

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Vehicle Maintenance and Storage Facility
West Bend, WI**

**January 18, 2005
7:30 A.M.**

Present: John Kohl, Maurice Strupp, Mark McCune, Dan Goetz, and Chairman Tom Sackett. Also present: Highway Commissioner Ken Pesch and Assistant to the Highway Commissioner Barbara Villwock.

Chairman Sackett called the meeting to order and read the affidavit of posting.

A motion was made by Mr. Strupp and seconded by Mr. Goetz to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 4, 2005. Motion carried.

Christine Bartol, Excel Engineering, requested approval of two change orders to Excel's contract for design of the Slinger Highway Shop. The first change order, in the amount of \$371.72, covers the fee charged by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce to review component submittals. The second change order, in the amount of \$1,844.00, covers additional costs incurred by Excel Engineering when they were required to conduct an extra walk-through inspection and prepare a punch-list report. A motion was made by Mr. McCune and seconded by Mr. Kohl to approve both of the Change Orders for Excel Engineering. Motion carried.

Ms. Villwock reviewed the status of the payments to date and anticipated payments on the Slinger Shop project contracts.

Gary Kretchmer, Suburban Construction, reviewed the remaining punch list items. The installation of the emergency generator will start on January 27, 2005. Other punch list items to be completed included minor landscaping, painting, and patching, training on mechanical systems, and overhead door issues.

Commissioner Pesch indicated that there are seven pending access permits in which the applicants received variances prior to implementation of the amended access control policy and procedures on January 1, 2005. A motion was made by Mr. McCune and seconded by Mr. Strupp to extend the deadline for completing the conditions under which the appeals were approved until December 31, 2005. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pesch indicated that two permits were approved for Time Warner Cable covering the following:

- (A) the installation of new cable on CTH Q west of Pilgrim Road
- (B) the installation of cable across CTH Q at Water Street.

Commissioner Pesch indicated that a permit was approved for SBC Communications to relocate poles along CTH Y north of CTH Q in conjunction with the Waukesha County reconstruction project.

Commissioner Pesch indicated that a permit was approved for We-Energies covering a new gas service installation on CTH X approximately 224 feet east of STH 144

Commissioner Pesch indicated that a permit had been approved for the installation of an access onto CTH M approximately 1/2 mile west of the intersection of CTH M with CTH MY.

A motion was made by Mr. Strupp and seconded by Mr. Goetz to authorize payment of vouchers in the amount of \$581,313.10. Motion carried.

Greg Curtis, Bonestroo & Associates, reviewed the sub-alternate routes for the East West Corridor Study. He recommended elimination of those going through Dodge County and also those CTH K sub-alternates west of STH 83. Mr. Curtis also presented a decision matrix indicating the criteria for scoring economic, social, environmental, and transportation issues with each alternate. The Committee will select their preferred routes at their next meeting and approve the decision matrix scoring system.

Ken Miller, County Board Chairman, and Doug Johnson, Administrative Coordinator, discussed the potential vacation of Schmidt Road in conjunction with the courthouse expansion, the first draft of a potential intergovernmental agreement with the City West Bend regarding closure of Schmidt Road south of Creek Road, and the expansion of Rolfs Avenue.

Ms. Nass indicated that the highway committee can control what happens on existing county road rights-of-way but cannot preserve corridors outside of the right-of-way of county highways or along town roads or village streets. Ms. Nass suggested that the committee meet with the towns, villages, and cities to discuss corridor preservation for future projects.

Mr. Kohl left at 10:00 AM to attend another meeting.

Commissioner Pesch discussed a traffic impact study done for the proposed Best Buy development in Menomonee Falls. The Best Buy development will have access to Richfield Way south of CTH Q. A motion was made by Mr. Strupp and seconded by Mr. Goetz to work cooperatively with the Village of Menomonee Falls, the Village of Germantown, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to complete the necessary modifications to the intersection of Richfield Way with CTH Q and the interchange of CTH Q with US 41/45 in order to handle projected traffic volumes as safely and efficiently as practical with the understanding that the Washington County Highway Department will not participate in the cost of installing or maintaining traffic signals or street lights. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pesch indicated that the Transportation Development Association (TDA) Annual Fly-in will be on April 20-21, 2005 in Washington D.C. The consensus of the committee was that the commissioner and chairman should attend.

A motion was made by Mr. Kohl and seconded by Mr. Strupp to adjourn at 10:30 AM. Motion carried.

Mark McCune, Secretary