

**MINUTES OF THE BAYFIELD COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12 2005 – 4:00 PM**

Meeting was called to order at 4:08 by Jim Beeksma, Committee Chairman. Present: David Good; John Blahnik; Jim Beeksma; Dale Brevak, Highway Commissioner; Susan Butterfield, Confidential Secretary/Office Supervisor; Keith Larson, Patrol Superintendent.
Absent: William Kacvinsky and Neil Paulson.

Motion made by Blahnik, seconded by Good to approve the agenda. Carried.

Motion made by Blahnik, seconded by Good to accept the Highway Committee minutes of September 14 2005 with one correction, change Claymore to Pla-Mor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Good, seconded by Blahnik to approve the vouchers. Questions called for. One question regarding the electrical work at Washburn office, still waiting for exit lights, ground fault receptacles in the shop and one run of new circuits, out of floor. Second question regarding Bayfield Construction at Port Wing, work is almost completed, Dale will update in Commissioner's report. Motion carried.

Review and discuss the proposed budget for 2006. The Executive Committee approved the budget as presented to them and forwarded to the County Board. The Board has not met as of this date.

CTH J Public hearing regarding project from CTH I to Turner Road. Beeksma read aloud a note from Mike Stoffel of Cedar Corp regarding comments from area residents. Notes attached. Mr. Erickson not real happy with the changes around his property as well as Mr. Rabideaux. Project could become very costly purchasing right-of-way or could result in condemnation. Can leave the road the way it is, without changing the grade, and still get Federal Aid. Federal Standards say you have to look at the grade but do not say it is mandatory to change it. Could pulverize the road in its current location coming down Rabideaux Hill but have no option by Apple Company or Jack Erickson on the horizontal curves. Those designed curves are already at minimum design standards. The Apple Company has no problem. Residents do want CTH J fixed but are concerned with Rabideaux Hill. Ron Lyons property, County would have to change his driveway. In order to get Federal Aid must do that segment of road and can not substitute any other segment. Cedar Corp needs direction on what to do regarding redesign. Will take between 2 and 3 weeks to reproduce a new print. We need to meet the time frame for PSE deadline and a Design Study Report done, a DNR sign off, we have been waiting 3 months for the DNR people to sign off on wet lands which is a couple small ravines. This all has to be in place before we buy right-of-way by Federal guidelines.

Motion made by Good, seconded by Blahnik to send plans back to Cedar Corp to redesign the road, look at the intersection Turner Road and CTH J and straighten out, not moving the roadway at the Rabideaux Hill curve and stay with the alignment design on the other two. Motion carried.

New Business.

Update on the State of WI Transportation Aids for 2006. Highway Department has been cut by \$11,821.86. One reason could be we have been doing more state work and less county work. Therefore the transportation aids are cut to compensate actual usage.

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Commissioner's Updates:

- Port Wing garage addition is 99% complete. To date we have paid for materials and 50% of the labor minus 10% retainage. Will not pay remaining until all lien waivers are in and inspection has been completed and satisfied.
- AllTemp submitted application to Department of Commerce for approval of heating system.
- Electrical plans should be here Thursday. Our crew will start wiring.
- Flood damage on CTH G and other areas, mudslide on CTH A and lost riprap on Larson Creek.
- Waiting on Northwoods Paving, we have 10 locations to patch.
- Basswood Lake project, waiting for blacktop, then will be complete.
- Previous flood damage from a month ago (8 locations) work done except for paving. Paper work has been submitted to WisDOT, with estimates, hoping for flood damage aid.
- CTH B Bridge done. Stood up to recent flood.
- Nasi doing roof above Washburn office. Putting on a new membrane, at no charge to county. There will be a crawl space for access to the air condition and makeup air and to watch for any problems.
- STH 137 project should be open to traffic by October 14. Paving will be done whenever contractor gets there.
- Still no answers from Dave Obeys' office for funding on CTH C. May not hear anything until next year. The delay is because of the hurricane issues and Federal monies short.
- Inked in the contract with Ayers for the Namakagon Bridge design, their proposal came in at \$54,530.00. We had estimated engineering at \$61,800.00. 80% funded engineering. Already doing the preliminary drawing for the Corps of Engineers so they can get moving on the environmental issues. DNR does not require environmental assessments because it will be DOT administered.
- Preliminary plan done by Bob Mick for CTH C and 4-Mile Creek. Fish & Wildlife contributing \$15,000.00 may come back with more. May need a larger concrete culvert. DNR was concerned with the silt, Mick surveyed and found the silt went way up the creek and is not caused by the culvert. We will do a surface curve correction.

Keith Larson reported the crew is behind about one month because of the flooding situation. May have to put off some projects until 2006. But all will be done. We did not want to turn down the State when they asked us to do the two repairs therefore putting our schedule behind.

Committee Input:

Good – Next segment of CTH J, no monies available at this time to fix the road, no federal funds for at least the next 2-year cycle. It would probably cost between \$150,000 and \$160,000 a mile to pulverize, pave, paint and shoulders. The area that is not done or scheduled to be done in the near future is the most traveled. C&W Trucking runs this section of road. Can not do anything in 2006 but may have to look at options for 2007-2008. The County would have to come up with the money or perhaps the highway departments fund balance. Can apply for STP money in 2007 for 2010.

Blahnik – Where does Forestry stand with the new building on highway property? Topo and survey work was done but have not heard anything else. No discussion at the most recent Forestry Committee meeting. The area was bored and the soil is inconsistent. Would have to start packing down the surface. Brevak should call Forestry to find out what is going on and report back at next meeting.

Good – Would like to discuss the 710 report put together by Butterfield. Add to the December agenda.

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No need to go into Executive session, Abeles-Allison has the updates.

November Committee meeting will be held in Town of Namakagon at the Town Hall. Brevak to find out if the hall is available on November 9, Committee meeting at 3:30 followed by Public Hearing at 7PM.

5:14 Motion by Good, seconded by Blahnik to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Submitted by:

Susan Butterfield, Recorder
Confidential Secretary/Office Supervisor