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Highway Committee Minutes Thursday, July 12, 2018

Members Present: JoAnn Nickelatti, Glenda Sullivan, Michael Leis, Dave Williams,
Lorn Goede

Others in attendance: Commissioner Phil Hewitt, Dennis Brault, Ole Yttri, Nikki Swayne,
Gail Muller, Lonnie Muller, Mark Davison, Josh Blum, Serena Inman,
Doug Avoles

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 June 14, 2018 and July 5, 2018 meetings

Motion by Leis, seconded by Sullivan, to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2018 and July 5, 2018 meetings. Motion carried.

Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Williams, to move to "Patrol Supervisor Interviews" on the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Patrol Supervisor Interviews: The Chair may entertain a motion to enter into a closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(c): "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility." (Roll call vote if motion is not unanimous)

1. Entry into closed session if a motion is made and passed.

Motion by Leis, seconded by Goede, to enter into closed session. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

2. Reconvene in open session pursuant to Wis. Statutes Section 19.85(2). (Roll call vote if motion is not unanimous)

Motion by Williams, seconded by Sullivan, to reconvene into open session. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5. May act on items discussed in closed session

Motion by Williams, seconded by Sullivan, to hire Tom Skala as patrol supervisor with a 60 day trial period. Motion carried.



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Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Goede to move to “Discussion of proper bidding procedures” on the agenda. Motion carried.

6. Discussion on proper bidding procedures – Corporation Counsel, Nikki Swayne

Corporation Counsel, Nikki Swayne, was present to discuss proper bidding procedures with the committee. According to Swayne, the Statute that requires bids for purchases over \$25,000 does not apply to the Highway Department. Swayne informed the committee that Statute 83.04 (1) applies to the Highway Department and they can determine whether bidding is in the best public interest. Swayne stated the committee should have the decision of whether to bid in the minutes.

7. Audience to visitors

Leah Rhodes from MSA and Randy Anderson/Eric Price from Corre, Inc. were present to discuss the upcoming bridge replacement projects and ask for consideration as design consultants.

Doug Avoles, GIS Coordinator, was present to discuss a new county surveyor position for the County.

Mike Leis left the meeting.

8. Review and approve asphalt bid for CTH Y

Commissioner Hewitt informed the committee the project agreement for the CTH Y–LRIP project was received from the State. The asphalt paving bid for this project is attached. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Williams, to award the asphalt paving for the CTH Y–LRIP project to Mathy Construction. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and possible action on wheel tax option

Hewitt informed the committee he has talked to Iowa County about their wheel tax and it has been positive. He said that Vernon County could make between \$400,000 and \$500,000 per year by adding a \$20 wheel tax on licensed vehicles under 8,000 lbs. After some discussion it was decided that Hewitt should bring a resolution to the next meeting.

10. Discussion and possible action on “Just Fix It” Resolution

Hewitt presented a “Just Fix It” – Transportation Resolution. See attached. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Goede, to sign the resolution and forward to the County Board. Motion carried.

11. Discussion and possible action on budget request for future road improvements

Hewitt asked the committee if they would like him to request additional highway funds at the budget meetings this fall. After discussion, it was decided that Hewitt should request additional funds.



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12. Discussion and possible action on ATV/UTV routes

Hewitt presented ATV/UTV route requests. See attached. Motion by Williams, seconded by Goede, to approve the requests. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action on disc bine mower purchase

Hewitt informed the committee he would like to purchase a New Holland disc bine mower from Simpson Tractor for \$7,100. Motion by Goede, seconded by Williams, to purchase the mower. Motion carried.

14. Review and approve vouchers for payment

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

15. Commissioner’s Report – Phil Hewitt – Non-action items

Hewitt updated the committee on the following: There are four bridges that have been approved for replacement in the new cycle; the new shop is still in the design process; he is still waiting for a decision from FEMA on the CTH JJ bridge; paving on CTH Y will begin the week the July 23rd.

16. Set next meeting date

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

17. Adjourn

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

Minutes submitted by Sue Conaway – Vernon County Highway Department

ASPHALT BIDS – 2018

Item # - Description	Mathy	Scott
40204-Asphaltic Material (Tack)/gal.	\$2.15/gal.	No Bid
41101-Asphaltic Surface/ton	\$54.14/ton	
64301-Traffic Control (Lump Sum)	\$1000.00	
61910-Mobilization (Lump Sum)	\$3000.00 *May be deducted if no bid bond required	
Total cost	\$539,950.90	



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Resolution # _____
“Just Fix It” - Transportation Resolution

WHEREAS, local government in Wisconsin is responsible for about 90% of the road miles in the state; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s diverse economy is dependent upon county and town roads as well as city and village streets and transit systems across the state; and

WHEREAS, Vernon County and other local governments across Wisconsin have been highlighting our unmet transportation needs in many different avenues including events such as the historic Turnout for Transportation event in September of 2016 where local governments in every region of this state held simultaneous meetings calling on the state legislature to prioritize transportation and pass a sustainable funding package; and

WHEREAS, while the increase in transportation funding for locals in the last budget was certainly appreciated, many still aren’t back to 2011 levels when you adjust for inflation; and

WHEREAS, locals, including Vernon County, continue to struggle to meet even the most basic maintenance needs for our transportation system; and

WHEREAS, states surrounding Wisconsin and across the country have stepped up with sustainable funding plans for their state and local roads; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin will be at a competitive disadvantage if it does not implement a revenue and spending plan that addresses both our Interstates that were built in the 1950’s and 60’s *and* our local and state roads; and

WHEREAS, levy limits do not allow local government to make up for the deterioration of state funding; and

WHEREAS, local governments would not be forced to turn to local wheel taxes or increased borrowing or exceeding their levy limits if the state would finally pass a sustainable funding plan for transportation; and

WHEREAS, the County Board recognizes that our state highway and interstate system is the backbone of our surface transportation system and plays a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin. Both local *and* state roads need to be properly maintained in order for our economy to grow; and

WHEREAS, from a competitive standpoint Wisconsin motorists pay significantly less than any of our neighbors when you combine the annual cost of the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees; and



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vernon County Board of Supervisors urges the Governor and Legislature to Just Fix It and agree upon a sustainable solution: one that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin's transportation system. Furthermore, the County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to our State Legislators and to Governor Scott Walker.

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board
July 12, 2018
Highway Committee

JoAnn Nickelatti
JoAnn Nickelatti, Chair

VOTE 4 0 1
 Yes No Absent/Abstain

Adopted by Vernon County Board of Supervisors
July 24, 2018
Attest:

Ron Hoff, Vernon County Clerk



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ATV/UTV Routes on County Trunk Highways

Municipality/ Town	Roads	Date Approved at Highway Committee
Town of Forest	All County Roads that lie within the Town of Forest limits:	pending approval
	CTH F, CTH P, CTH V, CTH Z, CTH ZZ	at July meeting
Town of Hamburg	All County Roads that lie within the Town of Forest limits:	pending approval
	CTH K, CTH KK	at July meeting
Town of Hillsboro	All County Roads that lie within the Town of Forest limits:	pending approval
	CTH F, CTH FF, CTH HH, CTH Q, CTH W, CTH WW	at July meeting
Town of Viroqua	All County Roads that lie within the Town of Forest limits:	pending approval
	CTH B, CTH BB, CTH J, CTH LF, CTH NN, CTH SS, CTH T, CTH Y	at July meeting
Town of Whitestown	All County Roads that lie within the Town of Whitestown limits:	pending approval
	CTH F, CTH P, CTH ZZ	at July meeting