

POLK COUNTY HIGHWAY MEETING
Polk County Government Center, Balsam Lake, WI
September 7, 2006

Chairman Marvin Caspersen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., in the East Conference Room, Polk County Government Center, Balsam Lake, WI. Roll call was taken.

Members present: Marvin Caspersen, Art Gamache, Carl Holmgren, Bill Hughes, Jay Luke
Others present: Steve Warndahl, Kathy Bohn
Press present: Gregg Westigard, Linda Berg, Buz Swerkstrom

Holmgren questioned the need for the committee to go into closed session at stated on the agenda.

Motion by Luke and seconded by Gamache to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Holmgren and seconded by Gamache to amend the salt sand storage building bid award motion of the August 3, 2006 minutes to read: "...for the construction of a 80 ft. x 120 ft. salt sand storage...". Motion carried.

Motion by Hughes and seconded by Holmgren to approve the amended minutes from the August 3, 2006 Highway meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was opened to public comment.

Salt Sand Storage Shed: Malia Malone, Assistant Corporation Counsel, joined the meeting at this time and presented a contract for the construction of the salt sand storage building for committee review. She researched the statutes to assure that all areas on the contract were covered and stated that any changes to the contract must be agreeable and initialed by both parties. The contract must be signed by the County Board Chair and County Clerk. The committee made some minor recommendations and Malia will forward the final contract to Steve Warndahl for signatures.

CTH F/Dresser: Warndahl updated the committee on problems meeting road standards that the department is experiencing on CTH F. It will take substantial funds to bring the road up to 3R standards, involving purchase of easements and widening the road in wetland areas. The committee felt it was the right thing to do to bring the road up to standards, making it a safer road. The road is posted at 9 tons until the second asphalt lift is in place.

Dresser has accepted the committee's proposal for CTH F through the Village of Dresser, with construction to be completed in 2007. After completion, this portion of CTH F will be turned over to the Village.

STH 65 Project: Warndahl passed out an estimate for scheduled work on STH 65, with a signed contract expected within a couple weeks. The department will begin ditching and culvert work on STH 65 from North Bear Lake Drive to the Soo Line in Wanderoos, using excavated

materials from this project as needed fill on CTH F. Warndahl mentioned that there is an additional \$500,000 slated for STH 65 in 2007.

The committee moved to voucher review and project update at this time.

Vouchers paid in August were reviewed by the committee.

Motion by Gamache and seconded by Luke to approve the vouchers as paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Project Update/Administrative Report: Warndahl informed the committee that the department used 89 tons of recycled glass as fill on CTH F. The department will begin working on the King Lake boat landing for Black Brook soon. The McKenzie boom mower will be returned to McKenzie Supply & Equipment, in exchange for a boom mower installed on a highway tractor. This will be an even trade. A cross walk has been installed at the Government Center, in a joint effort by Buildings & Grounds, WisDOT, Village of Balsam Lake, Hills Super Valu and the Highway Department. This will allow employees to cross STH 46 to Hills safely.

The October highway meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, October 12th at 1:00 p.m. or later as the commissioner will be out of the office on the regularly scheduled meeting date.

Rod McGee will represent Polk County at the snow roadeo in Green Bay on September 20th.

Caspersen mentioned that the Property Committee will be moving ahead on centralized purchasing and maintenance of county vehicles.

Motion by Luke and seconded by Hughes to go into closed session under Wis. Stat. 19.36(10)(d) to consider information relating to employees and under Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment and compensation data. Roll call vote was taken and motion unanimously carried.

Steve Warndahl and Kathy Bohn stayed for the closed session.

Motion by Holmgren and seconded by Luke to return to open session. Roll call vote was taken and motion unanimously carried.

2007 Highway Budget: Discussion on the 2007 budget continued and the committee commended the commissioner and staff for achieving their 10% tax levy cut target for 2007.

Motion by Holmgren and seconded by Hughes to submit the preliminary 2007 Highway budget to Finance as policy mandates. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Luke and seconded by Gamache to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The Highway meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.