

## Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: January 9, 2020

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 Larry Palecek, Committee Chairperson. Roll Call: Present: Bruce Jilka, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, William Teeters, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Nick Trimner, Joe Baratka, Michael Brill, Bob Kopisch

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: None.
  2. Minutes December 19, 2019 meeting: Motion Spacek/Teeters to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
  3. Award County Highway W Culvert Replacement Project: Engineer reviewed the bids received. Motion Spacek/Wartgow to award the bid to Larson Construction Company, Inc. of Chippewa Falls, WI at \$655,433.20 with an anticipated start date of April 15, 2020. Motion carried.
  4. Status of Highway Department Construction Spending Budget For 2020: Joe reviewed the Pacer ratings for County Highways. 66.67% of County highways are in need of reconstruction or structural improvement and leveling. Discussion of the 2020 and long-term capital improvement plan for paving, chip and crack sealing of \$2,000,000. \$1,000,000 has been included in the budget. Motion Teeters/Wartgow to refer the Highway Department long-term capital improvement plan dated 1/9/2020 to the Executive Committee with recommendation to review financing options. Motion carried.
  5. Spring Special Weight Permit Policy: Concern on condition of roads and the recent history of wet conditions. The department will consider the need to more strictly enforce the weight limits.
  6. Resolution: Work Zone Awareness Week April 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 2020: Motion Wartgow/Jilka to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
  7. Airport Resolution: Accept Federal Aviation Administration Supplemental Grant and Proceed With Project 2020-2022: Motion Jilka/Spacek to approve the resolution and forward to the Executive Committee for their Consideration. Motion carried.
  8. Dams Grant Cycle: Two year cycle is now open until February 28<sup>th</sup>.
  9. Wisconsin County Highway Association: Moving forward on some policy issues. There has been more discussion about electronic ticketing in work zones.
  10. Department Reports
    - a. Airport – Brill: Snow removal. Have been able to keep clear for jet traffic. Starting plans for the 2020 Airshow.
    - b. Dams: Activity has increased due to warmer temps and heavy rain. Interviewing for the Dams Keeper/Operator I position. Ice conditions continue to be unstable.
    - c. Highway Crew: Very busy with winter road maintenance. Clearing snow from bridges, ditches and culverts to alleviate water flow and ice on highways. Right-of-way clearing. Flagger certification training.
    - d. Fleet and Facilities: Keeping equipment running. New mechanic has heavy equipment and electronics experience. New plow truck ordered for the Airport. New additive tanks ordered for brine system. Accumulating items for auction. Year-end inventory.
  11. Vouchers: Motion Jilka/Spacek to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$176,555.67. Motion carried.
  12. Schedule next meeting: February 6, 2020.
  13. Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.
- Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk