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Eau Claire County • Committee on Highway

Thursday, April 7, 2016 / 6:15 am

Highway Department Meeting Room 101 • 2000 Spooner Avenue, Altoona, WI 54720

Members Present: Chairman Ray Henning, Vice Chairman Steve Chilson, Supervisor Pat LaVelle, Supervisor Katy Forsythe

Member Absent: Supervisor Kathy Clark

Staff Present: Jon Johnson, Highway Commissioner; Rich Walthers, Patrol Superintendent; Michael Donaldson, Administrative Associate; Rod Thorson, Highway Engineer

Other Present: Paul Loomis

1. **Call meeting to order**

Chairman Henning called the meeting to order at 6:17 a.m.

2. **Confirmation of meeting notice - Review**

Meeting notice confirmed.

3. **March 17, 2016 Committee Minutes - Review/Discussion/Action**

Motion: Chairman Henning to approve minutes. Motion carried 4-0

4. **Public comment**

Paul Loomis inquired on increased shoulder on the first hill to the north on CTH TT from the intersection with W Folsom street for bicycling and walking. Paul cited safety concerns of both speed limit posted and inability of seeing pedestrians over the hill. Study was done several years back concerning the speed limit and the department will look into that study.

5. **CTH KB pathway project – Update**

Jon Johnson recently met with SEH in which draft ideas were presented. The highway department is concerned that the drafts may not meet design standards as the DOT has reclassified CTH KB to a minor arterial from a major collector which increased standards and regulations. It may be beneficial that the City of Altoona take ownership of CTH KB to move the project forward.

6. **Policy & procedures manual: Snow & Ice removal, Overweight/Oversized, & Seasonal Weight Restrictions – Review/Action**

Rich Walthers through the snow & ice removal section which included: decisions to begin snow removable, passable roadway, level of service, hours of operation, snow emergencies, and highway department personnel. Rich also went over the seasonal weight restrictions section which included: milk haulers and Wisconsin frozen road law. Overweight/Oversized section was tabled for a later date. Motion: Chairman Henning moved to approve the policy segments. Motion carried 4-0

7. **Staff and committee reports – Discuss**

Commissioner Jon Johnson spoke on the following:

- The highway facility study will be presented to the committee in which the county will decide what is best. Highway department will perform a route analysis in a partnership with WIDOT.
- Meet with the Planning and Development Department and Chippewa Valley Transit Alliance and discussed our current highway design standards and how we account for bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- May 3rd is a commissioner and committee member meeting in Medford.
- May 19th we'll be hosting a regional meeting for the Transportation Development Association and it will be held at the airport.

Highway Engineer Rod Thorson spoke on the following:

- Update on upcoming construction projects this season including CTH CF, CTH HH, and CTH KK going north.

Patrol Superintendent Rich Walthers spoke on the following:

- Attended a pre-construction meeting on Wednesday

8. **Payment vouchers (3.25.16) – Review**

The committee reviewed the payment vouchers.

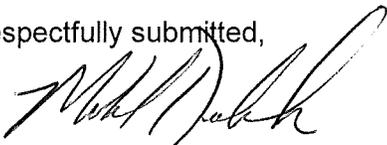
9. **Future meeting dates, times, and agenda items – Discuss**

- Future dates: Thursday, April 28th, 2016 – 6:15 a.m.
- Future items: Committee meeting frequency

10. **Adjourn**

Motion by Supervisor Forsythe to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Donaldson
Highway Department

Approved  4/28/16