IOWA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
April 5, 2010

The Transportation Committee met in the Iowa County Highway Department Conference Room in the City of Dodgeville on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Larry Steffes.

Roll call was taken:
Committee members present: Sups. Larry Steffes, Ron Berg, Dave Bauer, Ron Benish, Gerald Dorscheid, Bob Bunker, and John Meyers.

Committee members excused/absent: Sups. Mark Masters and Brad Wells.

Also present: Highway Commissioner Craig E. Hardy, Highway Business Manager Jeri Grabbert, and County Administrator Curt Kephart.

Sup. Ron Benish moved that the meeting had been duly advertised. Seconded by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid. Motion passed unanimously.

Sup. Gerald Dorscheid moved for approval of the April 5, 2010 agenda and the March 1, 2010 minutes. Motion was seconded by Sup. Dave Bauer. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee.
Sup. Ron Benish mentioned that he had made calls to state representatives’ offices regarding bills that are currently in front of the legislature. He discussed AB552 Snow Plow Following Distances, SB450 Climate Change Bill, and NR151 regarding TMDL Watersheds or Impaired Waterways. Craig Hardy informed the committee of these bills at the March 1, 2010 meeting. Sup. Benish recommended that other committee members also contact state representatives with their opinions of these bills and their impact on Iowa County.
Sup. Ron Berg asked if there were plans to do grinding on Hwy. 151 near Pikes Peak Road. Craig Hardy noted that there may be additional work due to a Change Order to last year’s contract. Sup. Berg said there is a huge pothole on the curve and felt that it should be filled in. Craig Hardy will look into the matter.

New Business
A. CTH Z Mike Blotz – Josh Zinkle Driveway Issue. Craig Hardy noted that he had the minutes from the September 8, 2008 and October 6, 2008 Transportation Committee that pertained to this issue. Those minutes indicated that the matter was referred to Corporate Counsel. Craig also had aerial photos from the County’s GIS program. The photos show that in 1965 the driveway was a couple of hundred feet south of its current location and in 2005 the driveway was in the approximate location it is in now. Mike Blotz noted that he bought the property in 1979. Sup. Larry Steffes stated that he and former Highway Commissioner Leo Klosterman had looked at this situation a couple years ago. They had offered to replace and extend the culvert if Mike Blotz would pay for the permit. He was
not interested in that offer. Sup. Larry Steffes noted that ownership had not yet been established as requested from the September 8, 2008 meeting. Mike Blotz presented a picture that he felt showed the driveway in question was on his property. Craig Hardy was asked what the costs were. Craig said a culvert and band would cost about $170 and the driveway permit would cost $175.00. Mike Blotz was asked what he wanted to resolve this matter. He said he wants the driveway put back where it was before because they have used it for 30 years. Sup. Gerald Dorscheid asked Mike Blotz if he got a legal opinion of ownership as requested at the September 8, 2008 meeting. Mike Blotz stated that he had not. Sup. Dave Bauer felt this is a civil problem with his neighbor and it has to be resolved through the legal system.

A motion was made by Sup. Dave Bauer and seconded by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid to ask Corporate Counsel if the County has any liability in this matter or if it is a civil matter. The letter will request a response from Corp. Counsel within 4 weeks. Copies of the letter are to be distributed to Craig Hardy and Mike Blotz. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Quarry Runoff Issues – Blotz. Mike Blotz asked if there was a reclamation plan, which Craig Hardy had available for review or copy. Craig Hardy also presented pictures of the four (4) discharge locations. Mike Blotz believes the water in the pond is contaminating his pasture and he wants it drained. Sup. John Meyers asked what evidence there was to indicate contamination. Mike Blotz did not provide any evidence.

A motion was made by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid and seconded by Sup. Ron Berg to pull water samples for contaminants. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business
A. Asphalt Zipper. Craig Hardy held this for discussion later in the meeting.

B. NR151 Runoff Management Response. There is no response or update to provide at this time.

C. 18/151 Design Update. No updates on this project this month.

D. CTH ID Speed Limit Study. This is the result of a letter received requesting a reduced speed limit on CTH ID between the Dane County line and E. Brigham Road. Craig Hardy recommended that the speed limit be reduced to 40 MPH to match the speed limit on the Dane County side of the line, and to continue at 40 MPH to E. Brigham Road.

A motion was made by Sup. Ron Benish and seconded by Sup. Dave Bauer to reduce the speed limit as recommended by Craig Hardy, to post the new speed limit in the appropriated locations, and to notify DOT of the change. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:
A. CTH K Bridge and Road Design Contract – MSA & WDOT. This project is between Barneveld and Hollandale. The contract from MSA was received and the County’s 20% cost share is $26,277.86. The 2010 budget amount is $25,000.
A motion was made by Sup. John Meyers and seconded by Sup. Ron Berg to sign the contract with MSA. Motion passed unanimously.

B. WDOT TMA – Paint Program. The Traffic Maintenance Agreement for the 2010 paint crew jobs was received from the DOT. The 2010 budget amount is $237,436 and we received a contract amount of $369,900. The paint season will run from May 1 through November. Craig Hardy reviewed the 2004 purchase of the paint equipment from the DOT and the evolution of the program. Discussion took place regarding the current policy of placing 50% of the net revenue of the paint program into an Equipment Replacement/Reserved Fund Balance account.

C. WDOT LFA – Hwy 39. The contract is for seal coat work on STH 39 for 3.2 miles between Edmund and Linden. The cost of the project is $166,435. The work is scheduled to start around June 7 and be completed around June 30.

A motion was made by Sup. Ron Berg and seconded by Sup. Bob Bunker to approve the LFA contract with DOT. Motion passed unanimously.

D. February 2010 Revenue and Expenditure Report. Sup. Ron Benish commented on the December 2009 report showing a surplus of $147,540. Jeri Grabbert indicated that this report was generated from the ACS accounting system and balanced with those reports. The February 2010 Report was also reviewed. A question was asked about the Energy Efficiency grant and Craig Hardy noted that the project would be put out for bids on or about May 1.

E. 2009 Financial Report. Craig Hardy presented the 2009 Financial Report in draft form and offered copies to anyone interested. Craig also noted that all seasonal salt purchases have been made. The Dodgeville building and the Bucky building are both filled with salt. There is about 1,500 tons in storage for next year.

F. Department Rate Adjustments. Jeri Grabbert presented the following rate changes for 2010. Fuel Handling, $.0699 per gallon; Administrative Costs (Records & Reports), 4.04%; Fringe Benefit Rate, 80.63%, and Small Field Tools Rate, 1.4%.

G. Public Notice – Department Policy Change Sales to Private Parties. Craig Hardy distributed a letter he had sent out on December 3, 2009 to all non-governmental entities who purchase salt and sanding material from Iowa County Highway Department (ICHD). The letter notifies them that effective May 1, 2010 they will no longer be able to purchase salt and sanding material from ICHD. Craig will update the letter to send out a reminder as well as put a public notice in the paper.

Craig Hardy also distributed a public notice regarding encroachments on ICHD right-of-way by adjacent landowners and their liability for damages to right-of-way properties.

A motion was made by Sup. Ron Berg and seconded by Sup. Ron Benish to send the notices and publish them in the newspaper. Motion passed unanimously.
H. Aggregate and Culvert Bid Results. Sealed bids for culverts were received from Capital City Culvert, Madison, WI and Contech Construction Products Inc., Madison, WI. The tally sheet of prices was presented.

A motion was made by Sup. Ron Berg and seconded by Sup. John Meyers to accept the low bid from Contech Construction Products Inc. Motion passed unanimously.

Aggregate price quotes were requested for the 2010 season. The tally sheets of the prices from the various vendors was presented.

I. Units to Sell/Wisconsin Surplus Auction Items. Craig Hardy discussed the 8 units of equipment and other miscellaneous items that are no longer used and can be place on Wisconsin Surplus Auction website for sale. Revenue for five of the units is included in the 2010 budget. Some items may also be listed for sale on the County website.

A motion was made by Sup. Ron Berg and seconded by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid to sell the items as listed. Motion passed unanimously.

**Highway Commissioner Report:** Craig Hardy reviewed the following items with the Committee:

A. ARRA Project Schedule – CTH C, X, and STH 39 Letting Results. No updates to be presented on these projects.

B. Right-of-Way Archive Project Update. All the archives of right-of-ways and section corners have been gone through and initial inventory completed. The next step in the process will be to establish a control point network in the county for collection of coordinate data. Then, field work can commence related to data acquisition for section monuments, roadway alignment, and right-of-way. The end result will be a mapped version of information on the new GPS and CAD systems when the Information Systems Department gets the licensing for these programs and completes the setup. Overall project timeline is anticipated to be five years for completion.

C. NR40 County Inventory Project Update. The volunteers for the NR40, Invasive Species project will start in mid-May. Each volunteer will receive a 2-page handout. One page will be a questionnaire to be completed and the other page will be instructions so all volunteers will work consistently throughout the program.

**Additional Highway Commissioner Items.**

A. Plow-Saver Hydraulic Valves. Craig Hardy presented calculations showing cost savings by using the plow-saver hydraulic valves and reducing the replacement of carbide blades. The calculations show that payback for the installation would occur in less than 2 winter seasons and then $40,080/year annually thereafter for the fleet. Currently there are 5 trucks equipped with the valve. Ten more trucks will be equipped this year at a cost of about $1,250 per truck, or $12,500.
Craig Hardy presented a proposal he received for the asphalt zipper. Funding for the equipment would come from the 2009 surplus of $147,000 and $59,000 in the 2010 budget for milling that would not be done. The resolution allowing the Transportation Committee to purchase equipment up to $200,000 was reviewed. Craig noted that Dubuque County, Iowa has had an asphalt zipper for one season and they are very happy with it. Chippewa County, Wisconsin just bought one a month ago. Craig was asked how long the company has been in business and if there was a more local dealer since the headquarters is in Utah. Asphalt Zipper has been in business for about 3 years and there is a dealer/service department in Minnesota. Craig was also asked if there was any opportunity for a lease, which he will look into. Sup. Larry Steffes expressed concern that a company in business for only 3 years did not have enough history for such a purchase. It was suggested that this be put out for bid and see what else is out there. Craig will put a proposal together and bring it back to the committee.

The next regular Transportation Committee meeting is set for Monday, May 3, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sup. Ron Berg, seconded by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes by Jeri Grabbert