

# BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board:

Buffalo County Highway Committee

Date of the Meeting:

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Chairman Mr. Don Hillert called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Buffalo County Highway Department, Alma, Wisconsin.

**Board Members Present:** Mr. Donald Hillert, Mr. Dwight Ruff, Mr. Max Weiss, Mr. John Sendelbach, and Jordan (Miller-Bradford & Risberg). Mr. David Danzinger and Ms. Roxann Halverson via Teams.

**Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting:** Mr. Bob Platteter, Kelly Johnston, and Jim Palkowski.

**Review/Discussion/Action - Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** A motion was made by Mr. Ruff, seconded by Mr. Weiss to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, January 11, 2022, with amended wording. Unanimously approved by the Committee.

**Public Comments regarding Agenda Items:** None

**Review/Discussion/Action - Monthly Vouchers #28252 through # 28287 totaling \$59,551.32 were reviewed.** A motion was made by Mr. Ruff seconded by Mr. Weiss to approve the monthly vouchers as presented. Unanimously approved by the Committee.

## **Review/Discussion/Action– Staffing:**

- a. Administrative Support Specialist – Job offer has been made and accepted. Ms. Radsek will be starting February 21, 2022.
- b. Recycling/Highway Split Position – One new applicant and one possible candidate from previous position applicants. Mr. Weiss made a motion to bring this applicant in as a Class 2 Operator if needed. Mr. Sendelbach seconded. Mr. Weiss yes, Mr. Danzinger yes, Mr. Ruff yes, Mr. Sendelbach yes, and Mr. Hillert yes.
- c. County Patrolman – Alma – Retirement in Mondovi Shop (county). Mr. Larson will be moving from Alma Shop to the Mondovi Shop February 16, 2022. This leaves an opening in Alma. No internal switching for Alma position. Advertised externally.
- d. State/County Patrolman – Ft. City - Retirement of State/County Patrolman in Fountain City. Advertised internally now and will advertise externally if there is none interested in switching positions. Mr. Ruff made a motion to fill the 2 Alma positions and 1 Fountain City position. Mr. Weiss seconded. Mr. Weiss yes, Mr. Danzinger yes, Mr. Ruff yes, Mr. Sendelbach yes, and Mr. Hillert yes.

## **Review/Discussion/Action - Equipment:**

- a. Equipment – Bids for Spray Truck Attachments – Universal bid was \$98,531.00. Michaels of Lacrosse was \$104,688.00. Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve Universal’s bid of \$98,531.00. Mr. Ruff seconded. Mr. Weiss yes, Mr. Danzinger yes, Mr. Ruff yes, Mr. Sendelbach yes, and Mr. Hillert yes.
- b. Bids for Grade – Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve McCoy bid for a JD 772 GP for \$306,539.00. Mr. Ruff seconded. Mr. Weiss yes, Mr. Ruff yes, Mr. Danzinger yes, Mr. Sendelbach yes, and Mr. Hillert yes.
- c. Quotes for Excavator Hammer Head – Mr. Ruff made a motion to approve the bid from MBR for \$14,260.00. Mr. Weiss seconded. Mr. Weiss yes, Mr. Danzinger yes, Mr. Ruff yes, Mr. Sendelbach yes, and Mr. Hillert yes.
- d. Revise Capital Equipment List – Took truck #39, #47 off the purchase list. Take the Craftco crack grinder and the excavator grinder head from the list to purchase from the PBM fund. All in agreement.

- e. Quotes for Crack Grinder/Router – Mr. Ruff made a motion to approve the bid from Sherwin Industries for a self-propelled crack grinder for \$26,700.00. Mr. Sendelbach seconded. Mr. Weiss yes, Mr. Danzinger yes, Mr. Ruff yes, Mr. Sendelbach yes, and Mr. Hillert yes.
- f. Quotes for Excavator Grinder Head – Mr. Ruff made a motion to accept the quote from Fabick Cat for a Fecon FMX36 Excavator Grinder Head for \$18,620.00. Mr. Weiss seconded. Mr. Weiss yes, Mr. Danzinger yes, Mr. Ruff yes, Mr. Sendelbach yes, and Mr. Hillert yes.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Buildings & Grounds:**

- a. Buildings & Grounds/Digital Communications Project – Two flat screens are ordered for the Alma Shop already and will start expanding to the other shops after they are set up.
- b. Sign Shop Door – We have one estimate for door panel, track, and construction. One estimate for just door panel and track. Get one more estimate for just a door panel and track.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Roads and Bridges:**

- a. CTH O Box Culvert Extension – Still getting costs together.
- b. Road Closing Authority – Any emergency agency has the authority to close a road for safety issues. Any closure for a long term, highway should be contacted for a full hard closure.
- c. Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) – Extra money in a 80/20 split. First round is for county municipalities only with projects already designed. Second round is for towns, cities, and counties and can include design costs. All work must be contracted out.

**Review/discussion/Action – Ride-A-Long Request:**

- a. Yes, supervisors can do ride along. Committee supervisors would be viewed as county employees and would be covered by county insurance. Schedule a time with Mr. Platteter if you wish to do a ride along.

**Commissioners Report** – December 11, 2021, storm which was Saturday with between 8”-12” of snow total. There was 15 county guys out totaling 120 ¾ hours of overtime. Discussion of parameter of plowing guidelines.

**Committee Chair Report** – Nothing to report.

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be March 8, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

Discussion of motorcycle crash by CTH N/T intersection.

**Public Comments-** Nothing to report.

Adjournment at 10:04 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary  
Kelly Johnston