

IOWA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

February 4, 2008

The Transportation Committee met in the Highway Department Conference Room in the City of Dodgeville on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order by Chair Joe Thomas.

Roll call was taken:

Committee members present: Sups. Joe Thomas, Dana Perry, Dale Theobald, Phil Roberts, Ron Berg and Larry Steffes

Committee members excused/absent: Sup. Charles Anderson.

Also present: Sup.s Diane McGuire and Ron Benish, Highway Commissioner Leo Klosterman, Office Administrator Jeri Grabbert, Patrol Superintendent Randy Sudmeier, Highway AFSCME Union membership, AFSCME Staff Representative Jennifer McCulley, Carol Murphy, Donald Poppe and Randy Terronez, County Administrator.

Election of Officers: As a result of the reorganized committee structure, the election of officers was held:

Sup. Larry Steffes moved to re-elect the same officers: Chairman Joe Thomas, Vice Chairman Phil Roberts and Secretary Eric Anderson. Seconded by Sup. Eric Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

Sup. Dale Theobald moved that the meeting had been duly advertised. Seconded by Eric Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

Sup. Phil Roberts moved approval of the February 4, 2008 agenda and January 21, 2008 minutes. Motion was seconded by Sup. Larry Steffes. Motion passed unanimously.

Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee: None

Highway Commissioner Report: Leo Klosterman reviewed the following items with the Committee:

1. Salt is still available but supply is getting tight. At the start of the winter, salt was running approximately \$47/ton and now is \$64/ton.

2. Update on an employee's health status and he will be on extended sick leave.
3. Update on last month's truck accidents that occurred on the same day. One truck is back on the road and the second is awaiting repair cost estimates.
4. Highlights of the highway conference were given.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1) Donald Poppe right-of-way issue – Donald Poppe was present and provided the Committee with a certified survey that showed ownership of the north strip of property that had been under dispute. Carol Murphy commented that per her attorney, the survey doesn't prove legal ownership. Mr. Poppe suggested the Committee modify the road right of way from the current 108 feet to something less that will allow continued use of property. It was noted that Mr. Poppe has removed the materials that had been on the strip of land. Leo Klosterman noted that the normal right of way is 66 feet. (33 feet from the center of the road). Leo stated he has a meeting scheduled with corporation counsel to assist in identifying the options and will be bring back to a future meeting. Mr. Poppe also requested the County to clarify the right of way on the south side of the road in order that he can install fencing. Chairman Joe Thomas reiterated the County's role and should not be a party to a potential civil matter between neighbors. Leo also reminded the Committee of many other areas of the county that will be affected regarding materials in the road right of way, compliance, etc.
- 2) The Transportation Committee entertained a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1) (c) WI Statutes for considering employment, promotion, compensation and performance evaluation data of any public employment over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Road Construction Lead Person, Winter Dispatch, Attendance and Punctuality [2] - possible action.). Motion by Sup. Dale Theobald, seconded by Sup. Dana Perry to proceed into closed session at 6:33 p.m. Motion passed unanimously 7 Yes (Sups. Thomas, Anderson, Theobald, Roberts, Perry, R. Berg and Steffes) 0 No. Excused/Absent:

Sup. C. Anderson.) Randy Terronez , Leo Klosterman, Bud Trader, Randy Sudmeier, Highway department union employees and ASFCME Staff representative Jennifer McCulley were present in the closed session.

- 3) Return to Open Session. Motion by Sup. Larry Steffes, seconded by Sup. Dale Theobald to return to open session at 8:43 p.m. Motion passed unanimously 7 Yes (Sups. Thomas, Anderson, Theobald, Roberts, Perry, R. Berg and Steffes) 0 No. Excused/Absent: Sup. C. Anderson.)

Motion by Sup. Dale Theobald, seconded by Sup. Larry Steffes denying Grievance # 8-07 filed by Doug Judd. The Transportation Committee believes the grievance has no merit as the County has consistently applied to employees and outlined in the departmental policy handbook that all employees receive of a 30 minutes call-in minimum. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Sup. Dana Perry, seconded by Sup. Eric Anderson denying Grievance # 9-07 filed by Neil Wenger on behalf of Caleb Buroker, related to the job posting of the Grade Crew Lead. The Transportation Committee believes the grievance has no merit based upon management rights contained in the union contract on determining individuals meeting the job qualifications. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Sup. Eric Anderson, seconded by Sup. Ron Berg denying Grievance #10-07 filed by Neil Wenger, related to the Nightwatch position aka *Winter Dispatch*. The Transportation Committee believes the grievance has no merit on the grounds that it is management's right to assign duties. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Sup. Dana Perry, seconded by Sup. Larry Steffes denying Grievance #01-08, related to the Lisa Borne as the Transportation Committee believes the grievance lack merit due to timeliness per the union contract. Motion passed with Sup. Roberts voting no.

- 4.) Randy Terronez informed Committee of recommendation that will be presented to the Administrative Services Committee regarding Mark James temporary position reclassification while the State Patrol Superintendent was vacant in October - November.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is set for Monday, March 3, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sup. Dana Perry. Seconded by Sup. Eric Anderson. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes by Randy Terronez