

**Price County Highway & Transportation  
Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: May 12, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk. Roll Call: Present: Jim Adolph, Al Haskins, Ron Heikkinen, Travis Nez, Larry Palecek. Also present: Bruce Jilka, Brian Ernst, Don Grande, Nick Trimner, Vance Pollitt  
Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Election of Committee Chair: Heikkinen nominated Larry Palecek for Committee Chair. Three calls for further nominations. Motion Heikkinen/Nez to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Larry Palecek for Committee Chair. Motion carried.
  2. Election of Committee Vice-chair: Palecek nominated Ron Heikkinen for Vice-chair. Three calls for further nominations. Motion Nez/Adolph to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ron Heikkinen for Vice-chair. Motion carried.
  3. Minutes from March 10, 2016 meeting: Motion Nez/Heikkinen to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.
  4. Schedule next meeting: May 17, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. and July 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
  5. Public comment: Al Haskins requested future agenda item of town use of county equipment.
- AIRPORT – Brian Ernst
6. Crack seal/sealcoat project update: Bid received by April 21<sup>st</sup>. BOA has not released the project amounts yet.
  7. 2016 Fly-in Update: The Chamber is handling the event and the county will contribute to it.
  8. Six-year plan: Plan reviewed. Resolution will be presented for May County Board meeting.
  9. Airport revenues, expenditures: Reviewed.
  10. Vouchers: Motion Adolph/Haskins to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$4,247.42. Motion carried.
  11. Manager's report: Highway crew handled some tree removal. Old terminal leased out to New Horizons North for \$600 a month. Attended Wisconsin Aviation Association Conference. Working with potential tenant for lot rental. Working on 2017 budget – will include county share of remodeling the Snow Removal Equipment building. Corporate traffic has been steady, general traffic slow. Received donation of a courtesy car (Ford Ranger) from Precision Millwright and Machine.

HIGHWAY – Don Grande

12. Town of Worcester – Old 13 Road: Dan Cummings, Chairman from Town of Worcester, was present and commented on conditions of the road. The county presented a letter and an agreement to the town and the town has not responded. Requested town respond to Don and/or Nick.
13. Prentice Remediation: First round of new testing has been completed. One more cycle has been requested.
14. WCHA Update: New website has been rolled out. Planning Leadership Development Group conference in September in Green Bay. Board of Directors meeting on Monday. Met with Transportation Secretary Mark Gottlieb and Senator Ron Johnson in Washington DC to discuss issues with transportation funding.
15. WCHA Summer Highway Conference: Motion Heikkinen/Nez to approve five committee members attending. Motion carried.
16. City of Phillips, Flambeau Avenue project 2017: City is requesting the County cover a portion of redoing the road (County Highway W). City would like to present to the committee in July.
17. Department Reports: New chassis arrived and will be ready for winter. Holding surplus inventory auctions. Winter equipment teardown being done. Started County B and County F projects. Crew will be doing County B. County F will be let out. Work on County J. \$250,000 in PBM contracts. Starting design on Highway H Bridge project. Working on shop parking lot. In talks with DOT regarding potential for a new salt shed. Dealing with an open record request.
18. Employee Resignations and Recruitments: Pete Hanish retired after 38 years. Conducted foreman interviews and candidate accepted. Suspended advertising for the Accountant II position – in the meantime Cathy Moritz will stay in the position.
19. Vouchers: Motion Heikkinen/Adolph to approve the voucher in the amount of \$260,097.33. Motion carried.
20. Adjourn: Motion Heikkinen/Adolph to adjourn at 11:46 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.