1. The meeting was called to order by Greg Parman at 2:29 pm.

2. **Roll Call.** Members Present: Benish, Bunker, Gollon, Demby, Parman  
   Members excused: Meyers  
   - Others Present: Commissioner Hardy, Administrator Bierke, Accounting Specialist Fitzsimons,  
     Employee Relations Leitzinger, Operations Manager Sudmeier, Daniel Nannkee, and members of the  
     Southwest ATV Club - Ann Kemink, Violet Austin, Roger Walter, and Dale Austin.

3. Sup. Benish moved to approve the agenda for this October 30, 2017 meeting. Sup. Bunker seconded,  
   motion carried unanimously.

4. Sup. Demby moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2017 meeting. Sup. Benish seconded,  
   motion carried unanimously.

5. There were no public comments.

   Ann Kemink, Secretary Treasurer of the Southwest ATV Club requested the Committee consider  
   reducing their bill by $773.55 for the ATV/UTV signage installations in Mifflin townships from this  
   spring/summer. Kemink highlighted the charges for small tools use, fringe benefits, use of county  
   vehicle, and records & reports fees; stating these are all department functions supported by tax levy as  
   well and the committee consider forgiving those charges. There was a general discussion between the  
   Committee about the bill, work performed, administrative fees, additional work for special functions,  
   and other department tasks.  
   There was a motion by Sup. Benish to forgive ½ or there about of the $773.55 portion of the bill.  
   Seconded by Sup. Gollon. Motion Carried with a 3 to 1 vote (Demby).

7. Plat of Survey and Quitclaim Deed for the Governor Dodge’s Grove property on CTH Y. Discussion of  
   transferring the ownership of the county owned property on CTH Y known as Governor Dodge’s Grove  
   to the Iowa County Historical Society for ownership, maintenance, and upkeep. Motion by Sup. Benish.  
   Seconded by Sup. Gollon, motion carried unanimously.

8. Third Quarter Financial Reports discussion. Department reports were not provided, Land Conservation  
   indicated an update will be provided to the December committee meeting. Question by Benish of the  
   difference and shortfall in the department related to revenues. Commissioner Hardy advised  
   Conservationist Abbott had indicated that the FPP and DATCP staffing grants cover a large portion of  
   the remaining revenues and they come in near year’s end. There was an update provided for the Iowa  
   County Airport being a tentative award of management to A&A Aviation out of Platteville, which will be  
   on the November County Board agenda for approval. The agreement is to go into effect November 1,  
   2017 with County board concurrence later in the month.
8 Discussion of Highway Department Organizational Chart, Class-compensation grid, Job descriptions and Position duties.

Discussion of the proposed raises being 2.5% on January 1, 2018 and 2.25% on July 1, 2018 being to the class-comp grid market point. Comments that the current proposed raises will leave 11 employees at the highway department not seeing an increase until July 1, 2018 due to their current pay compared to the market point for their position. Discussion that the amount of a raise depends on the position, the market point of the grade in the grid, the location on the grid of the employee, and varies for all employees due to being determined on percentages of the market pay rates. Employee Relations Leitzinger passed out a copy of the current Iowa County pay scale grid. There was a general discussion regarding the Section Maintenance Patrol and Equipment Operator job descriptions, rate of pay, upcoming pay raises, and the Carlson Dettman class composition study. Commissioner Hardy explained the grid, formula, and organizational chart to the Committee. Operations Manager Sudmeier gave an overview of how the Highway Department Organizational Chart has shown improvement in the quality of work. Discussion of filling vacant positions, amount of department turnover, number of applicants being received for vacancies, and employee turnover. Discussion of the primary duty differences between the equipment operator position and section or auxiliary patrol positions being driven by specialty equipment operation/usage being grader, excavator, dozer, asphalt paver, shoulder machine, paint truck, and others. Discussion of other models for organization of other counties, etc.

9 County-township 50-50 Financial Bridge Aid program resolution. Commissioner Hardy distributed pictures of the five projects completed in 2017 by the townships of Brigham, Dodgeville, and Linden. Motion by Benish, seconded by Gollon for a recommendation to the County Board to adopt the resolution for the 2017 County-Township Financial Bridge Aid reimbursement amounts specified therein. Motion carried unanimously.

10 Tri-county Airport Agreement and the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission Charter.

Tri-county Airport: Commissioner Hardy provided the following response with regards to a request from a prior meeting to review the tri-county and river rail transit agreements and identify if the county could rescind or remove itself from the agreements. Hardy stated the Tri-County airport agreement was adopted by the three counties of Richland, Sauk, and Iowa. Within the agreement it states it was adopted via state statute 114.14. In reviewing the state statutes, any commission adopted under 114.14 may be dissolved or withdrawn from via 114.151. Hardy recommended the county have corporation counsel review the agreement and discuss the ramifications of withdrawal with WisDOT and FAA as the airport has utilized state and federal funding for improvements over the years. Hardy distributed a summary of all capital improvements performed utilizing state, federal, and other source funds since the inception of the agreement. Discussion other future capital improvements planned for the airport and potential liabilities. Motion by Benish, seconded by Bunker to have the commissioner work with corporation counsel or other outside legal counsel to determine the county’s obligation in the Tri-County Airport Agreements, Tri-county airport commission’s authority to bind the county in financial matters, and to discuss the ramifications of withdrawal with WisDOT and federal agencies to determine the county’s level of liability should the county decide to opt out of the agreement.

Wisconsin River Rail Transit: Commissioner Hardy provided the committee with a portion of the Charter for the rail which identifies the process for dissolution or withdrawal from the transit commission. Commissioner stated in addition to the Charter, there is a Land Use Agreement with WisDOT from 1987, a Grant Agreement from 1987, and an Operator’s Agreement with WSOR – Wisconsin Southern railroad from 1997. Hardy stated although the Charter identifies the process for withdrawal or dissolution; the other agreements should be reviewed by corporation counsel and discussed with WisDOT and Federal Rails to determine what other liabilities may exist if the county were to choose to withdraw. Motion by Gollon, seconded by Bunker to have the commissioner work
with corporation counsel or other outside legal counsel to determine the county’s exposure of liability in
the various contracts and agreements of the WRRTC, the WRRTC’s authority to bind the county in
financial matters, and to discuss the history of financial investment with WisDOT and federal agencies to
determine the county’s level of liability should the county choose to opt out of the agreements. Motion
carried unanimously.

Highway Commissioner’s Report. Review and discussion of the September Revenue and Expense
summary for the department with revenues greatly over expenses. Updates provided for the CTH K
paving project north of Barneveld and the STH 14 salt shed construction. Review of the department’s
capital equipment and machinery purchases for 2017, of note the new tandem axle plow trucks have been
delivered from Monroe and Truck Country. Discussion of the SW/SC region commissioner and
WisDOT meeting which included items for area wide services contracts being epoxy bridge deck
overlays, brine only liquid winter plow routes, WisDOT direction of the pavement marking program,
AB348/485 and SB425/392 discussion and updates. Commissioner distributed pictures of the
fairgrounds work as well as an update of status. Distributed the agenda for the 2018 WCHA January
Road School, and advised interested supervisors notify the department for their registration.

The next meeting date is December 4, 2017 at 4:00pm; location to be determined.

Sup. Benish moved to adjourn the meeting. Sup. Bunker seconded, motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm

Minutes by: Tammy Fitzsimons