

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board: Buffalo County Highway Committee

Date of the Meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Chairman Mr. Max Weiss called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. in the conference room of the Buffalo County Highway Department, Alma, Wisconsin.

Board Members Present: Mr. John Sendelbach, Mr. Max Weiss, Mr. Mr. Dwight Ruff, Mr. David Danzinger, Ms. Roxann Halverson via teleconference. Mr. Donald Hillert excused absent.

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting: Bob Platteter, Kelly Johnston, Jim Palkowski, John Dewitt and Dave Lorenz.

Review/Discussion/Action - Minutes of the Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Mr. Ruff, seconded by Mr. Sendelbach to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, February 8, 2022. Unanimously approved by the Committee. Mr. Danzinger yes, Mr. Sendelbach yes, Mr. Weiss yes, Mr. Ruff yes.

Public Comments regarding Agenda Items: None

Review/Discussion/Action - Monthly Vouchers #28288 through # 28295 totaling \$342,735.42 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Sendelbach seconded by Mr. Ruff to approve the monthly vouchers as presented. Unanimously approved by the Committee.

Consideration/Action- Staffing:

- a. Recycling/Highway Split Position – Offer made waiting to hear back.
- b. County Patrolman Alma – Offer made and accepted. Brent Everson.
- c. State/County Patrolman Fountain City – Couple more interviews Wednesday, March 9, 2022.
- d. County Patrolman Alma – Mr. Ruff made a motion to approve to hire a County Patrolman for the vacant Alma position. Mr. Sendelbach, seconded Mr. Danzinger yes, Mr. Ruff yes, Mr. Sendelbach yes, Mr. Weiss yes. Carried.
- e. Comp Time – Office Manager and Patrol Superintendent positions. Capping of comp-time hours occurred last year. County Highway Committee supports removing cap of comp-time on these positions Mr. Danzinger made a motion to forward to Human Resources Committee. Mr. Ruff seconded, Mr. Danzinger yes, Mr. Ruff yes, Mr. Sendelbach yes, Mr. Weiss yes. Carried.

Consideration/Action - Equipment:

- a. First Ford F-150 – This truck arrived but came in the wrong color. Couldn't refuse because trucks are too hard to get.
- b. Second Ford F-150 – Still not scheduled for build. Possibility or working with dealership to find something close to the amount of money bid. Approval of a cap price. Mr. Ruff made a motion to approve \$2000.00 additional to the bid price for a total of \$42,385.00 for any ½ ton truck regardless of brand. Mr. Danzinger yes, Mr. Ruff yes, Mr. Sendelbach, Mr. Weiss yes. Carried.

Consideration/Action – Buildings & Grounds:

- a. Digital Communications Project – The two units at the Alma Shop are running. Next get monitors to the other 4 shops. Set up a meeting with a couple counties for John and Kelly to meet with and see how they run their programs.

Review/Discussion – Roads and Bridges:

- a. CTH O Box Culvert Extension – 7 ½' extensions on each side. Larson Construction estimate \$132,539.00. Check prices for 2 steel culverts and price for a full pre-cast concrete.
- b. Palkowski Bridge Bids – Bridge package is out for bids.

- c. Bridge Inspection RFP – Have on prepared and ready to send out.
- d. Seasonal Weight Limits – Road bans will be on Monday, March 14, 2022, Buffalo, Pepin, and Trempealeau.

Commissioners Report – Commissioner’s Training, Wausau , March 22-23. Commissioners/Committee members meeting, Black River Falls, April 12, 2022.

Damage to tractor backhoe. Tree hit. 3 guys received letters in their files.

Committee Chair Report – Nothing to report.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be April 13, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

Public Comments- Dave Lorenz CTH O. Discussion of issues with CTH O before the new construction issues. Will look over the issues more thoroughly before construction begins.

Mr. Ruff made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Weiss seconded.

Respectfully submitted,



Acting Secretary
Kelly Johnston