

MARQUETTE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Highway Department Office Building

Virtual and In-Person Meeting

March 19th, 2023 – Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 9:00 a.m. by Highway Committee Chair Dave Benson.

Members of the committee present: Present: Dave Benson, Ken Borzick, John Bennett, Al Gibeaut and David Krentz. Other county officials present Brian Trebiatowski. Ron Barger and Brenda Petersen.

Review/Approve the Agenda: Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Al Gibeaut to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Review/Approve the minutes from previous meeting: Moved by Ken Borzick and seconded by Dave Krentz to approve the minutes from the February 20th, 2024, Highway Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

Citizens Input: None

Township Questions/Comments/Concerns: None

ATV Route Proposal Discussion and Possible Action: Don Heller representing the ATV Club discussed the town survey regarding County Highway routes. Discussion followed by the committee. Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Al Gibeaut to approve opening 100% of the County Roads on a trial basis, to be brought back to the committee in December 2024. Dave Benson and Dave Krentz voting nay. Motion carried with a 3-2 majority vote.

2024 Material Bid Tally Discussion and Possible Action: Brian reported that Tri-County was largely the low bidder along with WK Construction for the CTH CH project. Asphalt was down 5-7% depending on mix type, chip seal oil down .3%, aggregate varied, base and shoulder gravel are up 7%. Road oil bids were the same between Meigs and Fahrner/Flint Hills. Brian would prefer to use Meigs since their billing is less complicated. Moved by Ken Borzick and seconded by Al Gibeaut to give Brian the authority to approve purchases from the vendors that are most advantageous to the County based on price, location and schedule at time of need. Motion carried.

Bridge Inspections: Brian received 4 responses from 12 firms. Costs ranged from \$10,750 to \$25,000 per cycle. Brian is recommending KBIS Construction Inc based on great reviews from other counties, they have the capacity to take on the small structures when the program needs routine inspections, they only perform bridge and dam inspections and are not involved in design work that has proven difficult with other firms being hard to retain based on their backlog of design work. Moved by Al Gibeaut and seconded by Dave Benson to approve KBIS at a cost of \$10,750.00 for bridge inspections. Motion carried.

Financial Reports:

State Financial Report Review:

RMA costs for February totaled \$62,788 which makes the department 76.46% under budget for the year, with \$700,168 remaining. The bulk of the costs were for winter maintenance and brushing and patrol supervision.

County Report Review:

Costs totaled \$143,417 in February, with \$89,722 going to County Maintenance of which most of the costs were brushing. Winter Maintenance costs for February were \$51,224 which included snow/ice removal and spraying brine. Road Construction costs were \$2,471 for an upcoming project on County Road E. Our current balance remaining is \$5,058,308.

Town Report Review:

Townships did a total of \$36,807 in work in February with \$13,181 being labor costs. Villages and City had \$1,050 in work with \$0 in labor costs. The current year labor comparison vs the 5-year average is down 29.71%. Comparing the current year to last year, labor is down 35.65%. When looking at seasonal work, construction is down 42.87% and the Winter Maintenance is down 27.80% compared to the previous 5-year average.

Interdepartmental Report Review:

Brian reported we sold 4,588.59 gallons of fuel to other departments in February. The average cost for the year is \$2.95 for unleaded and \$3.2873 for diesel which includes the state tax of .309 per gallon.

Labor Percentage by Job Type Report:

Brian reported as of the end of February 2024- County work is 65.71%, State is 18.03%, Townships are 15.80% and Interdepartmental is .46%.

State Project Review and Update:

PBM to DMA Contract Discussion and Possible Action:

Brian is requesting approval from the Committee for a DMA contract in the amount of \$75,000 for STH 73 rout and seal. Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Dave Benson to approve the contract. Motion carried.

County Project Review and Update:

Local Bridge Project Update:

DOT recently signed an amendment allocating new dates to the 14th Road project based on railroad delays.

Construction is now targeted for 2026. No update from railroad on right of way requests.

Causeway MLS project update:

Brian is requesting approval of Kopplin and Kinas bid of \$1,774,206.36 for construction services on the Causeway Project. Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Ken Borzick to award the project to Kopplin and Kinas. Motion carried. Brian gathered 5 samples of lightweight fill from around the state. The sample from Crescent Landscape Supply was most ideal based on uniform size and cleanliness. Requesting approval to lightweight fill purchase from Crescent Landscape Supply for \$425,000, which puts the project total about 11% underestimate. Moved by Al Gibeaut and seconded by John Bennett to approve the purchase of lightweight fill from Crescent Landscape Supply in the amount of \$425,000. Motion carried.

Richards Pit Update:

Project continues to progress well. Most concrete footings have been completed. A few slabs and some walls remain. Scale installation should be prior to the end of the month. Stripping for crushing and screening also progressing, a bit slower than anticipated, but Brian reported that we are using Highway Staff rather than subbing out the work.

New 6-20' Culvert Program:

Brian reports that the program continues to evolve changing weekly. Towns can now utilize county staff for the inventory portion but not the inspection portion. County will utilize the bridge inspector for initial and potential recurring inspections.

New Agricultural Road Improvement Program:

Brian informed the committee the program is significantly more complex than initially thought. Based on the project segments we need to show the economic impact of the potential project, meaning producers on the routes will need to provide data for the application. Most towns are aware of thus far all that have discussed applications have decided not to pursue based on the limited economic impact in the area.

Town Project Review and Update: Brian has completed 3 township road tours. Some additional brushing work has been approved based on the light winter weather to date.

Inter-Departmental Operations: Small project for Parks at Muir playground and tree cutting on the walking trail.

Equipment/ Property Purchase and Disposal Update: Brian reported we are in the process of the second of three auctions approved last fall. Selling the remaining sickle mowers, some old trailers and parts that have exceeded their useful life. So far, all classified equipment has exceeded the reserve price.

WCHA Updates: Brian has a regional meeting tomorrow in Waushara County.

Upcoming Events/Issues/Correspondence: Spring Commissioner Training April 2nd and 3rd in Green Bay. Brian will attend but commute back the second day.

Voucher Inquiries: None

Closed Session: Moved by Ken Borzick and seconded by John Bennett to move into closed session under WI State Statute 19.85 (1) (c). Motion carried. Dave Benson called the roll; all committee members are in attendance. Moved by Al Gibeaut and seconded by Ken Borzick to move out of closed session at 10:23 a.m. Motion carried. No vote needed.

Adjourn: Dave Benson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted-
Brenda Petersen, Highway Accountant
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