

Price County Highway & Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: February 11, 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 Chair Larry Palecek.

Roll Call. Present: Ron Heikkinen, Travis Nez, Larry Palecek, James Tauschek, Dennis Wartgow

Also present: Brian Ernst, Don Grande, Nick Trimner

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Minutes from December 10, 2015 meeting: Motion Wartgow/Nez to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.
2. Schedule next meeting: March 10, 2016.
3. Public comment: Nick mentioned Trudy Schlagal request to be on agenda regarding complaint about snow drifting in her driveway. Nick is dealing with situation.

AIRPORT – Brian Ernst

4. Snow Removal Equipment addition update: Estimate for remodeling the building would be approximately \$23,000 and new building would be approximately \$85,000. Both would qualify for 95% BOA match. Motion Heikkinen/Wartgow to have the expense of a new building (\$4,250 County share) submitted with the 2017 budget requests. Motion carried.
5. Crack seal/sealcoat project update: Update on projects costs. Resolution will be presented to Count Board to approve transferring needed funds (\$6,500) from the General Fund.
6. WI Aviation Conference info only: Brian will attend May 2-4.
7. BOA Sponsor workshop info only: Brian will attend March 30.
8. Airport revenues, expenditures: Information only.
9. Vouchers: Motion Heikkinen/Tauschek to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$29,390.77. Motion carried.
10. Manager's report: Winter maintenance going well. Traffic slow, jet traffic picking up. New tenant is looking to either purchase an existing hanger or constructing a new one. Lightning strike damage parts on order.

HIGHWAY – Don Grande

11. Town of Worcester – Old 13 Road: No communication from town since last meeting.
12. Highway Encroachments, Real Estate Signage: Don explained department policy for moving/removing signs that are placed illegally. Ed Belan, Phillips realtor, comment regarding a sign of his that was removed.
13. Work Zone Safety Resolution: Motion Wartgow/Heikkinen to approve the resolution and forward to County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
14. Prentice Remediation: No update since last meeting.
15. WCHA Update: Legislation to allow counties to referendum for sales tax for transportation and gas minimum mark-up up for vote. Don has been asked to serve on the WCHA Executive Committee. Conference went well.
16. Department Reports: #85 Cat loader repair came in higher than expected. Liquid brine mixing system nearly complete. Physical inventory in process. Reviewed 2016 equipment purchase proposals. Winter maintenance in full swing. Preparing bids for summer construction/maintenance supplies. Information to towns for culvert purchases and training. Presented at Towns Association meeting. 2018 project on County H bridge. AS400 computer system crashed. Data is being re-inputted. Department may be asked to provide suggestions to Town of Lake for issues on Omaha Road. Will be letting out bridge inspections.
17. Employee Resignations and Recruitments: Interviews scheduled for Accountant II and Patrol Superintendent. Anticipating several pending retirements.
18. Vouchers: Motion Wartgow/Tauschek to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$369,476.85. Motion carried.
19. Adjourn: Motion Tauschek/Nez to adjourn at 11:05 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk