

Highway/Landfill Committee Minutes

November 7, 2019

The Highway Committee meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM by Chairman Paape. Members present included Gary Paape, Tom Romdenne, and Thomas Cretney. Committee member Cory Cochart was excused. Committee member John Mastalir was not in attendance. Also present was Highway Commissioner Todd Every, Office Manager Mary Meyer, and Recording Secretary Jenny Salentine.

Adoption of Agenda: Tom Romdenne made a motion to adopt today's Agenda. Second by Thomas Cretney. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Tom Romdenne to approve the October 10th, 2019 Committee Meeting minutes. Second by Thomas Cretney. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Reports:

Patrol Superintendent, Jesse Schley was unable to attend today's meeting. Commissioner Every reported the following on Jesse's behalf:

- ✓ CTH "E" work is ongoing, currently excavating, grading, & paving
- ✓ CTH "E" Bridge is complete & open
- ✓ We've been working on several Town culvert replacements
- ✓ Mechanics are preparing trucks for winter, harnessing, etc.
- ✓ We have rented the mastic machine from the State, we have 1 day to use on the County roads
- ✓ Next week we will finish up paving on CTH "E" in the City of Kewaunee and the CTH "E" / CTH "FF" intersection

Office Manager Mary Meyer presented the latest financial report:

- Hand-Outs:
 - ✓ Roads & Bridges Budget Report (January 1st thru October 19th, 2019)
 - ✓ Roads & Bridges Budgets Monthly Detail (September 22nd thru October 19th, 2019)

Highway Commissioner Todd Every had the following to report:

- ✓ The Commissioner has been meeting with Town & Village officials regarding LRIP applications
- ✓ The Fuel Tank replacement projects are complete!
- ✓ Landfill Update:
 - We recently hauled 6 loads of leachate out
 - The gas well monitoring is done monthly, our recent reading required us to complete some maintenance around the well headers (this is very common)

Discuss Main Shop Replacement / Upgrade Project: Commissioner Every stated the contract has been signed w/ *Barrientos Design & Consulting*. We have scheduled our first kick-off meeting to interview the staff for Tuesday, November 19th @ 10:00 AM. No further action needed.

Discuss Town of Red River – Abitz Lane Bridge Aid Request: The total project cost is estimated to be \$13,100.00. The Town of Red River is requesting 50% Bridge Aid, which is equal to \$6,550.00. Committee Member Thomas Cretney asked the Commissioner if culverts are really needed? He further went on to state he feels the County could improve the wetlands instead of putting in culverts.

Motion made by Thomas Cretney to approve said bridge aid request in the amount of \$6,550.00. Second by Tom Romdenne. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Sale of Solid Waste Operations Al-jon compactor: In the fall of 2018, we listed the equipment for sale from our Solid Waste Operations on the WI Surplus Online Auction site. All equipment sold in that auction except the Al-jon. The highest bid for the Al-jon was \$25,000.00 and we chose not to let it go hoping we could get more. Commissioner Every has researched other sale options. Al-jon is now out of business, and therefore

not many machines are on the market. Parting out the machine to other Al-jon owners would simply take too much time. After contacting several used equipment vendors via the internet, we have an offer to buy the compactor from *Trends Handling Company*. The offer is \$25,000.00 and the buyer is responsible for dismantling the wheels and blade from the compactor for transport. The County will save \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 because we will not need to take the staff time nor rent the equipment to take off the wheels & blade. Proceeds from the sale of the machine will be placed in the County General Fund. Motion to sell the Solid Waste Operations Al-Jon Compactor to *Trends Handling Company*, 1645 Highpoint Dr., Conway, AR made by Thomas Cretney. Second by Tom Romdenne. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel Requests: None

Project Tour: None

Any other business as allowed by law:

1. Interviews were conducted this week. Monday we had 3 interviews for the Mechanic position and Wednesday we had 6 scheduled for the Highway Worker position, however only 5 candidates showed up. Overall, we had 8 total applicants for the mechanic position and 30 applicants for the Highway Worker position.
2. Commissioner Every spoke briefly about ditch damage throughout the County due to the extreme wet weather conditions & our local farmers trying to complete their fall harvest.
3. Committee Member Thomas Cretney inquired if our staff has ever participated in a formal "Flagger" training. Commissioner Every stated they have but staff will be required to be certified to flag on state highways starting in 2020. The commissioner and patrol superintendent attended a Flagger Certification Training in October and will be training staff soon.

Next Meeting Dates:

- Thurs., December 5th @ 8:00 AM
- Thurs., January 9th @ 8:00 AM

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn today's meeting by Tom Romdenne. Second by Thomas Cretney. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jenny Salentine, Recording Secretary