

MARQUETTE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Highway Department Office Building
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December 20th, 2022 – Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 9:00 a.m. by Highway Committee Chair Dave Benson. Members of the committee present. Present: Dave Benson, Ken Borzick, Al Rosenthal, David Krentz and John Bennett. Other county officials present Brian Trebiatowski, Ron Barger and Brenda Petersen.

Moved by Ken Borzick and seconded by John Bennett to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Al Rosenthal and seconded by John Bennett to approve the minutes from the November 8th, 2022, Highway Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

Citizens Input- None

Township Questions/Comments/Concerns- Ken discussed CTH Y and 14th, the corner is bad. Dave Benson mentioned a complaint he received regarding Eagle Court brushing, he went and looked and saw nothing for concern.

State Financial Report Review- RMA costs for November were \$72,503 which is .98% under budget for the month and 14.04% under for the year. The bulk of the costs were to winter maintenance, signing and patrol supervision. Remaining budget is \$189,213 for 2022.

County Report Review- November costs were \$84,873.24 with \$39,207 costs going to County Maintenance which includes the majority to paving/wedging and mowing. Winter Maintenance costs for November were \$19,728. The costs for the Road Construction were \$23,219 going towards CTH J shouldering and \$2,720 in County Overlay for CTH J centerlining. Our current balance is (\$357,477.76). The department will receive a CHIP-D reimbursement from the state around \$94,000 for the project. Brian reminded the committee that because of the severe damage on CTH J and to complete the project correctly we were going to have to draw the overage from Fund 29.

Town Report Review – Townships did a total of \$71,004 in work for November with \$32,038 being labor costs. Villages and City had \$4,120 in work with \$87 in labor costs. Total work for the year for Townships and Villages/City is \$1,854,652. The current year labor comparison vs the 5-year average is up 19.81%. Comparing current year to last year labor is up 27.65%. When looking at seasonal work, the construction is up 52.56% compared to the previous 5-year average. The total GTA labor percentage has been met by all 14 townships at the end of November. Through November the Townships have spent \$528,326 towards labor for the department.

Interdepartmental Report Review- Brian reported we sold 3549.20 gallons of fuel to other departments in November. Average cost for the year is \$3.6355 for unleaded and \$3.8020 for diesel which includes the state tax of .309 per gallon. Total gallons for the year are 48,931.84.

Labor Percentage by Job Type Report- Brian reported year to date Labor Percentage for worked performed- County work is 57.03%, State is 16.71%, Townships are 23.94% and Interdepartmental is .80%.

Proposed Transfer to General Fund- Brian proposed a transfer of \$300,000 from the Highway Enterprise Operating Budget to the general fund 2023 Budget to help offset furlough days, COLA increases and Step Increases for all County employees. Discussion regarding the transfer of funds, ARPA funds and Causeway costs. Ron Barger commented that if this transfer is approved that makes ARPA funds available for Capital Improvements, Ron also stated he would consider borrowing when it comes to the Causeway project.

Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Dave Krentz to send recommendation to Executive Finance to transfer \$300,000 from Fund 70 to General Fund for 2023. Motion carried.

2023 TMA Approval- Brian would like approval from the Committee for the 2023 Traffic Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$25,800. Moved by Al Rosenthal and seconded by Ken Borzick. Motion carried.

County Project Review- County Highway CX bridge is ready for construction. Request for bids being taken with Strand and Associates. In speaking with Gumz Farms they stated a late fall construction would be the best, but ultimately it is up to the contractor.

CTH B at STH 23 parcel- Brian discussed the parcel in the NW quadrant of the intersection. He notified the DOT regarding the availability of the parcel in case they had intentions of eliminating the current Y intersection layout with the coming project. The project manager stated the project for STH 23 is currently scheduled for 2024

and the intersection was not flagged for any safety concerns. Therefore there are no plans to reconfigure the intersection. Brian sees no reason to hang on to the property for highway department concerns. Moved by Ken Borzick and seconded by Dave Benson to return this item to Property Committee for further evaluation.

Town Project Review- Significant brushing projects, 2 finished and 3 underway going into February. Ken reported that on Evergreen there are 4 signs missing on culvert.

Inter-Departmental Operations- Completed Oxford Boat Landing new entrance and pad for Pat Kilbey. Will be moving the large snow pile across from the Courthouse this week for parking.

Equipment/ Property Purchase and Disposal- Brian would like a motion to bid on a 20 ton trailer on the Surplus Auction from Taylor County Highway Department. The bid at the moment is \$6,500 and Brian would like permission to bid up to \$50,000. This will come out of 2023 equipment budget. Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Dave Benson to allow Brian to bid up to \$50,000. Motion carried.

Positions and staffing update- The department is currently at full staff plus 2 LTE's for plowing.

WCHA Updates- Winter Road School is January 23rd through the 25th at Chula Vista. Brian will attend the committee meetings. If any Committee members would like to go let the office know.

Upcoming Events/Issues/Correspondence- Brian sent correspondence regarding an un-permitted driveway on CTH M in Springfield. The property owners have complied and removed the temporary entrance.

Review Vouchers- No questions

Dave Benson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Brenda Petersen, Highway Accountant

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