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Highway Committee Minutes Thursday February 9, 2017

Members Present: Nickelatti, Sullivan, Erlandson, Leis, and Williams.

Others in attendance: Commissioner Phil Hewitt, Lonnie Muller, Susan Conaway

1. Call to order, JoAnn Nickelatti, Chair, presiding

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Chairperson Nickelatti.

2. Affirmation of proper public notice of meeting

3. Review and approve minutes of the January 11, 2017 meeting

Motion by Leis, seconded by Sullivan, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2017 meeting.
Motion carried.

4. Audience to visitors

Mark Erickson from Land Conservation was present to discuss making one of their employees full-time by sharing with the Highway and B&F Departments. The employee would work approximately 75% of the time with Land Conservation and the remaining time at the other departments. After some discussion, it was agreed by the committee that the shared position should be considered. Mark will report to the Land Conservation Committee and start the process.

5. Discussion and possible action on purchase of skid steer snow blower

Hewitt presented prices for a skid steer snow blower – \$3,871 for a Bobcat and \$6,096 for a John Deere. He said the blower would be used to clean guardrails along highways. Motion by Erlandson, seconded by Sullivan, to purchase the Bobcat blower for \$3,871. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action on skid steer sweeper

Hewitt presented prices for a skid steer sweeper – \$3,647 for a Bobcat and \$5,659 for a John Deere. He said the sweeper would be used on bridges and for winter maintenance. Motion by Erlandson, seconded by Sullivan, to purchase the Bobcat sweeper for \$3,647. Motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action on new batwing mower

Hewitt presented prices for a batwing mower – \$15,992 for a Bush Hog and \$19,999 for an Alamo. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Leis, to purchase the Bush Hog mower for \$15,992. Motion carried.



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8. Review and approve vouchers for payment

Motion by Leis, seconded by Erlandson, to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

9. Commissioner's Report – Phil Hewitt – Non-action item

Hewitt updated the committee on the following: he is still working with FEMA on the September flood damage; the paint truck should be done by June 1st – he will need to travel to Pennsylvania to inspect the truck at some point; he is still working with the City of Hillsboro on ATV routes; there are two vacancies that will be filled – Patrol Supervisor and Patrolworker; he showed the committee preliminary plans for a new shop that were drawn up by Barrientos.

10. Set next meeting date

March 9, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Erlandson, seconded by Sullivan, to adjourn. Motion carried.