



Vernon County Highway Department

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Highway Committee Minutes Thursday June 8, 2017

Members Present: JoAnn Nickelatti, Glenda Sullivan, Sherman Erlandson, Michael Leis and Dave Williams

Members Absent: none

Others in attendance: Commissioner Phil Hewitt, Lonnie Muller, Gail Muller, Angela Cina

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

The meeting was properly noticed.

3. Review and approve minutes of the May 10, 2017 meeting

Motion by Leis, seconded by Sullivan, to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Audience to visitors - none

5. Discussion and possible action on new highway shop

The committee discussed moving forward with the new highway shop. The next step is going to finance to discuss the funding.

~~**6. Discussion and possible action on heated storage/brine facility**~~

7. Discussion and possible action on CTH JJ bridge grant/repair

Commissioner Hewitt informed the committee that a CDBG grant will most likely not be available for replacing the CTH JJ bridge. In addition, FEMA has only agreed to share in the cost of repair. The committee agreed that repairing the bridge is the best option with the funds available. Motion by Leis, seconded by Sullivan, to move forward with repairing the bridge. Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action on resolution for gas tax increase for highway funding

Hewitt presented a Resolution in Support of a Gas Tax Increase. See attached. County Board Chair, Dennis Brault, drafted the resolution to present to the Highway Committee, County Board and then the Wisconsin Counties Association. Motion by Erlandson, seconded by Williams, to sign the resolution. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action on CTH HH speed limit safety study

Hewitt informed the committee he would like to reduce the speed limit on CTH HH because of an intersection that some residents believe is hazardous. In order to reduce the limit by more than 10 mph, a safety study must be done by the D.O.T. Hewitt will contact the D.O.T. to get more information on the process.



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10. Review and approve vouchers for payment

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

11. Commissioner’s Report – Phil Hewitt – Non-action item

Hewitt updated the committee on the following: He will travel to Pennsylvania in June to check on the new paint truck; he will talk with the new corporation counsel about the ATV/UTV ordinance.

12. Set next meeting date

July 11, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

13. Adjourn

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

Minutes submitted by Sue Conaway – Vernon County Highway Department

Resolution # _____

Resolution in Support of a Gas Tax Increase

WHEREAS, the Vernon County economy is dependent on County and Town roads; and

WHEREAS, State funding for local roads in Vernon County has failed to keep up with costs associated with maintaining our local infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, safety is a primary concern and responsibility of local government;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vernon County Highway Committee and Vernon County Board of Supervisors urge and support a responsible increase in the State’s gas tax to adequately and sustainably fund our transportation system.

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board

Dated June 8, 2017

Johann Nickelatti
Johann Nickelatti, Highway Committee Chair

Aye 5 Nay 0 Abstain _____

Adopted by Vernon County Board of Supervisors
July 26, 2017
Attest:

Ron Hoff, Vernon County Clerk