

Price County Highway & Transportation  
Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 6, 2016 Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Price County Airport Terminal Conference Room; N1205 Airport Rd.; Phillips, WI 54555

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Larry Palecek, Chairperson. Roll Call: Present: Jim Adolph, Al Haskins, Ron Heikkinen, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Brian Ernst, Don Grande, Nick Trimner, Bruce Jilka, Vance Pollitt, Rachel Dahlke

Items for discussion and possible action:

Highway – Don Grande

1. Public Comment: None
2. Town of Worcester – Old 13 Road: A letter was received from Town of Worcester rejecting the County's offer.
3. County Highway YY – Lincoln County Bridge: Working with Lincoln County to apply for federal grant money for needed bridge repairs. A maintenance agreement and jurisdiction transfer needs to be done.
4. Announcement and motion Heikkinen/Adolph to adjourn to closed session at 9:15 a.m. pursuant to the exemption in Wis. State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for the purpose of:
  - a. Highway Office Temporary Restructure
  - b. Motion to Return to Open Session

Roll call vote: Yes (5): Adolph, Haskins, Heikkinen Palecek, Wartgow. No: (0). Motion carried.

Motion Adolph/Wartgow in closed session at a.m. to return to open session at 9:39 a.m. Roll call vote: Yes (5): Adolph, Haskins, Heikkinen, Palecek, Wartgow. No: (0). Motion carried.

5. Take Action, as needed, on closed session item: Motion Adolph/Palecek to refer the issue to the Administration Committee with recommendation to establish a wage structure for replacement training for certain positions. Motion carried.
6. North Central Region Fall Meeting: October 21<sup>st</sup> in St. Point. Motion Wartgow/Adolph to approve sending up to four committee members to meeting. Motion carried.
7. Prentice Remediation: No new information.
8. WCHA Update: Statewide town hall meeting was successful. Don was appointed to the Chair for the Safety and Training Committee.
9. Department Reports: Second equipment auction is ready to run. Newest plow truck is ready for service and has a WisDOT pilot Xzalt directional spreader. Painting complete on 1947 building. Will be asking for change in amount for tool allowance since the County does not provide insurance coverage for employee owned tools. 2016 projects completed. Still working on culverts and ditching. Made a profit on state projects. Working on two project based management projects. Winter plow routes being restructured – working with overlaps with Iron, Vilas and Rusk counties. Presented use of liquids on roads at DOT conference in Green Bay – asked to expand training to other DOT regions. October 1<sup>st</sup> state laws prohibits use of cell phones in construction areas. Open house scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup>.
10. Vouchers: Motion Adolph/Heikkinen to approve the vouchers and amount of \$867,769.89. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

11. Minutes from August 25, 2016 meeting: Motion Haskins/Adolph to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2016 meeting as presented.

12. Schedule next meeting: November 3, 2016.

Airport – Brian Ernst

13. Public Comment: None.

14. Crack seal/sealcoat project update: Seal coat complete. Striping will be done.

15. Airport revenues, expenditures: Brian reviewed.

16. Vouchers: Motion Adolph/Haskins to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$46,598.28. Motion carried.

17. Manager's report: Have not heard from owner of plane that has been tied down long-term. A letter will be sent charging him the tie-down storage fee. New owner for hanger lease - will continue to use fuel tanks. Submitted 2017 budget with request for new terminal roof and maintenance building repairs. There should be entitlement money available. Winter readiness. Attended land use seminar.

18. Tour of Airport Facilities: Committee adjourned to tour Airport facilities at 10:30 a.m.

19. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk