

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 9:30 a.m., Highway Department Office
7417 S. County Road E, Hawthorne, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Baker.

ROLL CALL: Present – Nick Baker, Marvin Finendale, Pat Ryan, Dan Corbin. Others present – Dan Bieberitz, Ryan Haworth, Mark Liebaert, Kevin Schmid, Steve Wedan, Shelley Nelson, Judy O’Brien, Jason Jackman, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Finendale, second Ryan, to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2018, meeting. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:

Budgetary:

2017 Carryovers/Reserves: Reviewed.

ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION): Motion by Ryan, second Corbin, to approve the carryovers/reserves as presented in the amount of \$4,681,402.00, and refer to Administration Committee and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Budgetary Transfers/Reserves Releases: Reviewed.

ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION): Motion by Corbin, second Ryan, to approve the budgetary transfers and reserve releases as proposed, and refer to Administration Committee and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Two Additional Seasonal Laborers – Utilized for State System: The state approved charging two Temporary Summer Laborers to the Douglas County RMA.

ACTION: Motion by Ryan, second Corbin, to approve two additional summer seasonal laborers dedicated to state projects. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL:

ACTION: Motion by Finendale, second Corbin, to take up item b, c and d, prior to a. Motion carried.

CTH Y Jurisdictional Transfer: Bayfield County approved the transfer for maintenance of the north 2.2 miles on CTH Y.

Maple Salt Storage Facility Update: Jackman reported Wheeler Construction waiting to go ahead to start production of materials; Ayers contracted to provide bidding documents for construction of building, which is expected this summer – ready for fall deliveries.

Railroad Letter CTH W: Jackman sent letter to Office of the Commissioner of Railroads regarding concerns about CTH W and railroad crossing. Commissioner letter directed Douglas County clear brush and trim trees within its highway right-of-way for 330’ down the highway in each direction of the CTH W crossing this spring, and inform the Commissioner’s Office in writing when the work has been completed. Village directed to put up some signage as well.

USH 53/CTH Y Restricted Crossing U-Turn Alternative – Presentation by Daniel Biebertiz, WisDOT: Copy of presentation distributed. Reducing and mitigating crashes at this location necessitated need for improvement. Proposed solution is a restricted crossing u-turn (RCUT); a proven safety treatment. If HSIP funds received, construction likely in 2020, and tied to US 53 paving project.

ACTION: Motion by Corbin, second Finendale, to support RCUT plan as presented. Motion carried.

Reports:

Administrative: Jackman reported Soo Line Bridge CTH C on schedule to be constructed this year; received complaints on AA regarding trains blocking intersection for long periods of time, so contacted a CNN representative, and was informed that improvements should occur in the future due to new side track placements.

Maintenance Projects: Haworth distributed updated county and state work lists.

Equipment: Wedan distributed Highway Class Asphalt Paver bid results; Fabick Cat low bidder at \$308,400.00; 24 week lead time typical, but due to dealer trade, delivery anticipated early May.

Budget: O'Brien reviewed budget for the time period ending January 31, 2018.

Future Agenda Items: Capital projects.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ryan, second Corbin, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk