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Highway Committee Minutes Thursday, December 14, 2017

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

Others in attendance: Commissioner Phil Hewitt, Ole Yttri, Lonnie Muller, Gail Muller, Craig Engel

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 November 13, 2017 meeting

Motion by Leis, seconded by Williams, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Audience to visitors

Chris Blum from S.E.H., inc. was present to discuss the CTH D bridge project. Craig Engel, S7199 Atley Road, was present to discuss the CTH JJ Bridge. He asked to defer his comments until after the Commissioner's report – CTH JJ update.

5. Discussion on RFP for salt shed at De Soto hill

Hewitt informed the committee he would like to send RFP's for the De Soto hill salt shed dome.

6. Discussion and possible action on loader shed at De Soto hill

Hewitt asked the committee for permission to research costs for a loader shed at the De Soto Hill. He would like to build a shed big enough for two trucks and a loader.

7. Discussion and possible action on box culverts on CTH S and CTH Y

Hewitt informed the committee there are box culverts on CTH S and CTH Y in need of replacement. They will cost approximately \$60,000 and \$40,000.

8. Discussion on 2018 construction

Hewitt informed the committee that he plans to pave 3.47 miles on CTH Y next year and an additional 2 miles on CTH Y if the budget allows.



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9. Discussion on year end funding

Hewitt and the committee discussed the budget. Hewitt mentioned constructing an extra mile of road, extra sand/salt inventory and flooding.

10. Review and approve vouchers for payment

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

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

- a. **New highway shop progress** – Hewitt informed the committee he may need to look at an alternate site for the new shop because of a proposed recycling/garbage operation near the current proposed site. He will give an update at the special County Board meeting next week.
- b. **Brining operations** – Hewitt updated the committee on brining operations.
- c. **CTH JJ bridge update** – Hewitt said he is still waiting for a decision from FEMA about what they will pay for. Craig Engel, who lives near the bridge, was present to discuss his concerns about the process. Engel hopes the county will make a decision about repairing or replacing and move forward soon. Engel also discussed safety concerns due to warning signs on CTH JJ that are misleading and the lack of warning signs on USH 14
- d. **Aegis Corp.** – Hewitt informed the committee Aegis was here to discuss the safety program with employees.
- e. **Clerk position** – Hewitt informed the committee that the shop clerk will be doing an on-call rotation during the winter instead of him.
- f. **Department head evaluation in January** – Hewitt informed the committee they will be doing his performance evaluation in January.

12. Set next meeting date

Next regular meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

13. Adjourn

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