

Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 9, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Larry Palecek, Committee Chairperson.

Roll Call: Present: Jeff Hallstrand, James Hintz, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Bob Kopisch (ex officio).

Also present: Joe Baratka, Nick Trimner

Nick reviewed process for electronic meeting attendance and participation.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: No public comment.
2. Minutes January 13, 2021 meeting: Motion Hintz/Hallstrand to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Reappointment of the Highway Commissioner: Motion Kopisch/Spacek to recommend the reappointment of Joseph Baratka as the Price County Highway Commissioner and forward to the County Administrator and County Board for consideration. Motion carried.
4. Bid Vetting and Award
 - a. Asphalt Bids: Bid awarded to American Asphalt
 - b. Emulsion Oil Proposals: Bid awarded to HG Meigs
 - c. Chip Seal Aggregate proposals: Bid awarded to Olynick
5. 2021 Equipment Improvement Program Update
 - a. State Mandated Crash Attenuator: No date from the state yet. Waiting for written approval to use the one they have or if a new one is needed. Recommend adding this to the 5-year plan.
 - b. Amend Resolution 27-19 – Price County Highway Department 2021 – 2025 Equipment Improvement Program: Motion Kopisch/Hallstrand motion to postpone to a future date. Motion carried.
6. Permit and Other Department Fees: Departments are required to develop a schedule of all fees charged. Discussed deposit requirement, non-refundable fees, penalty fee for not obtaining permit, large permits for utilities, etc. Joe to bring a preliminary fee schedule to another meeting.
7. Municipal Dams Grant – Weimers Dam Gate Project Update: Followed up with DNR grant team, waiting for DNR approval. Budget is \$384,995 for County and \$261,665 for State.
8. Airport Improvement Project Update: Waiting on Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Aeronautics to approve before bids. Pre-bid meeting is 3/3/2021 with engineer. No update on brush project dates.
9. Wisconsin County Highway Association: June 7-9, 2021 is Summer Road School. Highway crew will have two days of safety training in April. Joe reviewed WCHA legislative updates and transition from contract to employee-based for Executive Director.
10. Department Reports
 - a. Commissioner: Hired two new employees: Eric Jakobi and James Timmers. County Highways A and C bridge projects low bidder was Janke Construction. Political signs in county right-of-ways have been addressed. Citizen concern of tree removal is being addressed. Joe reviewed State road maintenance status. Requests for speed reductions to portions County Highways B and H. Currently undergoing speed study. Review of current office hours.
 - b. Airport: Working with Becher Hoppe and electrical engineer for upcoming to rehabilitate Runway 1/19, north airport road, and the airport terminal parking lot.
 - c. Dams: Lakes at drawn down levels, monitoring ice buildup and cracking, removing snow and ice from dam structures.
 - d. Highway Crew: responded to 51 incidents of Winter Maintenance this season. Clean snow from bridges and guardrails, brush cutting, brushing, clearing right of ways in between events. GPS mapping of highway signs and repairing damaged signs.
 - e. Fleet and Facilities: Shop working on 135 Patch wagon major repairs, working on wastewater permits, Wisconsin Hazmat Online Planning and Reporting System (WHOPRS) has been renewed. Working on equipment, equipment status, needs and plan. Prepping for upcoming tasks such as opening culverts.
11. Vouchers: Motion Hallstrand/Hintz to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$99,535.86-Highway, \$1,753.86-Dams, \$2,355.04-Airport. Motion carried.
12. Schedule next meeting: March 9, 2021 at 9am
13. Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Erica Bockerstette, Deputy County Clerk