

MINUTES

Eau Claire County
Highway Committee
Thursday, February 9, 2012/6:15 a.m.
Highway Department Meeting Room
2000 Spooner Avenue
Altoona, Wisconsin 54720

Members Present: Supervisors Pat LaVelle, Ray Henning, Richard Ziemann, Paul Lokken and Steve Chilson

Staff Present: Marcus Evans-Highway Commissioner, Mary Kunshier-Clerk, Rich Walthers-Patrol Superintendent, Rod Thorson, Highway Engineer and Mike Weiss, Engineering Intern

Others Present: Bill Bean

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

Chairman Pat LaVelle called the meeting to order at 6:15 a.m.

2. **Confirmation of Meeting Notice.**

Meeting notice confirmed.

3. **Review/Approve of January 26, 2012 Committee Minutes.**

Action: Motion by Supervisor Henning to approve the January 26, 2012 minutes as written. Motion carried, 5-0.

4. **Frac Sand Mine permitting updates**

Marcus Evans updated the Committee the Town of Bridge Creek meeting.

► It was brought up to possibly use “spoils” (material that is not used by the sand mine) for road projects.

► Not a lot of road related questions, more health and environmental questions.

► Eau Claire County will have a public information meeting scheduled in near future; unsure of date at this time.

Supervisor Ziemann asks when the moratorium ends, if the County is ready to move forward. The Highway Department is set up pretty well.

Supervisor Lokken mentioned the frac sand mines programs on WQOW -TV

5. **Citizen input.**

Bill Bean

► Mining companies should pay for any type monitoring; this expense should not be passed to taxpayers.

► Air quality monitors around the frac sand mine in Chippewa County – they are getting some information, unsure what information has been gathered.

6. **Review/Audit bills.**

The Committee reviewed the Highway Department bills dated January 27, 2012

7. **Determine/Confirm Future meeting Date/Time and Future Agenda items.**

Meeting Date:

■ Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 6:15 a.m.

■ Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 6:15 a.m.

■ Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 6:15 a.m.

Future Agenda items

■ No future agenda items for the February 23, 2012 meeting

8. **2012 Human Resources – related changes**

Marcus Evans updated the Committee with concerns and issues; difficulties relating to charging overtime after 40 hours and not after 8 hours.

Rich Walthers shared the following concerns with overtime after 40 hours to the Committee.

- ▶ impacts of billing cost to the State and County
- ▶ scheduled vacation is credited back if you work OT
- ▶ if employees have scheduled vacation and it is at the maximum earned hours of vacation, this could impact some projects.
- ▶ would like to see this part of policy changed back to the old way (overtime after 8 hours per day)

Supervisor Lokken suggested that Marcus Evans and Rich Walthers meet with Scott Rasmussen, Tom McCarty and HR Committee to explain the problems.

Supervisor Ziemann suggested to bring the problems to the HR Committee. Rich Walthers will compile a list of problems and concerns.

Supervisor Ziemann also suggested to see what other Counties are doing.

9. **Staff and Committee reports**

Marcus Evans

2011 Winter Maintenance expenditures – discussed this with the Committee; recommends the reserve fund concept end and winter maintenance fund is made a non-lapsing fund like all other counties in region that were recently polled. Marcus Evans will bring a fact sheet to the March meeting with related information to end the reserve fund and the Committee will decide if they want to have a resolution forwarded to the full County Board.

Marcus Evans was asked to bring to this meeting the number of driveway permits issued and not issued in 2011: 22 permits requested, 20 permits issued. Marcus Evans explained to the Committee the location, reason, concerns, regarding the two permits that were not issued.

Rod Thorson

Status of Lake Altoona boat landing and handicap accessible improvements. Site surveying has been completed. Nothing further done. Supervisor LaVelle will contact Mike Torud, Parks & Forest to give Rod Thorson time frame that they need information.

Supervisor Ziemann

Bill Bean brought to his attention, erosion problem at BCR Marcus Evans suggested to include in Capital improvements project funding.

Supervisor Henning

Was contacted by landowner whose application for second driveway was denied.

Contacted by a landowner along CTH A with request to have a sign by the landowner's driveway moved because of supposed site problems.

Supervisor Lokken left at this time.

10. **Committee education** – tabled until another meeting.

11. **Adjourn**

Action: Motion by Supervisor Ziemann to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

Motion carried, 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kunshier,
Committee Clerk

Approved 2-23-2012

