

MARQUETTE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Highway Department Office Building

Virtual and In-Person Meeting

June 18th, 2024 – Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 9:00 a.m. by Highway Committee Chairperson Mike Raddatz.

Members of the committee present: Present: Dave Benson, Mike Raddatz, John Bennett, Lance Achterberg and Kathy Jo Locke. Other county officials present Brian Trebiatowski. Ron Barger and Brenda Petersen.

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

Review/Approve the minutes from previous meeting: Moved by Dave Benson and seconded by Lance Achterberg to approve the minutes from the May 21st, 2024, Highway Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

Citizens Input: None

Township Questions/Comments/Concerns: None

Financial Reports:

State Financial Report Review:

RMA costs for May totaled \$43,568 which makes the department 55.76% under budget for the year, with \$510,564 remaining. The bulk of the costs were for structures, vegetation and patrol supervision.

County Report Review:

Costs totaled \$309,973.33 in May, with \$61,114 going to County Maintenance of which most of the costs were vegetation, patching and training. Winter Maintenance costs for May were \$762.50 which included moving salt and cleaning equipment. Special Construction- Causeway Project costs were \$248,097. Road Construction costs were \$0. Our current balance remaining is \$4,457,844.03.

Town Report Review:

Townships did a total of \$157,942 in work in May with \$58,909 being labor costs. Villages and City had \$1,477.40 in work with \$0 in labor costs. The current year labor comparison vs the 5-year average is down 12.21%.

Comparing the current year to last year, labor is down 10.66%. When looking at seasonal work, construction is down 9.31% and the Winter Maintenance is down 26.79% compared to the previous 5-year average.

Interdepartmental Report Review:

Brian reported we sold 5,355 gallons of fuel to other departments in May. The average costs for May are \$3.2284 for unleaded and \$3.2412 for diesel which includes the state tax of .309 per gallon. Total gallons sold this year is 24,500.30 gallons. The average price for the year is \$3.2434 for unleaded and \$3.3681 for diesel.

Labor Percentage by Job Type Report:

Brian reported as of the end of May 2024- County work is 61.92%, State is 19.48%, Townships are 15.70% and Interdepartmental is 2.91%. Brian reminded the committee that only 27.02% of the department's labor comes out of the County budget. The remaining percentage is encompassed in the Highway Operational Fund.

Moved by Lance Achterberg and seconded by John Bennett to approve the Financial Reports. Motion carried.

State Project Review and Update:

Gasser Construction is working on STH 23 from the west side of Montello to 8th Drive which goes through August. STH 23 has had a few weather delays with paving and Cold in place underway.

County Project Review and Update:

County Road D was chip sealed last week and shoulders on County Road A were patched. Another day weather pending for the City of Montello project and additional shoulder patching. County Road CH cold in place recycling will finish up this week from Village of Westfield to Wood Lake. Milling on the north end project will start next week. Paving will begin after the milling is complete.

Local Bridge Project Update:

No movement from the Railroad for the Town of Montello Project.

Causeway MLS project update:

Barricades and detours went up yesterday. Brian received word this morning that there is a one-week delay in the turbidity barrier. It is being delivered on Friday and will be installed on Monday. Brian will be talking with the engineer and project manager regarding reopening the Causeway until work begins next Monday.

Richards Pit Update:

Plant staff and management in Sheboygan County today training on the plant and preventative maintenance.

Town Project Review and Update: Continuing drainage and paving projects have begun. Currently on the south end in Douglas and Moundville. Becker site will be available mid-July.

Inter-Departmental Operations: Brian presented a Local Public Entity Agreement for the Fair Board for use of County Equipment for the Fair in July. Brian stressed that the agreement only allows for County employees to run the equipment as other non-employees have operated county owned equipment in the past. Moved by Kathy Jo Locke and seconded by John Bennett to approve the Equipment Agreement with the Fair Board. Motion carried.

Equipment/ Property Purchase and Disposal Update: Brian was not successful in the truck auction discussed at the April meeting. Brian was approved up to \$75,000 and the truck sold for \$76,000. Moved by Dave Benson and seconded by Lance Achterberg to approve a 10% overage of the approved amount at Brians discretion when bidding on equipment. Motion carried. Brian reported that currently we have an auction in progress for selling the remaining sickle mowers, tree planter and various parts.

WCHA Updates: Brian reported that talks have progressed well regarding the solar salt for brine. Counties have formed a cooperative and are nearing the 24,000 tons needed to bring a barge into Milwaukee.

Upcoming Events/Issues/Correspondence: None

Voucher Inquiries: Questions regarding vendors on 2 invoices.

Closed Session: Moved by Dave Benson and seconded by Lance Achterberg to move into closed session regarding negotiations with a collective bargaining unit as per Wisconsin Stat Sec 19.85 (1)(e) "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session". (Town Agreement for 2025-2029). Motion carried.

Moved by Dave Benson and seconded by Kathy Jo Locke to convene in open session under section 19.85 (2) if a vote is needed on items discussed in closed session. Motion carried.

Moved by Dave Benson and seconded by Lance Achterberg to send the Town of Springfield a letter regarding the passing of the May 30th deadline to pay their equipment cost allocation from 2023 and send the partial check payment back. Motion carried.

Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Kathy Jo Locke to approve edits to the Town Agreement Contracts for the term 2025-2029. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Mike Raddatz declared the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted-
Brenda Petersen, Highway Accountant
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