill

Members Present: Carl Vander Sanden, Kevin Koth, Chris Heller Bill Bialecki, and Kortney Pike
Visitors: Kelly Reith, Heather Marheine, Todd Schmeltzer, Jason Lemmer and Mike Warber

Call Meeting to Order

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

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) – Motion by Koth, seconded by Heller to approve the minutes from September 1, 2016 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Set Future Meetings

Thursday, November 3, 2016, 7:30 a.m. Commissioner's Office, Merrill

Thursday, December 1, 2016, 7:30 a.m. Commissioner's Office, Merrill

Claims – Reith informed the committee on the claims that came in since the last meeting.

Public Comment – None

Financial Report – Marheine reported on the financials through August 28, 2016. Reith informed the committee that the 2017 Highway budget will be changing. Motion by Vander Sanden, Seconded by Heller to place the report on file.

Jurisdictional Transfer - Hwy Q North of the South Line of Joe Snow Rd – Motion by Vander Sanden, seconded by Koth to approve the transfer as presented and forward the request to the October County Board Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jurisdictional Transfer – Hwy S North of the South Line of South Park Ave – Motion by Koth, seconded by Heller to approve the transfer as presented and forward the request to the October County Board Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Truck Bids – Reith presented the bids. Discussion commenced about several aspects of the bids. After referencing private discussions he had with the local bidders during the bidding process there was a Motion by Bialecki, seconded by Heller to reject all bids. Reith and the committee discussed the topic further. Vander Sanden requested a roll call vote: Bialecki: Aye; Heller: Aye; Koth: Nye; Pike: Aye; Vander Sanden: Nye. Motion carried to reject the bids.

Hwy E Bridge Load Rating – Reith informed the board the condition of the bridge and recommended a 40 ton load rating be placed on it for safety measures until it can be repaired. Motion by Vander Sanden, seconded by Heller to approve the recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.

Swamp Road Property – Reith explained a land owner requested a legal easement through the Highway Department's property off Swamp Road. Motion made by Koth, Seconded by Bialecki to approve the easement. All ayes. Motion carried. Reith to talk with the Forestry Department.

Approval of Discretionary Maintenance Agreement – Wilderness Culvert Replacement Hwy 107 – Motion by Vander Sanden, Seconded by Heller to approve and sign the agreement as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Report by Superintendents

- a. **Monthly Progress Report** – Lemmer updated the committee on the culvert and paving projects and the upcoming mixing of sand and salt. Schmeltzer reported on the State DMA progress, shouldering the State Truck Highways and the bridge work. Warber informed the committee he is working on getting the trucks ready for snow.

Commissioner's Report on Highway Operations

- a. **Surplus Auction Update** – Reith updated the committee that items from the highway department have been listed on the online surplus auction.
- b. **Just Fix It Update** – Reith informed the committee he felt the meeting went well.
- c. **Cell Phone Ban in Work Zones** – Reith stated the cell phone ban in work zones became effective October 1st, 2016.
- d. **Adjourn** – Motion by Koth, seconded by Bialecki to adjourn at 8:55 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.