

**AGENDA**  
**POLK COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Polk County Government Center  
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, WI  
Thursday, September 3, 2009  
3:30 p.m., East Conference Room

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of the August 6, 2009 Meeting

Public Comments

Items of Business

1. Award Equipment RFP's:
  - a. Crew Truck
  - b. Skid Loader
2. Patching Trailer RFP's Authorization
3. 2010 Highway Budget
4. Lime/Highway Merger Discussion
5. Town of West Sweden Road Concern Discussion

Voucher Review & Financial Reports

Administrative Report

Committee Comments

Adjournment

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**Polk County Government Center, Balsam Lake, WI**  
**September 3, 2009**

Chairman Marv Caspersen called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m., at the Polk County Government Center, Balsam Lake, WI.

Members present: Jay Luke, Herschel Brown, Larry Voelker, Dean Johansen, Marvin Caspersen  
Others present: Steve Warndahl, Kathy Bohn, Steve Mullenbach  
Press present: Gregg Westigard

***Motion by Luke and seconded by Voelker to approve the agenda. Caspersen moved to strike item 4 Lime/Highway Merger Discussion from the agenda. Motion carried.***

***Motion by Luke and seconded by Brown to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.***

**EQUIPMENT RFP AWARDS:** Steve Mullenbach joined the meeting at 3:35 p.m. to advise the committee on the pending equipment RFP's. The department is recommending the purchase of a 2010 Dodge 1-ton single rear wheel crew cab from Bernard's due to the continued availability of the engine and repair parts. The department is also recommending the purchase of the Bobcat S250 from Barron Supply as low bid with buy back options.

***Motion by Luke and seconded by Voelker to accept the bid from Bernard's Northtown for the 2010 Dodge 1-ton single rear wheel crew cab with 4-wheel drive option and trade of #31 for \$33,190. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Motion by Voelker and seconded by Luke to accept the bid from Barron Supply for the Bobcat S250 with buy back options and trade of #151 for 27,376.93. Motion carried unanimously***

**PATCHING TRAILER RFP AUTHORIZATION:** Mullenbach informed the committee of the need to replace a patching trailer this year. The existing patching trailer has reached the stage where it is un-repairable by either in-house mechanics or outside repair services.

***Motion by Luke and seconded by Brown to authorize the department to seek bids for a patching trailer. Motion carried unanimously.***

**2010 HIGHWAY BUDGET:** Warndahl advised the committee that there are no changes at this time to the 2010 Highway budget as recommended by Finance.

**TOWN OF WEST SWEDEN ROAD CONCERN DISCUSSION:** Dennis O'Donnell and Scott Wilder joined the meeting to discuss the condition of CTH W from Frederic to Burnett County. During the road tour, Town of West Sweden and the committee had a preliminary discussion on the road conditions. O'Donnell questioned whether the road could be done in bits and pieces to show some improvement, indicating a mill and pave would be a vast improvement. O'Donnell indicated the town roads are taking a beating as a result of alternate traffic flow to avoid use of CTH W. This section of CTH W is in the Highway's road plan. An engineering plan was completed several years ago for the reconstruction of this road to 3R standards, but it would cost \$10,000,000 plus in current dollars to reconstruct this road. The department will look at improving some low areas as maintenance projects, focusing south of the Skol Bar.

**VOUCHER REVIEW & FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Bohn presented the vouchers paid in August for review along with the fund balance report and construction projects summary.

Brown questioned the purchases from NABPCO Auto Parts, stressing the need to purchase from in-county vendors in support of local taxpayers. Brown would like the department to work with the NAPA dealer in Milltown, assuring the committee that this store can be competitive in pricing. Discussion followed on the department's current purchasing practices and it was decided that the issue would be brought back to the next meeting.

***Motion by Johansen and seconded by Voelker to approve the bills paid in August. Motion carried unanimously.***

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Warndahl advised the committee that the economic stimulus contract on CTH Y has been signed and confirmation has been received. The department will focus on the ROW purchases and necessary permitting this year in anticipation of this project in 2010. The department will also be contributing \$25,000 from its road maintenance budget toward the redesign of an intersection at STH 65 and CTH K. The State will be funding the balance of the project. Todd Olson will be representing Polk County at the highway roadeo on September 9<sup>th</sup> in Green Bay.

**Committee Comments:** Johansen questioned the removal of the Lime/Highway merger discussion from the agenda and voiced his frustration with the process followed in the closing of the Lime Quarry. Discussion followed.

***Motion by Luke and seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.***

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.