

Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 8, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Courthouse Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Larry Palecek, Committee Chairperson. Roll Call: Present: Bruce Jilka, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, William Teeters, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Joe Baratka, Nick Trimner, Rachel Dahlke, Robert Kopisch, James Adolph.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: Nick went to circuit court with Bruce Marshall on Friday for the case of Town of Worcester's abandonment of the road to the salt shed. Was postponed for 90 days due to the new membership of the town board.
2. Minutes March 4, 2019 meeting: Motion Jilka/Spacek to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Wisconsin County Highway Association:
 - a. Summer Road School – June 3 & 4: Registrations handed out. Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Motion Spacek/Teeters to send up to four committee members to the Summer Road School. Motion carried.
4. Annual North Central Region Spring Meeting April 26th: County Aire in Stratford. Motion Wartgow/Teeters to send up to three committee members to the Annual North Central Region Spring Meeting. Motion carried.
5. Billing Public Entities for Emergency Services: Letter from Ogema Fire Protection District. Intent of billing was to recoup costs from insurance carriers. Joe will find out how other counties handle being called out for road maintenance.
6. County Trunk Highway W Causeway update: Met with engineer on March 26th. Project will be delayed to resolve right-of-way issues. Recommend leaving the posting on the existing structure going forward until project completion. Traffic count will dictate the size of the bridge. Project will be approximately \$550,000. Public information meeting tentatively scheduled June 17th. Bidding in December. Construction summer/fall 2020. 60-90 day project duration.
7. Equipment Purchase and Condition update: Review of existing equipment and purchase plans.
8. Schedule Annual Road Tour: May 17th at 7 a.m. starting at the Highway Shop.
9. Department Reports
 - a. Highway Crew: City of Phillips water leak under the County Highway H bridge project. Spring weight restrictions posted. Culverts, minor drainage issues, brushing, liquid salt application, tree removals, pothole and sign repairs. County D project brushing and tree removal, sweeping intersections, chain saw safety, accepting 327 tons of county salt and 280 tons of reserve salt.
 - b. Facilities / Office: Ready spring equipment. State brining system setup. Waste water treatment systems will be separated to prevent future freeze-up. Reviewing equipment inventory. Two new State plow trucks. Busy with repairs of old equipment.
 - c. Airport: Resolving some problems with runway lighting. Fuel sales improving. Investigating advantages of fuel branding (a company that provides all fuel costs and fueling equipment). Meeting with BOA regarding potential engineering on six-year plan projects.
 - d. Dams: Water levels being maintained and will gradually be brought back up to normal. Weed control on embankments. Electronic monitoring, lighting and other safety precautions are part of the projects to Musser and Solberg dams.
10. Vouchers: Motion Jilka/Wartgow to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$228,453.24. Motion carried.
11. Announcement and motion Teeters/Wartgow to adjourn to closed session at 11:24 a.m. pursuant to the exemptions in Wis. State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and (e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session for the purpose of:
 - a. Performance Evaluation of Interim Highway Commissioner
 - b. Reconsider Closed Session Action taken on Sale of County-owned Land:
W5294 County Road A
 - c. Return to Open SessionRoll call vote: Yes (5): Jilka, Palecek, Spacek, Teeters, Wartgow. No: (0). Motion carried.
Motion Spacek/Teeters in closed session to return to open session at 12:02 p.m. Roll call vote: Yes (5): Jilka, Palecek, Spacek, Teeters, Wartgow. No: (0). Motion carried.
12. Take Action, as needed, on closed session items. No action taken.
13. Schedule next meeting: May 17th and June 10th.
14. Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk