

LEWIS COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 17, 2018

Meeting held at 10:40 a.m., at The Board of Legislators Board Room. In attendance for the Highway Committee: Andrea Moroughan – Legislator and Chairperson of Committee; John Lehman – Legislator; Bryan Moser – Legislator, Larry Dolhoff – Legislative Chair; Ryan Piche – County Manager; From the Highway Department: Warren Shaw – Deputy Superintendent; Charlene Berrus – Principal Account Clerk. Other: Jacki Mahoney – Trails Coordinator, Nick Altmire – Linkinglewiscounty.org

Docket:

22-2018 – To extend Bids – Bituminus: Various vendors as on file, Senica Pavement, Bulk Oil: Various vendors as on file. Bryan asked if Senica pavement markings will be re-doing Snell Road over as per warrantee work due to issues from 2017. Warren said yes.

1. Welcome all to the Highway Committee we are all looking forward to working with you. Unfortunately I am out of town at a highway conference working on the BRIDGENY and Culvert program. I will also be out of town the week of February 21st so if you would like to reschedule the meeting any day the week before is good or I can have the agenda set for Warren. Thank you David. *Discussion: The next committee meeting is scheduled Tuesday February 13th at 3:00 p.m. Charlene asked for Stone bids to be open that day also, so they could accept them at the March board meeting. All agreed. Bryan said he would try to be at the committee meeting. It was also decided to leave Solid Wastes' meeting at its previously scheduled time.*
2. Bridges: We are still planning on going out to bid for the Jerden Falls Rd. Bridge and Blue Street Bridge in the next 2 months we are working through some paperwork that has slowed us down. The State DOT RLPL is still confident that we will be able to construct both in 2018 if there are no other issues. Warren will make sure all trees are cut before the end of March so we don't bother the long eared bats. *Discussion: Bryan asked if the construction would affect seasonal homes. Warren said yes, they would need to detour through Kimball's Mills Road. Bryan asked that the highway get a list of people affected from Candy at Real Property and send them a letter regarding this as soon as possible.*
3. Snow Plowing: All is going well and we are looking forward to a warm up. The trucks are staying together pretty good. We are now down one plow but have harnessed up another spare so we should be good. There is a print out of the 2016-21017 season cost. As you can see we do spend more money per mile than the towns as the State spends more than us. We plow our highest traveled roads and mostly the ones with much more wind; this requires us to be on them more. *Discussion: The towns cost per mile averages around \$4,000/mile. We feel some town paperwork comes in overstated.*
4. Hodge Rd Intersection: We have received the plans to turn this into a stop rather than a yield intersection; our plan is to reconstruct it this summer. *No Discussion.*
5. Advocacy Day: Warren will be going to Albany for Advocacy day March 6th and 7th. He will be working with other County and Town Highway Superintendents requesting more funds for our roads and bridges. *Discussion: Warren commented that the Town Association of Superintendents is picking up the cost of rooms. Jackie asked if he could bring up the issue with snowmobile crossing, Warren said he would.*
6. Summer Work: We are starting to plan our summer work; I will keep you updated as we move forward. Thank you David. *No Discussion.*

Other: Warren asked the mechanics to check bolts on equipment once a week instead of once a month as recommended.

Regarding clean up from the winter melt and rain – Three bridges remain closed, Shibley, Jerden and Davis. Larry asked how the residents are getting around the Shibley Bridge. Warren said the Town Line road and they are working with the town for a better route. Warren feels that by Monday all roads should be re-opened. On East State Street in the Village of Lowville under our bridge, there is a lodged tree. We will be removing it on Thursday. It's a touchy job because of the sewer and utility lines that cross the bridge. Bryan told Nick he liked the article he put on linkinglewiscounty. Warren said he and the crew worked until 11:30 that night to get shoulders clear and roads passable. He said the town road Lovers Lane is closed and the intersection is our responsibility.

Warren updated the committee regarding damage to the cold storage building at the shop, there are 8-10 rafters broken. Ryan responded: Ward Daily needs to meet with all to discuss. John asked if the building is inspected every year, Warren was not sure.

Jackie, Trail Coordinator said there is a public hearing scheduled March 6th, at the next Board Meeting, regarding opening a small section of the Liberty Road to Snow sleds. This will resolve a bad trail section. She also said the "Snirt Run" is scheduled for April 21st.

Adjourn 11:30 a.m.