The Transportation Committee met in the Highway Department Conference Room in the City of Dodgeville on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Larry Steffes.

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

Committee members excused/absent: None.

Also present: Sup. Tom Mueller, County Administrator Randy Terronez, Highway Commissioner Craig E. Hardy, State Patrol Superintendent Randy Sudmeier and Office Administrator Jeri Grabbert.

Sup. Ron Berg moved that the meeting had been duly advertised. Seconded by Sup. John Meyers. Motion passed unanimously.

Sup. Ron Berg moved for approval of the January 5, 2009 agenda and December 1, 2008 minutes. Motion was seconded by Sup. Bob Bunker. Motion passed unanimously.

General Public/Member Comment:

1. Sup. Tom Mueller welcomed the new Highway Commissioner.
2. Sups Gerald Dorscheid and John Meyers commented on various road conditions including Highway 14, County Highway K, etc.

Highway Commissioner Report: Craig Hardy reviewed the following items with the Committee:
1. Noted meetings with DOT on Local Road Improvement Program.
2. County received full reimbursement (restitution) from Rewey farmer who damaged road project with combine.
3. Afterhours storm call-in procedures (formerly handled by employees assigned nightwatch duties). Attempts to utilize the county’s phone system to develop an automated call-in process with variables of vacation, illness, etc.
4. Winter storm response this year compared to last has been better due to full staffing.
5. The 2nd mechanic is working well with future plans to perform more work in-house.
6. Salt usage is close to last year’s use.
7. Federal Stimulus Program projects were discussed.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

A) Resolution to Elect Craig E. Hardy as Iowa County Highway Commissioner

Agenda enclosure reviewed. An updated resolution was distributed and reviewed by Randy Terronez. For the initial appointment, the term is for one year. After the 1st term, the appointment can be for a two (2) year length.

Sup. John Meyers moved and Sup. Gerald Dorscheid seconded to approve the Resolution electing Craig E. Hardy as the Iowa County Highway Commissioner per state statute for the term January 3, 2009 through January 3, 2010 as required by state statute; and forward to the full Board. Motion passed unanimously.

B) Routine Maintenance Agreement and Addendum to Routine Maintenance Agreement for 2009 with WI Dept. of Transportation

Agenda enclosure reviewed. Discussion given on State perspective on Iowa County state funding allocation.

Sup. Ron Berg moved and Sup. Dave Bauer seconded to approve the Routine Maintenance Agreement and Addendum to Routine Maintenance Agreement for 2009 with WI Dept. of Transportation. Motion passed unanimously.

C.) Agreement with Larry Anding for Rental Space for Highway Equipment

Agenda enclosure reviewed.

Sup. Ron Berg moved and Sup. Ron Benish seconded to approve the renewal agreement with Larry Anding for rental space for highway equipment at $325.00/month. Motion passed unanimously.

D.) Agreement with Fairgrounds for rental space for highway equipment
Item postponed.

E.) Relocation Order for River Road Bridge and Approaches - Town of Arena

Item postponed.

F.) Emergency Responders Policy Update

Agenda enclosure reviewed.

Sup. Ron Benish moved and Sup. Gerald Dorscheid seconded to approve the Emergency Responders Policy Update as recommended by the Highway Commissioner. Motion passed unanimously.

G.) Other

Retired Highway Commissioner Leo Klosterman retirement event is this Sunday, January 11 at the Dodger Bowl, from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. The ticket price that includes a buffet and contribution to a gift is $12.00. RSVP’s are needed by Thursday, January 8. For additional information – contact Jeri Grabbert.

Randy Terronez informed Committee members that the January 20 regular County Board meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. in order to receive an update on various economic development activities.

Sups. Ron Benish, Gerald Dorscheid and Ron Berg will be attending the annual Highway Conference this month. Highway Commissioner Craig Hardy will also be attending.

The next regular Transportation Committee meeting is set for Monday, February 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sup. John Meyers, seconded by Sup. Bob Bunker. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes by Randy Terronez