

**Lincoln County Highway Committee**  
**\*\*\*AMENDED\*\*\* Minutes from Thursday, October 1, 2020 (3:30 PM – 4:42 PM)**  
**Room 257/Government Services Center 801 N. Sales St., Merrill, WI 54452**

**Members Present (in person):** Robert Lee, Chris Heller, Bill Bialecki and Elizabeth McCrank

**Excused:** Brian Hafeman

**Visitors (in person):** John Hanz (Hwy Commissioner), Jason Hake (Administrative Coordinator), Jeremy Ratliff, Kevin Koth, Heather Marheine and Don Friske

1. **Call Meeting to Order.**  
Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. **Public Comment** – None
3. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s).**  
M/S Bialecki/McCrank to approve the August 6, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion passed on a voice vote.
4. **Set Future Meetings**  
Cancelled/Call to Chair – November 2020  
Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. Room 257, Government Service Center, Merrill
5. **Claims** – County Mutual declined the windshield claims.
6. **Financial Report.** Reports placed on file.
7. **Approve/Sign Commissioner’s Timesheets and Travel and Expenses.**  
M/S Heller/McCrank to approve/sign Commissioner’s Timesheets and Travel and Expenses. Motion passed on a voice vote.
8. **ATV/UTV Road Signage on CTH W** Discussed signage charges, costs and payments. M/S Heller/Lee to accept a donation from Jeremy Ratliff for the signs only and rescind him paying for the installation. Motion passed on a voice vote.
9. **Approve and Sign 2021 State Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA)** M/S Lee/Heller to approve and sign as presented. Motion passed on a voice vote.
10. **Service Recognition for Mike Meier 20 years of service, Tom Barkley 20 years of service, and Jeromy Hoffman 20 years of service.** Bialecki commended Highway Department and the workers for their longevity or 20 years. Recognition awards to be handed out after the meeting.
11. **Review and Award Request for Proposal for Plow Truck with Equipment** M/S Bialecki/Lee to accept the WI Kenworth proposal as presented. Motion passed on a voice vote.
12. **Request for Proposals for CTH X Bridge** M/S Bialecki/McCrank to advertise for proposals to repair the CTH X Bridge. All ayes. Motion passed on a voice vote. Hanz approximates the cost to be \$25,000 which will be paid over a 3 year budget
13. **Commissioner’s Report on Highway Operations and Superintendents Monthly Progress Report** Hanz explained an issue on CTH E for 2.5 miles and CTH MM for 1 mile he feels is mainly due to the heavy loads from the cranberry marsh and loggers. Heller asked Hanz to talk and work something out with the drivers.  
CTH B, finishing shoulders and painting next week, lots of town work to finish up on for the year. There is RMA road and bridge work on STH 51 to finish as well. Hanz would like to put out a RFP for grout bags under the CTH E bridge over WI River abutments and piers of approx. \$150,000 in costs. The crushing contract should produce 15,000 tons in CTH R pit, 20,000 in Spring Lake and 10,000 in the Wilderness Pit.  
Converting trucks over to winter maintenance as soon as the trucking projects are completed.  
Looking to review the utility contracts and permitting. Currently the Highway Department is noticing that where the plans show the lines should be placed and where the utilities are actually placing them are not in the same location.  
Having a hard time finding qualified workers for the starting pay
14. **CLOSED SESSION**  
Convene into closed session pursuant to sec. 19.85 (1) (c), Wis. Stats., to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation date of any public employee over which the body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.  
\*\*\*M/S Heller/Bialecki to convene into closed session to include John Hanz and Jason Hake. Motion passed on a roll call vote with no dissenters.\*\*\*
  - a. Highway Commissioner – Evaluation**OPEN SESSION** \*\*\*M/S/ Heller/Bialecki to open from closed session. Motion passed on a roll call vote with no dissenters.
15. **Take any necessary action on item discussed in closed session.** M/S Heller/Lee to grant a favorable review to Commissioner Hanz. Hanz. Motion passed on a voice vote.\*\*\*
16. **Adjourn** - M/S Bialecki/Heller to adjourn at 4:42 p.m. Motion passed on a voice vote.  
**Respectfully written and submitted by: John Hanz and Heather Marheine**