

Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 7, 2022

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: Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Mark Kyle, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek. Also present: Nick Trimner, Roger Petrick

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Introduced Roger Petrick, Highway Commissioner.
2. Minutes from the August 15, 2022 meeting: Motion Kyle/Spacek to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. 2023 Budget Draft: Nothing additional to report from prior budget. Executive approved the \$2 million borrowing for construction projects. Will need to purchase a forklift.
4. 2022 Construction projects
 - a. Update County Highways I, O and M: American Asphalt plant being moved and will start September 11th.
5. County Highway E Project - Updated Estimate: Engineer came in at \$2.7 million. May need to shift the County Highway B project to facilitate the \$500,000 overage or strategize the funding.
6. Old Highway H Bridge - Possible Removal: Met with DNR. Possible winter project. Will remove as one piece and auction off. Motion Spacek/Ernst to approve they County's removal of the Old Highway H Bridge. Motion carried.
7. Resolution – County Highway YY Bridge Dedication to Ron Heikkinen: Motion Palecek/Erickson to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
8. Airport
 - a. Update on Airport Improvement Project: Few things to wrap up.
 - b. Airport Capital Improvement Plan: Will schedule a public information meeting.
 - c. Hanger Use Policy: Reaching out to other counties for their policies. There has been interest in building on the last vacant lot. Need to maintain 10 home base hangars for level of BOA/FAA funding.
9. Wisconsin County Highway Association
 - a. Fall Legislative Breakfast October 28th: Registration deadline is October 10th.
10. Department Reports: Fully staffed.
 - a. Commissioner: Busy acclimating to the new position. Worked with Joe Baratka for a couple of weeks. Transition is going well. State Highway 13 project through Phillips postponed until 2026. Consensus of committee is to draft resolution to request the State to get the project done sooner.
 - b. Airport: Updated the construction/equipment plan to include terminal updates.
 - c. Dams: Received DNR approval of Weimers Dam project. Reviewing easement agreements. Levels continue to be low due to dry weather conditions.
 - d. Highway Crew: Shouldering, sign replacements, culvert replacements, spray patching, brushing and mowing, assisting other counties with paving projects.
 - e. Fleet and Facilities: Two pickups delivered. Some other equipment deliveries have been delayed. Reaching for winter maintenance. Vyskocil Construction has not come forward to complete the salt shed repair job. May need to take legal action and rebid.
11. Vouchers: Motion Ernst/Erickson to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$209,151.62. Motion carried.
12. Schedule next meeting: October 6 (first Thursday)
13. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk