

Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 12, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Courthouse 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: Robert Kopisch, Don Grande, Nick Trimner, Carrie Kyle, Rachel Dahlke, Attorney Bruce Marshall.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: None.
2. Minutes October 11, 2018 meeting: Motion Jilka/Wartgow to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Announcement and motion Jilka/Spacek at 9:01 a.m. to adjourn to closed session pursuant to the exemption in Wis. State Statute 19.85 (1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved for the purpose of:
 - a. Consultation with legal counsel and development of a negotiation strategy (sale of County-owned land: W5294 County Road A)
 - b. Motion to Return to Open SessionRoll call vote: Yes (5): Jilka, Palecek, Spacek, Teeters, Wartgow. No: (0). Motion carried.
Motion Wartgow/Teeters in closed session to return to open session at 9:42 a.m. Roll call vote: Yes (5): Jilka, Palecek, Spacek, Teeters, Wartgow. No: (0). Motion carried.
4. Take Action, as needed, on Closed Session Item: Motion Jilka/Wartgow to proceed with the action taken in closed session. Motion carried.
5. Wisconsin County Highway Association: Winter Road School January 14 – 16, 2019. Attended Federal Highway Administration summit in St. Louis. SMA's signed after discussion with federal agency.
6. Policy Updates: Winter Maintenance - handed out for review and action at next meeting.
7. 2019 Budget
 - a. 2019 Highway Department Equipment Fund Purchases: List presented at October meeting has not changed. Motion Jilka/Wartgow to approve the list as presented. Motion carried.
8. Equipment Fund Policy
 - a. Effectiveness: Model works. Money going in to the fund is not sustaining the equipment needs.
 - b. Policy Review: No change needed. Executive Committee will look at the mechanics.
 - c. Future Equipment Purchases: Possibly removing purchasing plow trucks from the program until the fund stabilizes.
9. Department Reports
 - a. Highway Crew: Numerous projects finishing up. Winter maintenance started early. There is a salt shortage and price increase.
 - b. Facilities / Office: Financially having a good year. Received \$200,000 from WDOT to upgrade brine maker and put up lean-to. Also received another \$60,000 for the liquid only pilot on State Highway 70.
 - c. Airport: Still trying to get closure on fixing the fuel system.
 - d. Dams: Lakes are at winter drawdown levels. Signs replaced per DNR requirements. Could not combine dam grant contracts with Forestry.
10. Vouchers: Motion Spacek/Jilka to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$367,626.37. Motion carried.
11. Schedule next meeting: January 10, 2019.
12. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk