

**WASHINGTON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

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

**September 20, 2011  
8:00 AM**

Present: Chairman Dan Goetz, Kenneth Brandt, Brian Bausch, Joseph Gonnering and Richard Gundrum. Also present: Highway Commissioner Jon Edgren, Assistant to the Highway Commissioner Tom Wondra, County Board Chairman Herb Tennes, Supervisor Lee Krueger and Bob Fitts.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Brandt and seconded by Mr. Bausch to approve the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting held on September 6, 2011. Motion carried.

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

1. To WE Energies Gas for installation of a new service to a resident on the west side of CTH Z in the Town of Polk.

Commissioner Edgren presented the committee the results of a speed study done on CTH Z and CTH NN from Glacier Trail to 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Bob Fitts requested that the speed limit be lowered from 55 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour on CTH Z, south of CTH NN. Commissioner Edgren recommended that the current posted speed limit not be changed at this time based on a review of the accident history and current speed of motorists using this section of CTH Z and CTH NN. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Gundrum and seconded by Mr. Brandt to move into Closed Session to discuss the on-going valuation negotiations with Dale Peterson along the CTH Y reconstruction project. Roll call was taken. Mr. Gonnering yes, Mr. Bausch yes, Mr. Brandt yes, Mr. Gundrum yes, and Chairman Goetz yes.

No action was taken as a result of the Closed Session.

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.

Commissioner Edgren reminded the committee that the Public Information Meeting for proposed service reduction and fare increases is scheduled for September 21, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Gundrum and seconded by Mr. Gonnering to approve an application for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant. Motion carried.

Commissioner Edgren presented the committee with a memo detailing the vacant labor position on the highway staffing plan. Commissioner Edgren requested that the committee authorize him to fill the vacant position before the winter season. A motion was made by Mr. Bausch and seconded by Mr. Gonnering to authorize Commissioner Edgren to fill the vacant labor position at his discretion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Gonnering and seconded by Mr. Gundrum to recommend that the County Board amend Section 13.04 of Washington County Code to lower the speed limit on CTH H to 45 miles per hour between STH 144 and 970 feet east of Eagle Ridge Drive. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Gonnering and seconded by Mr. Bausch to approve vouchers in the amount of \$385,985.03. Motion carried.

Commissioner Edgren informed the committee of the upcoming meetings:

- 1) Planning Conservation & Parks Committee regarding the wetland mitigation on CTH D bridge project on September 28, 2011.
- 2) Finance Committee meeting regarding the 2012 Highway Budget on September 30, 2011.
- 3) WisDOT and Wisconsin County Highway Commissioner meeting regarding 2012 routine maintenance agreement on September 30, 2011.
- 4) The next Transportation Committee meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on October 4, 2011.

Commissioner Edgren updated the committee on the status of the several construction projects:

- 1) CTH D Bridge: Roadway reconstruction is almost complete. Begin bridge reconstruction soon.
- 2) Richfield Park & Ride: LaLonde Contractors will start work on project shortly.
- 3) CTH H: Project is going well. The expected completion date is December 2011.
- 4) STH 144: In contrast to his last update, STH 144 will be closed on September 26, 2011, from CTH A to Skyline Drive until November 23, 2011.

Mr. Gundrum updated the committee on the most recent East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Gonnering and seconded by Mr. Bausch to adjourn at 11:05 AM. Motion carried.

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Kenneth Brandt, Secretary