### MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
MONDAY APRIL 3, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE IOWA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
1215 N. BEQUETTE STREET
DODGEVILLE, WISCONSIN 53533

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| 2)   | Members present: Greg Parman, Dave Gollon, Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, John Meyers  
Members absent: Britan Grimmer  
Also present: Highway Commissioner Hardy, Administrator Bierke, Jessica Munson, Brenda Steffes, Mark Steffes, Gregg May | Roll Call |
| 3)   | Gollon motioned for the approval of the minutes for the March 6, 2017 meeting. Benish seconded, motion carried unanimously. | Consent Agenda |
| 4)   | Gollon motioned for the approval of the April 3, 2017 agenda. Benish seconded, motion carried unanimously. |  |
| 5)   | Bunker advised the Town of Mifflin is questioning administrative charges on an invoice received from the Highway Dept. Commissioner Hardy explained the Records and Reports fee and Fringe Benefits fees that are billed by the county and how they are applied.  
Bunker questioned the cost for the UTV trail signs for the Town of Mifflin. Commissioner Hardy advised the costs given to the Township were an estimate based on a formula through the DOT. Bunker questioned if it would be beneficial to post caution signs for the Amish buggies that will be crossing the UTV trail. Commissioner Hardy advised he will review. | Public Comment |
| 6)   | Commissioner Hardy reviewed the WisDOT Level of Service and Fringe Report. Iowa County ranks ninth for hourly rate in that state, eight in the state when including fringe benefits. Hardy explained the state reimbursements the county receives for equipment storage, GPL premiums, radio expense, and salt storage.  
Bunker questioned how labor affects reimbursement rates. Commissioner Hardy explained the building and grounds cost pools and how the reimbursements are calculated. Commissioner Hardy explained in greater detail the formula for the records and reports fee, the small field tool fee, and the fuel handling charges.  
Gollon asked if the county is able to set aside any of the fuel handling charges for future use in replacing the fuel farm. Commissioner Hardy advised the county charges only the actual cost of fuel handling and is not able to charge additional fees. | Review charge out rates for the Department for 2017 and WisDOT Level of Service reports |
| 7)   | Commissioner Hardy reviewed the revised Right of Way Fence Damage and Replacement Policy, noting additions to the policy specifying damage done outside the right of way.  
Motion to approve the Right of Way Fence Damage and Replacement Policy by Benish. Second by Gollon. Motion carried unanimously. | Review Fence Damage and Replacement Policy |
### 7) Commissioner Hardy gave updates to the status of the federal and state budget.

The federal budget proposes cuts to the transportation industry. The state budget provides for increases to the state GTA, an increase of $33 million statewide for RMA, and the possibility of removing mass transit operation aides from the transportation funds.

Bridge Improvement Funds—there are 1300 bridges in the state eligible for repair/replacement. The bridge improvement funds will likely be funded enough to do repairs/replacement on 100-125 of those bridges.

LRIP increased from $13.9 to $15.9 million. Chip D funding increased to $11 million.

### B. County Highway Association Papers

Copies of papers were provided in packets. Benish questioned the Heavy Loads/Protecting Our Infrastructure Investment Paper. Commissioner Hardy gave detail behind the position statement and explained the county has authority by statute to post roads. There was also discussion regarding the Legislative Action Promoting Safety in Work Zones—Flagger’s Rights and the Automated Speed Enforcement. The Flagger’s Rights action would give highway workers the authority to report violators of the law. The Automated Speed Enforcement would allow for cameras in construction zones that could be used to ticket drivers violating speed limits.

### C. Hardy reviewed the Revenue and Expense Statement for the period through the end of February.

### D. 2017 Capital Equipment Update

- Sherwin Industry won the bid for the new tar kettle.
- New Trucks have been ordered.
- New crew truck for paint crew is at Sun Valley Fabrication
- Trip planned to look at digger/derrick truck listed on WI Surplus Auction website

### E. Salt Shed Facility Updates

- STH 14 Salt Shed—The Town of Arena is interested in a joint venture with the county. The county and township will work together and put it back out for bid.
- CTH O Salt Shed—The ETZ permit was denied by the City of Mineral Point. Commissioner Hardy will work with Corp Council on how to move forward once written explanation of denial is received. Commissioner Hardy noted that the City of Mineral Point did suggest an alternate site, however, the zoning would be the same at the alternate site.

Commissioner Hardy noted that the state will commission another county to do all of the site work if Iowa County is not able to. Should another county do the work, Iowa County will lose out on approximately $292,000 in labor, equipment, and administrative costs. Gollon questioned how the county can move forward to ensure that Iowa County is able to do the work. Hardy stated that without directives from the board or input form this committee, he must follow the recommendations of Corp Council.

Hardy discussed the function of the proposed salt shed and the benefits of the ability to make and use brine on the state highways. Bunker advised concern.
he had heard surrounding the size of the land the shed is to be built upon as well as traffic concerns regarding the trucks entering and leaving the facility. Gollon mentioned the benefit of brining saving cost on labor versus using regular salt. The General consensus of the committee was for the commissioner to work with corporation council and the state in creating an agreement for the county to general the project, in lieu of another county performing the work and losing out on the potential revenues. The agreement should consider language to indemnify and hold the county harmless from the local zoning requirements should the state pursue the project without zoning approval and the city pursue legal recourse against the state and/or county.

F. SC Regional Commissioner meeting minutes: Hardy reviewed the minutes and discussed the state salt bids.

G. Hardy discussed the surface transportation project. Benish questioned if all projects will be finished. Hardy discussed the projects in greater length, noting that not all projects listed are through the highway departments.

Discussion on the CTH ID and CTH K project due to Vortex expansion. Commissioner Hardy showed alternate routes proposed and discussed concerns due to traffic volume.

8) Benish motioned adjourn at 7:10. Seconded by Gollon, motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Committee Chair Approved: Yes
Amended: No
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