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Highway Committee Minutes Thursday, April 11, 2019

Members Present: JoAnn Nickelatti, Glenda Sullivan, Michael Leis, Loren Goede

Others in attendance: Commissioner Phil Hewitt, Roger Call, Ole Yttri, Lonnie Muller, Gail Muller, Nikki Swayne

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 March 14, 2019 meeting

Motion by Leis, seconded by Sullivan, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Audience to visitors – N/A

5. Discussion and approve 2019 Seal Coat Emulsion bids

Discussion on the bids that were submitted by Flint Hills and Meigs. Flint Hills had the lower bid, but after discussion of past business, it was decided to go with Meigs because of their timeliness of deliveries and efficiency, and the quality of customer service that has been received in the past. Motion made by Leis, seconded by Sullivan. (see attached bid table) Motion carried.

6. Review and approve 2019 Seal Coat Chip bids

Bids were submitted by Fahrner, Kraemer, Opelt, and Scott Construction. Motion made by Sullivan and seconded by Leis to award the bid to Opelt as they submitted the lowest bid and their quarry is closest in proximity. (see attached bid table) Motion carried.

7. Review and approve 2019 Asphalt bids (paving and/or plant)

Mathy is the only company that submitted bids. Motion made by Leis, seconded by Goede to accept Mathy's bid for paving asphalt and upgrading the oil to PG 58-28H for an additional \$3.10/ton for longer life cycle on a road that is heavily traveled by horses and buggies. Motion carried. Mathy was also the only company to submit a bid for an asphalt plant. Motion made by Sullivan, seconded by Leis to accept Mathy's asphalt plant bid. Motion carried. (see attached bid table)



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8. Review and approve 2019 Gravel bids

Bids were submitted by County Materials, Kraemer, and Yahara. Motion made by Goede, seconded by Sullivan to award the bid to Kraemer for their lowest price and for having the closest quarry. Motion carried.

*Motion made by Leis, seconded by Goede to move Stepp Lawsuit (possible closed session) to last item on the agenda. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action on ATV/UTV route request

Town of Greenwood followed all steps in adopting an ordinance for their town roads to allow ATV/UTV access. Motion made by Sullivan, seconded by Goede to accept their request for access ATV/UTV access on county roads within their township. Motion carried.

11. Discussion and possible action on hiring a patrolman for state section

Discussion on needing another State patrolman for the Coon Valley area for next year. Phil would like to advertise and hire now so that the new hire could be trained properly by next winter. Motion made by Leis, seconded by Sullivan to advertise a position, both in the La Crosse Tribune and on Facebook. Motion carried.

12. Discussion and possible action on excavator bucket purchase

Hewitt would like to purchase a new ditching bucket for a excavator that is already owned. The price would be somewhere between \$9,300 and \$10,600 without a trade in. Motion made by Goede, seconded by Sullivan to make the purchase of a new bucket, trading in an existing bucket to help offset the cost. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action on Right of Way encroachment enforcement

A complaint was made at a zoning meeting about a particular property that has junk near the road. Phil will have an officer go with to re-measure the boundaries of road right of way to confirm that the junk is, in fact, encroaching. Hewitt said he already sent a letter and nothing was done so wondered if the board would like to enforce it. Motion made by Sullivan, seconded by Goede to have Corporate Counsel send a letter and see what happens. Motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible action on hooking up new shop to city sewer & water

The Economic Development grant came through and after weighing the options, Hewitt says hooking up the city's water and sewer would be the best decision in the long run, stating that in a 20-year span it could cost half a million dollars to haul our own waste water away. They will also be able to have water on the north side of the shop and have water to the salt shed for their own brine maker. They will install one tank for human waste just in case they don't get hooked up until next spring, they would still be able to move in this fall. They are also looking into possibly recycling truck wash water. Motion made by Sullivan, seconded by Goede to hook up to the city water & sewer. Motion carried.



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15. Review and approve vouchers for payment

Motion by Leis, seconded by Goede to pay vouchers as presented.

9. Discussion and possible action on Stepp Lawsuit – The chair will entertain a motion to enter into a closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is likely to become involved.

Motion made by Goede, seconded by Leis to enter into closed session to discuss with corporate counsel.

Motion made by Leis, seconded by Goede to reopen (Wis. Stat. 19.85(2).)

16. Commissioner's Report – Phil Hewitt – Non-action items

- a. New shop update – a little behind schedule; walls of repair shop are set, parking garage walls will hopefully be set next week, then roof, followed by flatwork.
- b. Road bans, class B discussion – Lots of phone calls requesting exemptions. Hewitt said another county sells permits for haulers to be able to surpass the weight limit, but still have a lighter load for a fee and that has worked well for that county. That particular county also hired an off-duty state patrol to enforce and would give the option of paying a flat-rate fine or going to the scale and paying per weight over the limit. Will look into it more before next year's road restrictions.
- c. Equipment sales – Selling old tractors, some junk trucks, and some old, old loaders. Hewitt would like to sell both junk loaders and buy one more loader for the Desoto hill.
- d. Hewitt confirmed that he had authority to approve pulverizing bids if advertised soon since he forgot and it missed this meeting. Since it will be under \$25,000 the board agreed he was okay to make that decision. Bids will be sent out as soon as possible.
- e. An upcoming training on Erosion Control is on Hewitt's radar. If he can make it work between other conflicting trainings, he'd like to go to one offered in Eau Claire for two days.

13. Set next meeting date

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

14. Adjourn

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

Minutes submitted by Casey Oium – Vernon County Highway Department



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SEALCOAT EMULSION			
2019			
	CRS-2	CRS-2P	
Flint Hills	1.793	2.006	
(approx. 81,000 gallons)	\$ 145,233.00	\$	162,486.00
Meigs	1.8567	2.0667	
(approx. 81,000 gallons)	\$ 150,392.70	\$	167,402.70

SEALCOAT CHIPS			
2019			
1/4" Quarry Granite Rock, Class A, dust free, with at least one side 100% fractured or equivalent			
	Price delivered	Price picked up	Quarry
Fahrner	\$28.80	\$18.25	Rock Springs
(approx. 2,000 tons)	\$ 57,600.00	\$ 36,500.00	
Kraemer	\$41.95	\$18.95	Williams Quarry
(approx. 2,000 tons)	\$ 83,900.00	\$ 37,900.00	
Opelt	\$28.15	\$13.85	Neilsville
(approx. 2,000 tons)	\$ 56,300.00	\$ 27,700.00	
Scott	\$28.85	--	
(approx. 2,000 tons)	\$ 57,700.00		

ASPHALT BIDS			
2019			
Item # - Description	Mathy	Scott	
40204 - Asphaltic Material (Track)/gal. (approx. 4,500 gal)	\$2.10	-	
41101 - Asphaltic Surface (3.5")/ton (approx. 8,400 tons)	\$62.22	-	
64301 - Traffic Control (lump sum)	\$ 2,700.00	-	
61910 - Mobilization (lump sum)	\$ 11,100.00	-	
Total Cost	\$ 545,898.00		

* Add \$3.10/ton to item 41101 to upgrade from PG 58-285 to PG 58-28H
**\$571,938.00 upgraded

ASPHALT PLANT BIDS			
2019			
Item # - Description	Mathy	Scott	
41101 - Asphaltic Surface/ton (9.5 millimeter mix) (approx. 3,000 tons)	\$60.34	-	
Quarry	Pedretti Quarry, STH	-	
Total Cost	\$181,025.30		



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GRAVEL BIDS		
2019		
3/4" Base Course		
	Price picked up	Quarry
County Materials	\$6.30	County Materials Hahn Quarry (3 miles)
(approx. 10,000 tons)	\$ 63,000.00	
Gerke	-	-
(approx. 10,000 tons)		
Kraemer	\$5.15	Ostrem (2 miles)
(approx. 10,000 tons)	\$ 51,500.00	
MT Rock	-	-
(approx. 10,000 tons)		
Yahara	5.95	Gudgeon, Cherry Grove Rd. (8 miles)
(approx. 10,000 tons)	\$ 59,500.00	