

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

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

**June 7, 2005
7:30 A.M.**

Present: John Kohl, Maurice Strupp, Mark McCune, Dan Goetz and Chairman Tom Sackett. Commissioner Ken Pesch was also present.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Kohl and seconded by Mr. Goetz to approve the minutes of the meetings held on May 17, 2005, and May 24, 2005. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pesch indicated that he had issued the following five permits:

1. To WE Energies to install a gas service on CTH K approximately 500 feet west of STH 175
2. To WE Energies to replace an electric line on CTH H at Sandy Ridge Road
3. To WE Energies to replace an electric line on CTH M at South View Circle
4. To Eric Bauer to repave a driveway onto CTH Y approximately 400 feet north of Fristadt Road
5. To Meridian Germantown LLC for modifications to CTH Y at STH 175

The committee heard a request for a deviation from standards for a street connection onto CTH P for the Valleywood Subdivision of the Town of Jackson. The applicant would like to use the design for vision triangles contained in the current version of the Access Control Policy in lieu of those in force at the time his appeal for the access was granted. Additionally, the applicant would also like to modify the details for a bypass lane by shifting the centerline of CTH P by approximately five feet and creating a left turn storage lane in lieu of the bypass lane. A motion was made by Mr. McCune and seconded by Mr. Kohl to allow the deviations from standards requested if all ten of the conditions listed in the approval of the original appeal are met. Motion carried.

The committee heard an appeal requested by William Carity for three permits to construct accesses onto the west side of CTH P approximately 980 feet, 1780 feet, and 2340 feet north of Sherman Road. Commissioner Pesch denied the requests because one of the two parcels has access to Sherman Road. A motion was made by Mr. McCune and seconded by Mr. Goetz to grant the appeal subject to the following conditions.

1. The Town of Jackson approves the preliminary plat.
2. The final plat shall be recorded by the Washington County Register of Deeds.
3. The highway commissioner may issue the access permits based on the preliminary plat but retains the right to remove those accesses in the event the final plat is not recorded.
4. The preliminary and final recorded plats show vision triangles on each of the three street connections onto CTH P that meet criteria of the Washington County Access Control Policy and the plats also have a note stating appropriate restrictions in the vision triangles.
5. The preliminary and final recorded plats have a note indicating that direct vehicle access from the entire area being plated onto CTH P is restricted to the three proposed street connections.
6. The applicant submits and the highway commissioner approves detailed engineering design plans for each of the proposed street connections. The plans shall show ingress, egress, and bypass lanes meeting access control policy requirements.
7. The applicant shall furnish a security deposit of \$25,000.00 for each permit at the time the permit is issued. The security deposit will be held for one year after completion of improvements on CTH P covered by the permit.
8. The applicant understands that the permits shall not be issued until adequate right of way to construct the bypass lanes is available.
9. The appeal becomes null and void if the permits are not applied for within six months of the granting of the appeal.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Strupp and seconded by Mr. Goetz to approve vouchers in the amount of \$242,651.48. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed the draft budget for equipment purchases in 2006 and gave conceptual approval for purchase of the four vehicles listed in the draft with final approval to be granted at the time of submittal of the 2006 budget request to the Administrative Coordinator. The committee also agreed to consider the addition of a variable message sign to the equipment to be purchased in 2006 at the time of final approval. A motion was made by Mr. McCune and seconded by Mr. Goetz to approve the transfer of equipment depreciation charges on all "hourly" equipment to the equipment replacement fund for equipment purchases. Committee members noted that the 2005 budget was developed and approved with the understanding that hourly depreciation charges for equipment would be used to fund equipment purchases even if those depreciation charges were paid on equipment that had reached the end of its project useful life cycle. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pesch reviewed changes to the yard at the old Highway Shop in West Bend as a result of the proposed addition to the courthouse.

A motion was made by Mr. Strupp and seconded by Mr. Kohl to authorize the Highway Commissioner to sign various documents associated with the acquisition of right of way for the project to reconstruct CTH Q from US 41/45 to Pilgrim Road with the understanding that those documents would not alter the scope or intent of the project. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Strupp and seconded by Mr. Kohl to authorize the Highway Commissioner to sign various documents associated with the acquisition of right of way for the project to reconstruct CTH M south of Pleasant Valley Road (Bridge over Cedar Creek and approaches) with the understanding that those documents would not alter the scope or intent of the project. Motion carried.

Greg Curtis, Bonestroo, distributed copies of comments heard at the public information meeting held on May 24, 2005, for the East-West Corridor Study Preliminary/Draft Report along with a tabulation of the comments received for each alternate. Mr. Kohl made a motion to suspend all work on the study until the results of the SEWRPC origin and destination study are received and a source of funding for construction of the proposed highway(s) is determined. The motion died for lack of a second. A motion was made by Mr. Goetz and seconded by Mr. Kohl to eliminate the southern alternate from future consideration. Motion carried with Mr. Strupp abstaining. The Highway Commissioner was directed to submit the northern alignment to the Finance Committee and County Board for final approval.

John Zimmerman, Darrel Berry, and Jeff Reedy from Bloom Consultants LLC informed the committee of the engineering design and construction resources of Bloom Consultants and asked for consideration when engineering resources are required on future county highway projects.

Commissioner Pesch informed the committee that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has directed the Washington County Highway Commission not to perform any mowing or spraying of invasive plant species or weeds (noxious or otherwise) on the rights of way of state roads during calendar year 2005 due to state budget constraints. Further, mowing on state roads is restricted to vision corners and to one pass along shoulders. The consensus of the committee was to perform vegetation control on county road rights of way in accordance with past practice irrespective of the DOT policy.

The committee reviewed the existing signs at the intersection of CTH P with CTH PV. Commissioner Pesch noted that the committee previously directed the filling of the most southerly set of groves for the rumble strips on CTH P and it was the consensus of the committee to leave that directive stand. A motion was made by Mr. Goetz and seconded by Mr. Strupp to remove the temporary warning flags from the stop ahead signs and the stop signs at this intersection and to remove the temporary stop ahead and stop signs along the left hand side of CTH P when reflective strips are added to the stop ahead and stop signs along the right hand side of CTH P. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. McCune and seconded by Mr. Goetz to go into closed session. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Upon reconvening in open session, a motion was made by Mr. Kohl and seconded by Mr. McCune to adjourn at 10:55 AM. Motion carried.

Mark McCune, Secretary