

**WASHINGTON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

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

**March 22, 2011
8:00 AM**

Present: Chairman Dan Goetz, Brian Bausch, Joseph Gonnering, and Richard Gundrum. Also present: Highway Commissioner Jon Edgren and County Board Chairman Herb Tennies. Kenneth Brandt was excused.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bausch and seconded by Mr. Gundrum to approve the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting held on March 1, 2011. Motion carried.

Commissioner Edgren indicated that the following permits were issued since the last meeting.

1. To WE Energies for installation of new main line & poles along the north side of CTH D, east of the railroad tracks for the reconstruction of the bridge over the Rock River in Town of Wayne.
2. To Frontier Communications for installation of new main line along the north side of CTH H at the intersection with STH 144 in the Town of Farmington.
3. To Frontier Communications for installation of new main line under CTH C just north of the intersection of STH 60 in the Village of Slinger.

A motion was made by Mr. Bausch and seconded by Mr. Gundrum to approve a permit for the Newburg Fire Department to close CTH MY from Shady Lane Road to CTH Y from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM on June 5, 2011, for their annual parade. Motion carried.

The committee discussed an appeal for a permit to install a Type-A access onto the south side of CTH E, 1,290 feet west of CTH CC, in the Town of Hartford. John Frye was present on behalf of the proposed landowners. The Commissioner denied the permit because the property in question has an access onto CTH CC, a field entrance on CTH E, and the Washington County Access Control Policy states that parcels fronting on more than one road, accesses shall be granted only on the lower classified road. A motion was made by Mr. Gonnering and seconded by Mr. Gundrum to grant the appeal to install the access with the following conditions:

1. Removal of the CTH E Field Entrance
2. The CTH CC Field Entrance will be used to access the parcel's woods only.
3. Approval of the Washington County Planning & Parks Department for the driveway location within the Shoreland Zoning District.

Motion carried.

The committee discussed an appeal for a permit to install a Type-A access onto the north side of CTH K in the Town Addison. Eric Gilbert was present on behalf of the landowners. The Commissioner denied the permit because the property in question has an access onto Wildlife Road, and future development is for commercial use, which should have a Type-B access. Following discussion regarding the reasons for a Type-B access and potential future development plans involving the extension of Kettle Moraine Road, Eric Gilbert withdrew his appeal.

Joe Steier, Transit Manager, gave a status report on the Shared Ride Taxi and Washington County Commuter Express Bus (WCCE) programs. Various aspects of the transit operations were discussed including ridership, fuel usage, revenues, and expenses. Representatives from Riteway and Specialized Transportation Services were also present for the discussion.

The committee discussed the East Wisconsin Railroad Consortium (EWCRC) Invoice for the annual \$25,000 contribution, and directed Commissioner Edgren to contact Christian Tscheschlok, Economic Development/Washington County and Paul Roback, UW-Extension – Washington County. A motion was made by Bausch and seconded by Gonnering to table further discussion until additional information regarding the fiscal impact of the EWCRC on Washington County is obtained. Motion carried.

The committee discussed the current Washington County Highway Department Staffing Plan. Commissioner Edgren recommended waiting for further information to develop regarding the State and County budgets before adding any staff or revising the staffing plan. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Bausch and seconded by Mr. Gundrum to approve vouchers in the amount of \$286,031.80. Motion carried.

Commissioner Edgren informed the committee that bids to reconstruct CTH H are due today at 2:00PM.

Commissioner Edgren updated the Committee on the hiring of Tom Wondra as the Assistant to the Highway Commissioner. He's scheduled to start on March 28, 2011.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be on April 5, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Bausch and seconded by Mr. Gonnering to adjourn at 11:00 AM. Motion carried.

Kenneth Brandt, Secretary