

POLK COUNTY HIGHWAY MEETING
Polk County Government Center, Balsam Lake, WI
October 11, 2007

Chairman Marvin Caspersen called the meeting to order at 2:31p.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,
 Jay Luke, Bill Hughes
Others present: Steve Warndahl, Kathy Bohn, Steve Mullenbach
Press present: Gregg Westigard, Reed Gache

Motion by Hughes and seconded by Luke to approve the agenda. Following discussion, motion by Luke and seconded by Gamache to remove “wheel tax” from item 4a and replace it with “registration fee”. Motions carried to approve the change and approve the amended agenda.

Motion by Luke and seconded by Gamache to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2007 Highway meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion on Funding Options: Tonya Weinert, Fiscal Director, joined the meeting at 2:37 p.m. to explain the proposed county board resolutions. The first resolution is permission to move forward with the campus project with a maximum cost of \$12,000,000. The second resolution provides funding \$15,500,000 for the campus, road projects and equipment. The third allows bonding for \$10,000,000 to get the best interest rates and take advantage of bidding. Discussion followed.

Weinert then explained the proposed registration fee resolution. The fee would generate \$400,000 of revenue in 2008 for capital equipment, with the county realizing possibly \$800,000 annually. She also explained borrowing \$300,000 from the State loan program at 5% for five years for capital purchases.

CTH F & CTH C Stop Stripes: Warndahl informed the committee that stop stripes have been installed at the intersection of CTH F and CTH C, as recommended by the engineering firm that conducted the traffic study.

RFP Award for Tri-Axle Truck: Mullenbach explained the bids received for the tri-axle cab & chassis, stating the department recommends purchasing the 2008 Sterling, with trade of #75 truck, from Boyer Trucks for \$75,949. This model will meet the new emission standards. Discussion followed on the trade-in value of highway trucks.

Motion by Holmgren and seconded by Luke to purchase the 2008 Sterling from Boyer Truck for \$75,949 with trade of #75 truck. Motion carried unanimously.

RFP Award for Grader Blades: Mullenbach reviewed the bids for snow plow/grader blades, stating the department recommends awarding the bid to Midstates Blade & Chain for \$39,644.40. This is same vendor as last year and has a good history with the department.

Motion by Holmgren and seconded by Gamache to award the bid for blades to Midstates Blade & Chain as presented for \$39,644.40. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Campus Steering Committee Update: Caspersen updated the committee on the status of the study, stating it would be presented to the county board on October 16th.

Voucher Review & Financial Reports: The committee reviewed the vouchers paid in September and discussion followed.

Motion by Gamache and seconded by Luke to approve vouchers as paid in September, 2007. Motion unanimously carried.

Project & Administrative Update: Warndahl updated the committee on the current projects. STH 65 and CTH H are paved and shouldered, and CTH N is paved, shouldered and striped. Discussion followed on the funding for STH 65, as the State has moved the scheduled repairs for the southern portion back one more year. This road is listed on the State's "Terrible 22", one of the worst roads in Wisconsin.

MSHA paid the department a surprise visit in September. The department was required to develop a training plan but otherwise was in good shape. Rod McGee placed 21st at the state-level roadeo held in Green Bay.

Cedar Corp is currently load rating all county bridges and should be done in the next two weeks. Some county bridges will have new bridge postings as a result of the ratings.

The WCHA Winter Conference is scheduled for January 28th – 30th in Wisconsin Dells.

The next highway meeting will be on November 1st at 1:00 p.m.

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

The Highway meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.