

ADDENDUM

Eau Claire County
Committee on Finance and Budget
Thursday, May 11, 2017 / 4:30 pm

721 Oxford Avenue
Eau Claire County Courthouse – Room 1273
Eau Claire, WI 54703

1. Review Highway Winter Maintenance Reserve Account / Discussion – Action

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MINUTES

Eau Claire County • Committee on Highway

Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017 / 6:15 am

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

Members Present: Chairman Ray Henning, Supervisor Kathy Clark, Supervisor Carl Anton, Supervisor Katy Forsythe

Staff Present: Jon Johnson, Highway Commissioner; Michael Donaldson Accountant

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. **Past committee meeting minutes (4/20) - Review/Action**

Motion: Supervisor Forsythe moved for approval. Motion Approved 3-0

4. **Public comment –**

No public comment

5. **Tool Allowance – Discussion/Action**

Commissioner Johnson discussed the tool allowance section 4.1 of Policy 523 of the Eau Claire County Employee Policy Manual. In its current state, mechanics, welders and tire repair are entitled to an annual tool and/or prescription safety glasses allowance of up to \$400 per year. This amount of the allowance hasn't seen an increase in over 12 years even though tool prices have increased. Commissioner Johnson proposed increasing the allowance to up to \$800 per year. Comparison was done with increase in allowance versus Eau Claire County purchasing all the tools.

Motion by Supervisor Forsythe to approve the increase in allowance as stated in the revised policy,
Motion carried 3-0

6. **Boot Allowance – Discussion/Action**

Commissioner Johnson discussed the boot allowance section 3.2 of Policy 523 of the Eau Claire County Employee Policy Manual. Currently, only employees with responsibilities in the field that aren't furnished with uniforms are eligible for \$200 bi-annual reimbursements. Commissioner Johnson updated the section to include all employees that are required to wear work boots are eligible for the \$200 bi-annual reimbursement.

Motion by Supervisor Forsythe to approve the changes in eligibility as stated in the revised policy
Motion carried 3-0



7. **Winter Maintenance Funding – Discussion/Action**

Commissioner Johnson discussed ordinance 140-90, 1996 which currently caps funding that was allocated towards highway maintenance once we reach \$220,000. Jon and the Highway committee discussed bringing this item before the Committee on Finance & Budget for review to allow the highway department to use maintenance funds for more innovative maintenance preservation techniques and allow the highway department to be responsible for all costs associated with county trunk maintenance

Motion by Supervisor Forsythe to have Ordinance \$140-90, 1996 to be brought before the Committee on Finance & Budget for review. Motion carried 3-0.

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Request to Remove Ordinance 140-90,1996

My request is that we delete ordinance 140-90, 1996 which will allow the highway department to use maintenance funds for more innovative maintenance preservation techniques and allow the highway department to be responsible for all costs associated with county truck maintenance. The current funding cap removes funding that was allocated towards highway maintenance once we reach \$220,000.00. Right now we are working very hard to find transportation revenues at the local and statewide level. I feel that taking away transportation funds once we reach \$220,000.00 is costing the citizens of Eau Claire County more by not investing it into the highway system. We need to continue improving our highway system and that starts by taking care of what we already have. Below is the current winter maintenance fund status.

January 1 2015 balance =	\$ -442,038.00		
		2015	2016
Actual Winter Cost		\$ 501,158.00	\$ 757,920.00
Budgeted Amount		\$ 855,000.00	\$ 890,000.00
Savings / (Loss)		\$ 353,842.00	\$ 132,080.00
Fund Balance		\$ (88,196.00)	\$ 43,884.00

Thank you,

Jon Johnson
Eau Claire County Highway Commissioner