The Transportation Committee met in the Iowa County Highway Department Conference Room in the City of Dodgeville on Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order by Committee Chair John Meyers.

Roll call was taken:
Committee members excused/absent: Sups. Dan Curran.
Also present: Highway Commissioner Craig E. Hardy and County Administrator Curt Kephart.

Sup. Bob Bunker moved that the meeting had been duly advertised. Motion was seconded by Sup. Bob Zinck. Motion passed unanimously.

Sup. Bob Bunker moved for approval of the May 27, 2010 agenda and the May 3, 2010 minutes. Motion was seconded by Sup. Bob Zinck. Motion passed unanimously.

Sup. Ron Benish expressed a concern related to the CTH I bridge crossing over the Blue River between Montfort and Highland. Ron stated the approaches to the bridge were uneven and created a speed bump issue. Craig stated the county wedged multiple bridges last season. The Department would review the situation and temporarily cold-patch the approaches if necessary, until the approaches could be properly repaired.
Curt Kephart reminded all committee members of the recently cancelled and re-scheduled committee meeting for the upcoming Bloomfield Balloonfest on June 3, 2010.

Old Business
A. Blotz/Zinkle Driveway on CTH Z. Mr. Josh Zinkle was present to discuss and answer questions related to his driveway permit on CTH Z. Mr. Zinkle began with providing a history of events which led to him improving the driveway located along his northerly property line between him and Mr. Blotz. Mr. Zinkle stated the following topics related to this driveway:
  - Stated he purchased the parcel from Mr. Slaney with an understanding the driveway was his.
  - He had met with the previous Highway Commissioner, Leo Klosterman at the site and determined the previous driveway was 90% on his side of the line fence.
  - Prior to applying for a driveway permit, he discussed the driveway reconstruction with his neighbor Mr. Blotz
  - Applied for a driveway permit for his land, received the permit and one extension for same
- Hired Pustina excavating to install and construct his driveway, including removal of a sub-standard culvert and placement of a new 30 foot culvert with end-walls.
- The County placed an additional 5 foot extension onto the culvert after the driveway permit was approved at the bequest of Mr. Blotz.
- Applied for a Zoning permit and received an address for the location.

Ron Benish asked if the driveway location was moved or relocated. Josh responded the driveway was replaced to its’ previous existing location – was not moved. The driveway today is actually wider and better than before. Curt Peterson questioned if the culvert was purchased by the county or Mr. Zinkle. Josh stated the culvert was purchased from the county by him, the extension placed was done by the county, and he retains the old culvert that was under the driveway on his property. Discussion ensued with regards to the current driveway sizes and widths, width of right-of-way along CTH Z, use of the access by the landowners and renter, fence ownership and share of responsibility, drainage, and other issues. Curt Peterson questioned if Mr. Zinkle would be opposed to the county declaring it a shared use driveway? Mr. Zinkle stated he did not have any problems with it, although he had tried to have Mr. Blotz agree to that initially. Some discussion ensued with regards to the shared driveway designation, costs for upkeep and maintenance, and alternatives.

Sup. Dave Bauer made a motion to have the Highway Commissioner draft an agreement letter addressed to the adjoining landowners, reviewed by Corporate Counsel, with the stipulation of the shared usage and upkeep of the driveway, and the County will re-issue a shared use driveway permit for the location if the two landowners agree, if it is determined to be un-agreeable (i.e. not a shared driveway) the County will have no further action related to the driveway. The motion was seconded by Bob Pilling. Motion carried unanimously.

B. 18/151 Design Study Update. Craig explained that this item is on every agenda because it is an ongoing project. No new updates provided.

C. Road Cold Planer Rental Agreement – Zanetis/Zipper. Craig presented a summary of the rental costs for cold plane reclamation milling machine. Two quotes were received for review from Miller-Bradford and Asphalt Zipper. The quotes referenced differing milling head sizes and equipment including differing stipulations as to hours of usage, insurance down payments, and other conditions. After reviewing the hourly rental costs for the equipment with the WDOT Maintenance Manual rates for similar machinery, the topic was tabled indefinitely with no further action.

New Business:

A. Road Oil Bid Results. Craig presented the results of the bids received for the Department’s Road oils usage for the season. Bids were received from Flint Hills and Henry G. Meigs Company. The committee reviewed the bids and discussed various operations and oil usage.

B. April 2010 Revenue and Expenditure Report. Craig Hardy reviewed the April Revenue and Expenditure Report. One notation to the report related to line item #87 Additional Capital Expenses. The Retained Fees purchase of AutoCAD equipment and Survey
grade GPS is illustrated on the Highway Department expenditure report and will be reimbursed through Retained Fees.

C. CHIP and CHIP-D Cost Effective Findings. Craig presented a summary of the costs associated with the CTH G & CTH B projects for CHIP and CHIP-D funding via cost effectiveness. The summary illustrates the anticipated costs for resurfacing CTH G from Cobb to Roaster road and CTH B from CTH G to the Grant county line. Discussion with regards to the construction schedule for the projects.

D. Paint Program Resolution. Craig presented a revised Resolution related to the Paint Program Equipment Funding. In summary, the resolution revises the percentage of revenues over expenditures in the paint program, which is retained in the segregated future paint equipment fund from 50% to 100%, up to a cap of $350,000, effective with the 2010 calendar year. Discussion as to which committee or County Board would need to review and approve the resolution. Bob Bunker made a motion to forward the Resolution to the County Board for review. The motion was revised to forward to Administrative Services Committee for review due to revising expenditures and revenues of the General Fund. Ron Benish second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Salt Bid Update. Craig presented a summary of annual salt usage by the County, Villages, and townships within the County for 2009-2010. Discussion of the State Salt Bid process and a copy of the salt requests for 2010-2011 occurred. Discussion of the changes related to salt storage at the Dubuque terminal, and the various deadlines for salt delivery and storage.

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

A. County Road Tour Schedule. Craig presented a tentative schedule for June and July to establish a date and time for tour(s) of the county bridge and highway system. Two dates and times were selected for the tour; June 24th at 4:00 PM and June 28th at 9:30 AM. Sups. Curt Peterson, Bob Bunker and Bob Pilling registered for the tour. Craig will forward an email to the remaining committee members, advising of the dates and times.

B. Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Update. Copies of the recent TSC quarterly meeting minutes and a summary of major issues was provided in the committee agenda packets. Discussion of the investigation of School Bus Stop Ahead advance warning signage and Rules of the Road relating to the usage of the same.

C. AVL/GPS MDSS Update. Craig provided a copy of the FHWA summary on the usage of Maintenance Decision Support System (MDSS) computer modeling software. Discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of MDSS coupled with or without AVL/GPS locationing. Iowa County is anticipated to receive an Agreement from WisDOT for MDSS and AVL/GPS on 4 to 5 of the state routes in the county during summer of 2011.
D. Generator Program Update. Craig advised the committee the generator replacement project for Bloomfield Manor is out for bids with several alternatives to be evaluated.

E. Town’s Association Meeting Update. Craig provided an update as to presentations performed at the recent Town’s Association meeting by Kelly Kearns (NR 40 Legislation) and Amanda Cushman (Trans 207 – Navigable Stream Crossings) from the W-DNR. In addition, Rep. Dale Schulz summarized an outlook for the state’s 2012-2013 anticipated budget cycle shortfalls.

F. EECDBG Update. Craig advised the committee the Department and Bloomfield were awaiting a municipality agreement between the County and Department of Commerce for the grant funds awarded for projects. The Agreement is anticipated within the next week, and then the County can begin the bidding process for all projects except the Highway shop. The State Historical Preservation Organization (SHPO) requests review and approval of the Highway Department Shop and Office Annex window replacement project. Upon SHPO’s concurrence, the project can move forward.

G. WCHA Advisory Referendum & Talking Points. Craig had provided copies of an Advisory Referendum Resolution to place a question on the November ballot: “Should the Wisconsin Constitution be amended to prohibit any further transfers or lapses from the segregated transportation fund?” This amendment would require that transportation funds raised from vehicle registration fees and the fuel taxes be segregated specifically for transportation related systems and infrastructure. After some discussion within the committee as to the condition of the state budget and borrowing for operations issues, John Meyers motioned to recommend the Advisory Referendum Resolution and ballot question be referred to the County Board for adoption and placement on the November ballot. Motion second by Ron Benish. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Quarry – Disposal of Tires. The committee packets for the meeting included a copy of the billing from First Capitol Salvage for disposal of the old tires from the Iowa County Quarry. During the April committee meeting, the committee requested the commissioner review disposal costs and dispose of the pile of old tires in the vicinity of the quarry pond. Craig stated costs were received from 3 different disposal alternatives, including site shredding of the tires. The fees from First Capitol Salvage were deemed the least cost alternative. The Department delivered approximately 35 tons of tires via dump truck for disposal. The costs for disposal were $4,666.95.

I. Quarry – Water Sample Results. Craig distributed a summary report and associated tables of results received from Engel & Associates with regards to sampling the water within the pond at the Iowa County Quarry. Craig stated Engel & Associates is an environmental consultant specializing in reclamation permits, permit compliance, and petroleum related contamination analysis. The quarry pond was sampled at two different locations near the center of the easterly portion of the pond and along the north high-wall face parallel to Mr. Blotz’s property. Three different samples were obtained from each of the two locations. One sample of pond sediments off of the bottom of the pond. One
The three samples were tested for the following contaminants: Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC’s) test was run on the sediment and water samples. Heavy metal tests were run on the sediment and water column test samples. And, Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) parameter testing was run on water samples to verify the pond waters are within compliance of the WDNR process for discharge to surface or ground waters of the state. The test results illustrated that the water and sediments within the quarry pond are within allowable EPA, W-DNR, and WPDES parameters and tolerances. None of the samples illustrated contamination of any of the parameters at higher than the permissible levels. Ron Benish made a motion to provide a copy of the Quarry Water Sample test results to Mr. Mike Blotz along with a written explanation as to what the results mean. Motion was second by Bob Bunker. Motion passed unanimously.

J. CTH C and CTH X pre-construction meeting status. Craig stated the pre-construction meetings have been scheduled for CTH C – Sneed Creek Bridge and the CTH X – street improvements. The two meetings have been scheduled for the next two weeks of June. The committee could anticipate reconstruction to commence within two weeks of the respective pre-construction meeting.

The next regular Transportation Committee meeting is set for Thursday, July 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sup. Ron Benish and seconded by Sup. Robert Pilling. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Craig Hardy