

Green County Highway Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 14, 2021

The Green County Highway Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021 at the Green County Highway Department located at 2813 6th Street, Monroe, Wisconsin and via Zoom. Members present were: Chairman Harvey Mandel, Vice Chairman Russ Torkelson, Secretary Jeff Williams, Kristi Leonard and Mark Gundlach. Others present were Commissioner Chris Narveson, Jami Thomm, James Wyss, John Schumacher, Mark Niffenegger, Norman Barrientos and Taylor Korslin (Barrientos Design).

Chairman Harvey Mandel called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

The agenda was accepted as submitted.

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2021 meeting was made by Mark Gundlach and seconded by Jeff Williams. The motion carried.

The Committee audited bills. A motion was made by Jeff Williams and seconded by Mark Gundlach to approve the bills for the amount of \$322,338.79 for the month of May. The motion carried.

Norman Barrientos and Taylor Korslin with Barrientos Design joined the meeting at this time. Norman and Taylor provided the Committee with the Green County Highway Department Space Needs and Site Selection Study. A formal presentation was provided to the Committee. Norman and Taylor left the meeting at this time.

Patrol Superintendent John Schumacher reported the Construction Crew is continuing paver patching and the WisDOT Crash Attenuator has been purchased by the State. STH 81 Bridge work has been scheduled on Friday, June, 18, 2021.

Shop Foreman James Wyss reported mowers are almost completed and readying equipment to be placed on WI Surplus Online Auction.

Kristi Leonard left the meeting at this time.

Discussion was held on purchasing a Quad Axle from I-State for \$176,990.00 and trading in Unit# 173 2002 Sterling Quad Axle. A motion was made by Russ Torkelson to purchase the Quad Axle and seconded by Mark Gundlach. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on purchasing a demoed loader from Aring Equipment for the approximate amount of \$123,000.00. A motion was made by Mark Gundlach to approve the loader purchase and seconded by Jeff Williams. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on purchasing a Bobcat Skid Steer Loader. A motion was made by Jeff Williams to purchase a skid steer loader contingent on the WisDOT purchasing the crash attenuator and seconded by Mark Gundlach. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on selling numerous equipment on WI Surplus Online Auction. A motion was by Russ Torkelson to approve selling the equipment on the auction and seconded by Mark Gundlach. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2021 Bridge Inspection Contract Amendment for the same amount as 2020. A motion was made by Mark Gundlach to approve the contract amendment and seconded by Jeff Williams. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on time and materials being billed to accidents occurring on County Highways. No action.

Commissioner Chris Narveson advised the Committee of complaints being received regarding the posted STH 69 detour.

The Committee reviewed a request to close CTH KS in Juda for Forefather's Day on July 4, 2021.

The Committee reviewed a request to close CTH KS in Juda for benefit on September 18, 2021. A motion was made by Russ Torkelson to approve agenda items 14 & 15 and seconded by Jeff Williams. The motion carried.

The Committee reviewed a request from Community Antique Tractor Puller to close Main Street/CTH C in Monticello on June 20, 2021. Discussion was held on any damage occurred during the closure will be billed out. A motion was made by Jeff Williams to approve the request and seconded by Mark Gundlach. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on the ATV/UTV Route Ordinance. No action.

Highway Commissioner Chris Narveson provided information on the following item:

a. Chris shared the SW Region Bridge 2022-2027 Eligibility List with the Committee and advised four bridges are needing to be replaced.

Chairman Harvey Mandel stated the purpose for closed session: That purpose being; considering employment or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c). Specifically, regarding the Confidential Administrative Assistant position and discussion regarding performance of Highway Commissioner and re-election of the board. A motion was made by Mark Gundlach and seconded by Jeff Williams to enter into closed session. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Gundlach and seconded by Russ Torkelson to reconvene into open session. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Russ Torkelson to promote Confidential Administrative Assistant Jami Thomm at Grade 8, Step 5. The Highway Committee will request to the Personnel and Labor Relations Committee on behalf of Jami Thomm. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Gundlach and seconded by Jeff Williams to recommend appointment to the County Board for Chris Narveson for Highway Commissioner for two more years. The motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting date is July 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Williams and seconded by Mark Gundlach. The motion carried.

Jeff Williams
Secretary