

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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

**August 7, 2012
8:00 A.M.**

Present: Chairman Dan Goetz, Kenneth Brandt, Joseph Gonnering, Brian Krebs and Melvin Ewert. Also present: Administrative Coordinator Doug Johnson, County Board Chairman Herb Tennes, County Supervisor Dennis Myers, Highway Commissioner Jon Edgren and Assistant Highway Commissioner Tom Wondra.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Brandt and seconded by Mr. Ewert to approve the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting held on July 31, 2012. Motion carried.

Commissioner Edgren indicated that no permits were issued since the last meeting.

Dan Nysse, Project Technician, presented the committee an appeal of a denied permit on CTH DW in the Town of Addison. A motion was made by Mr. Brandt and seconded by Mr. Gonnering to approve the access permit with the following conditions;

1. If the owner wants to upgrade the field entrance in the future, he would have to appeal the upgrade to the Transportation Committee.
2. No other future accesses will be granted to this parcel regardless of future land divisions.

Motion carried.

Doug Johnson, Administrative Coordinator, presented the committee with a memo detailing the timeline to create a job posting, interview candidates and recommend a Highway Commissioner to the County Board in January of 2013. Chairman Goetz informed the committee that Ozaukee County has inquired to see if they might be able to work with Washington County to share a Highway Commissioner to oversee both departments. After discussion, the committee agreed with the timeline presented and did not express any interest in sharing a Highway Commissioner with Ozaukee County. Chairman Goetz informed the committee that he would like to reach out to Administrative Services again regarding the residency policy for department heads.

Commissioner Edgren presented the committee with aerial photo of the CTH G and Sherman Road intersection. Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School has expressed concern to the Town of Jackson that this intersection could become dangerous as the school year starts on account of the construction at STH 60 and CTH G. The committee agreed that altering the traffic patterns with additional control devices presented an even greater safety risk and took no action.

Tom Wondra, Assistant Highway Commissioner, presented the committee with a draft of the 2013 budget for discussion. Mr. Gonnering expressed concern that the cuts the Highway Department has taken in the past two years have pushed off preventative maintenance and will end up costing more in the future. The 2013 budget will be updated with the latest information and presented to the committee for approval at the August 21 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Ewert and seconded by Mr. Krebs to approve vouchers in the amount of \$60,565.28. Motion carried.

Commissioner Edgren informed the committee that the Highway Department is currently working to clear some overgrown trees on CTH NN near Little Cedar Lake within the highway right of way.

Commissioner Edgren informed the committee that he received a complaint from a resident about the approved parade permit on CTH T in the Town of Jackson. Commissioner Edgren intends to attend a Town board meeting to discuss the issues with the Town.

Commissioner Edgren informed the committee that Administrative Services has approved the Carlson pay plan study. The study will be forwarded to the County Board for discussion on August 14th with a tentative vote at the September County Board meeting.

Lastly, Commissioner Edgren informed the committee that STH 175 from CTH Y to STH 60 is planned for reconstruction in 2015. The original plan was to perform the reconstruction in 2015 and 2016. The complete reconstruction timeline was truncated to accommodate other reconstruction and detour routes in the area in 2016.

Chairman Goetz informed the committee that new rails for the railroad have been laid in Richfield.

A motion was made by Mr. Gonnering and seconded by Mr. Brandt to adjourn at 9:55 AM. Motion carried.

Joseph Gonnering, Secretary