

**JEFFERSON COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, November 4, 2014**

The Jefferson County Highway Committee met on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, at 8:00 A.M. for a meeting at the Highway Office.

**ROLL OF THE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:**

Members present: Ron Buchanan; George Jaeckel; Al Counsell; Walt Christensen; Carlton Zentner

Members absent: None

Also Present: William Kern, Highway Commissioner  
Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator  
Jim Mode, County Board Supervisor  
Ann Jenswold, Highway Department  
Erik Coonen, Highway Department  
Bill Buglass, Payne & Dolan

Purpose of the meeting was to review and approve vouchers and other highway business.

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES:** The minutes from the October 7, 2014 Highway meeting, having been distributed in advance, it was moved by Mr. Buchanan and seconded by Mr. Christensen to approve the minutes as printed.

Carried by the following roll call:

AYES: Jaeckel, Buchanan, Counsell, Christensen, Zentner

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Patricia Cicero, Land & Water Conservation Department: Memo regarding CTH "A" south of Lake Mills

Newsletters:

- NONE

News Releases/Notices:

- NONE

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- NONE

**HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

- **Construction Projects**

CTH "N" (CTH "B" – CTH "A") – Reconstruction (Construction, Pave, Shoulder)

Schedule: May 1 – November 21

Progress: Crews have approximately .5 mile of road/pavement construction to complete. 80% complete (85% of road undercut, 60% slope/drainage, 40% paving) - Project will be completed in early 2015

CTH "G" (US 18 – STH 89) – Resurfacing (Pulverize, Pave, Shoulder)

Schedule: May 27 – June 13

Progress: Project is complete

CTH "W" (STH 26 – Collins Road) – Resurface (Pulverize, Pave, Shoulder)

Schedule: June 2 – September 3

Progress: Completed all widening and slope work. Paved binder mat of asphalt and opened highway. Remaining work will be completed next year after all facility work is finished. 90% complete for 2014 – Project will be finished in 2015.

- **General Maintenance**

Crews completed various signing repair work and numerous sign/post replacements

Crews completed bridge maintenance and repair projects

County is completing a small pulverize/pave project for the Town of Aztalan

Crews working on additional mowing cuts needed on state and county highways

- **Office/Shop**

Shop staff is beginning to prepare trucks for winter maintenance

Design work is still in progress for CTH "J", CTH "A", and CTH "P"

**OLD BUSINESS**

- NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

**9a. Approve 2015 Routine Maintenance Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation**

Commissioner Kern reviewed the 2015 RMA with estimated costs of \$2,095,900.00 with the Committee. He stated that this is an increase of 7.7% from 2014. Questions from the Committee were answered.

It was moved by Mr. Buchanan and seconded by Mr. Zentner to approve the 2015 Routine Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$2,095,900.00 with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Carried by the following roll call:

- AYES: Jaeckel, Buchanan, Counsell, Christensen, Zentner
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

**9b. Review resolution for Implements of Husbandry (IOH) new permit process**

County Board Supervisor, Jim Mode, spoke in regards to the agenda item, stating that he would like to see county wide consistency in regards to this new permit process. Commissioner Kern discussed the reasons why IOH is being addressed: Equipment increasing in size and weight; update statutory definition of IOH; need to maintain roads – balancing agriculture’s need and town/county responsibility; provide safe roads and bridges; and maintain local control. He also discussed Wisconsin Act 377 signed by Governor Walker on April 23, 2014, and the six options available to local governments. Option A: Posting Approach; Option B: Total Opt Out; Option C: Partial Opt Out I; Option D: Partial Opt Out II; Option E: Opt In; Option F: Abides by Act 377. The maximum GVW 92,000 lbs. and maximum axle weight 23,000 lbs. There is no fee for the new permit process that goes into effect January 1, 2015. If no resolution is brought forward, Option F will go into effect in January. There was discussion by the Committee and questions were addressed. No Motion.

**9c. Review monthly financial account summary**

The Highway Commissioner discussed the financial account summary with the Committee. Questions from the Committee were answered. No Motion

**10. Highway Operations Report**

The Commissioner reviewed the operations report with the Committee regarding current operations. He discussed the CTH “N” project and progress – a tour will take place after today’s meeting. Questions were answered. No Motion.

**REVIEW & APPROVE VOUCHERS:** The vouchers held the following totals resulting:

BILLS:	10/21/14	\$ 12,726.19
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BILLS:	11/04/14	\$ 21,271.13
COMMITTEE:	SEPTEMBER	<u>\$ 392.16</u>
TOTALS:		\$ 215,749.41

It was moved by Mr. Counsell and seconded by Mr. Christensen that the bills are allowed as reviewed.

Carried by the following roll call:

AYES: Jaeckel, Buchanan, Counsell, Christensen, Zentner

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion by Mr. Jaeckel and seconded by Mr. Buchanan to adjourn at 9:35 a.m.

Carried by the following roll call:

AYES: Jaeckel, Buchanan, Counsell, Christensen, Zentner

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The next meeting will be held on December 2, 2014.

Approval:

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Al Counsell, Secretary