

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board: Buffalo County Highway Committee

Date of the Meeting: Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Chairman Mr. Weiss called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. in the conference room of the Buffalo County Highway Department, Alma, Wisconsin.

Board Members Present: Mr. Michaels, Mr. Ruff, Mr. Weiss (Mr. Nelson and Mr. Sendelbach excused absent)

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting: Bob Platteter, Kelly Johnston, Janet LaDuke, Dennis Earney, Lee Engfer

Public Comments regarding Agenda Items: None

Review/Discussion/Action - Minutes of the Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mr. Ruff to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, January 10, 2023. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action - Monthly Vouchers #29055 through # 29121 totaling \$366,004.30 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Ruff seconded by Mr. Michaels to approve the monthly vouchers as presented. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action – Mississippi River Trail:

- a. Not present.

Review/Discussion/Action – Equipment:

- a. Discussion of purchasing two used pickups to replace two older pickups. Mr. Ruff made a motion to give Commissioner Platteter the authority to purchase two used pickups if/when found without waiting to bring back to Highway Committee for approval. Explore different options of selling our old trucks with Enterprise vs Wisconsin Surplus.
- b. Discussion of possibly trading the milling machine. Someone is looking for a RS500 which is what we have. The replacement would be a RS460. The RS460 is \$772,725.00. Trade value for the RS500 is \$362,225.00 plus extended warranty credit which is about \$15,000.00. No action will be taken at this time.
- c. Truck #4 started with recall work, but other issues were found while at Allstate Peterbilt of Eau Claire. The estimate for these repairs was \$7,900.00. Poeschel Truck and Trailer of Mondovi did the repairs for \$3,900.00. Truck #77 was hauled to River States of Eau Claire for repairs after it was worked on at the Highway Shop but still wouldn't start. River States estimate was \$17,000.00-\$18,000.00. Poeschel Truck and Trailer did the repairs for \$9,900.00. Truck #76 has the same initial issues as truck #77 did. Highway Department already has the parts and Poeschel Truck and Trailer will do the repairs.

Review/Discussion/Action – Buildings & Grounds:

- a. Fluid Secure is up and running but has some issues that need to be worked out yet.
- b. Contact has been made with Walters Buildings. They adjusted the door rail and will come back in the Spring to remove the sheet steel to find the issue.

Review/Discussion/Action– Roads & Bridges:

- a. CTH KK & P bridges are both Federal Aid bridge projects scheduled for 2025-2026 as we have already selected the consultants for these. CTH AA & E bridges are both under 25' in length. CHIP money has been applied for to help with the cost.
- b. CTH AA bridge package is \$85,860.00. CTH E bridge package is \$136,207.00. Both are Wheeler bridge packages. Wheeler was the only bidder. Mr. Ruff made a motion to accept the bids from Wheeler. Mr. Michaels seconded. Carried

Review/Discussion/Action– Financial Status & Review:

- a. November is completed. December is currently being worked on. December Township bills possibly completed in a couple weeks.

Commissioners Report- Steam Cleaners/Hot Water Pressure Washers. Possibility of purchasing one for each shop. Getting prices. Fuel truck replacement. Barron County has a 2012 International for sale. Put on Highway agenda for the March meeting. Review/Discussion/Action.

Committee Chair Report –Mr. Weiss attended the Winter Road School at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells. Dan Fetterly has now retired from the WCHA. The new Executive Director is Patrick Vander Sanden.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be March 14, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

Public Comments- Nothing to report.

Adjournment- Mr. Ruff made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Acting Secretary
Kelly Johnston