

**WASHINGTON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

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

**November 15, 2011
8:00 AM**

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

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

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

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

1. To WE Energies Electric for installation of an upgrade to the main line at the intersection of CTH A and Trading Post Trail in the Town of Farmington
2. To WE Energies Electric for installation of an upgrade to the main line at the intersection of CTH A and Orchard Valley Road in the town of Farmington
3. To WE Energies Gas for installation of anodes onto the main line on CTH G, north of STH 145 in the Village of Germantown.
4. To WE Energies Gas for installation of a gas main, starting at the intersection of CTH C and Hillside Road and heading north in the Town of Polk.
5. To WE Energies Electric for installation of a bypass switch to the main line on CTH A east of STH 144 in the Town of Farmington.

Commissioner Edgren 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 Specialized Transportation Services, Riteway, and PMSI were also present for the discussion. The Shared Ride Taxi and Washington County Commuter Express are on pace for record ridership in 2011.

County Board Chairman Tennes questioned the Transportation Committee about how schools are notified of potential hazardous road conditions during winter months. Commissioner Edgren informed Chairman Tennes that the Highway Department does not contact various school districts, but will respond to calls requesting information. In addition, the Sheriff Department notifies the Highway Department when they recognize hazardous road conditions.

A motion was made by Mr. Gonnering and seconded by Mr. Gundrum to approve vouchers in the amount of \$425,564.72. Motion carried.

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

1. CTH D Bridge: The bridge is complete and the road is open. The final layer of asphalt will be laid in 2012. There are some soft spots west of the bridge that will likely require additional work in 2012.
2. Richfield Park & Ride: Light poles are currently on back-order. Park & Ride is scheduled to be opened in mid-December.
3. CTH H: Wondra Construction has completed mainline paving, and will be finishing intersection paving, shouldering, sign installation and guardrail installation over the next week. CTH H is scheduled to open November 23, 2011.
4. STH 60: WisDOT has received bids for the reconstruction of STH 60 from US-41 to US-45, and the apparent low bidder is Zignego Company for almost \$15-million.

Commissioner Edgren informed the committee that Tom Rettler, laborer/operator, is retiring effective December 14, 2011. Commissioner Edgren will conduct a staffing study to present options to the committee at a future meeting.

Supervisor Gundrum updated the committee on the most recent East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium (EWCRC) meeting. The EWCRC is still examining options to inspect the accounting records of the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company.

A motion was made by Mr. Gonnering and seconded by Mr. Brandt to adjourn at 9:10 AM. Motion carried.

Kenneth Brandt, Secretary