

POLK COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, WI
Thursday, July 1, 2010
3:30 p.m., West Conference Room

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of the June 3, 2010 Meeting

Public Comments

Items of Business

1. Advisory Referendum
2. Commissioner's Goals Discussion
3. Highway Policies Discussion

Voucher Review & Financial Reports

Administrative Report

Committee Comments

Adjournment

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POLK COUNTY HIGHWAY MEETING
Polk County Highway Office, Balsam Lake, WI
July 1, 2010

Chairman Caspersen called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., at the Polk County Government Center, Balsam Lake, WI.

Members present: Marvin Caspersen, Dean Johansen, Jay Luke, Craig Moriak
Others present: Steve Warndahl, Kathy Bohn
Press present: Gregg Westigard

Motion by Luke and seconded by Johansen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Luke and seconded by Moriak to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

Advisory Referendum: Warndahl reviewed the resolution for placing an advisory referendum question on the November ballot, which asks the voters if the Wisconsin Constitution should be amended to prohibit any further transfers or lapses from the segregated transportation fund. Warndahl indicated that 50 plus counties in Wisconsin have forwarded the resolution to their county boards for approval. WCA drafted the resolution for county use. Discussion followed.

Motion by Johansen and seconded by Moriak to forward the resolution as presented for action to county board. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Goals: Warndahl gave his quarterly goals update to the committee as follows. He received notification that the insulation installed in the highway building does meet code per the state of Wisconsin. He updated the committee on the status of the 2010 construction projects. Warndahl feels the department will be COMM 34 compliance by the end of the year and that employees are in favor of more training. The revised 6-year road plan was discussed along with the merits of ultra-thin overlays. Warndahl would like an outside evaluation completed to determine what needs to be done to the existing building and would like to see a long range plan. Discussion followed on the best way to come up with a plan and whether to build new versus repairing the existing building. The committee felt the focus for the next budget cycle should be critical repairs on the existing building.

Highway Policies: Warndahl presented a summary of all Highway policies, their effective dates and whether they have committee approval. The department will be reviewing and updating all policies and bringing them to committee for approval.

Voucher Review and Approval: The committee reviewed the vouchers paid from June 1 - 22, 2010.

Motion by Johansen and seconded by Luke to approve the bills as paid. Motion carried.

Bohn presented the fund balance report through May, 2010, along with the YTD 2010 construction project summary.

Administrative Report: Warndahl advised that the highway crew attempted to repair the bridge on USH 8 at St. Croix Falls this week. The failure worsened when traffic was re-routed to

two lanes to do the repairs, so repairs were halted and the re-route removed. MnDOT is scheduled to do the repairs next week. Scheduling the paver is more difficult this year due to the increased workload from stimulus money.

Dana Frey, County Administrator, joined the meeting to talk about the 2011 budget process.

Committee Comments: Moriak asked Warndahl how the cheese brine presentation went at the WCHA conference, with Warndahl giving the highlights. He also wanted to know if the “NO MOORE” stickers were still an issue. Warndahl indicated the department is removing them with vegetable oil when they see them, but that there is no easy fix if the reflectivity is damaged. Westigard asked what was being done of STH 35 with the wild parsnip that is growing out of control. Warndahl indicated WisDOT has been notified but no response has been received.

Motion by Luke and seconded by Johansen to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.