

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 14th, 2020

The Manitowoc County Highway Committee convened into an open session at the Manitowoc County Highway Department, 3500 STH 310 Manitowoc, Wisconsin at 4:00 P.M. on this 14th day of July, 2020.

Supervisor Behnke called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Supervisors Behnke, Gerroll, Maresh, and Vogt

Excused: Engelbrecht

Also Present: Marc Holsen, County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer, County Board Chair Jim Brey, Daryl and Trisha Jeske

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Vogt made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Gerroll to approve the minutes from the June 9th, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Regular Business

(Public Comment): None

CTH VV Controlled Access Driveway Request

Holsen informed the Committee of recent driveway access request within a controlled access highway segment of CTH VV. The Committee reviewed the letter submitted by Mr. Daryl Jeske of 1020 CTH VV. Holsen passed the floor to Mr. and Mrs. Jeske to present their hardship. Discussion took place related to a property easement and current shared driveway access to include recent details of conflicts related. Holsen provided the Committee with the information in comparison to County Code Chapter 15.02 geometrics, existing driveways and spacing requirements. Supervisor Gerroll made a motion to consult with the Planning and Zoning Department regarding the history of the affected access as well as the Town of Two Rivers. Seconded by Supervisor Vogt. Motioned passed unanimously. Holsen stated that a follow up site visit would be performed to confirm the feasibility of an additional access within the right of way. Item to be presented again on the August Highway Committee agenda. The Committee thanked Mr. and Mrs. Jeske for their attendance. No further discussion.

Airport - CAVU Updates

Holsen presented the Committee with a previous letter of interest from AeroSpace Development Group related to the proposal of a private sector FBO at the airport. The Committee discussed the matter for future considerations.

Holsen provided the Committee with CAVU Flight School updates including the number of current aviation students, school's staffing of instructors, and future intentions. Information regarding the recently completed airfield pavement marking, pavement crack sealing, and upcoming Taxiway "B" lighting projects was presented. The Committee thanked Holsen for the updates.

Airport Lane Petition

Holsen presented the previous agenda item of a proposal to purchase .11 acres of airport property for private use. The Committee discussed the details related. Motion made by Supervisor Gerroll to deny the request. Seconded by Supervisor Maresh. Motion passed unanimously. Holsen stated that he would contact the interested party with the Committee's decision.

Highway/Parks Department Transfer Phase II

Holsen presented the Committee with information related to the Parks Department operations currently being dispatched and staffed with Highway Department employees. Discussion also took place in regards to the storage of Parks equipment and materials at the Highway facility. The past and current annual operations labor and supervisory costs incurred were presented. Holsen stated that the data shows it to be cost effective for both departments to transfer the operations and remaining administrative responsibilities fully to the Planning and Zoning Department as part of the previous department transfer implemented. The change would be effective as of January 1st, 2021. The Committee thanked Holsen for the information.

Highway Project Status

Holsen presented a highway construction status update to include recently completed projects as well the upcoming schedule. He also informed the Committee of a notice recently provided by WisDOT regarding new work zone restrictions on I-43 northbound. Discussion took place regarding the increased traffic counts, worker safety and the possibility of additional State project costs increases related due to the shortened allowed interstate weekly work timeframe. No further discussion.

New “LRIP”

Holsen informed the Committee of a recent Local Roads Improvement Program “LRIP” online system upgrade.

The Committee thanked Holsen for the information.

2019-2020 Winter Recap

Holsen presented information recently submitted by WisDOT as an overall statewide winter salt usage reduction and cost savings in comparison to previous years. He discussed the additional use of salt brine being a factor as well as the winter severity difference from the previous year. No further discussion.

WCHA Summer Road School Updates

Holsen informed the Committee of the counties in which currently plan to attend the upcoming WCHA Summer Road School. Discussion took place regarding the recently extended business travel ban implemented for Manitowoc County as well as various other Wisconsin counties due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Holsen stated that he would not be attending this year’s event. The Committee also confirmed that no members would be attending the conference.

NACo Analysis

Holsen presented a legislative analysis from the National Association of Counties for their review. No discussion followed.

Badgerland Aggregates Operation Discussion

County Board Chairman Brey informed the Committee of a recent inquiry/concern related to the safety of an egress driveway used by Badgerland Aggregates on CTH Q (Town of Gibson). The Committee discussed the history of the area and haul truck traffic related. Holsen stated that he would send a letter to the aggregate company in regards to the concerns. The Committee thanked Holsen.

Overtime Report

Holsen provided the Committee the recent overtime. The Committee reviewed the report. No further discussion.

Vouchers

The committee reviewed the vouchers dated June 2, 2020 to June 30th, 2020. Supervisor Gerroll made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Vogt. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date

August 11th, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Supervisor Maresh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Gerroll. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Submitted by:

Marc A. Holsen,
Highway Commissioner