



AGENDA

Eau Claire County Highway Committee
Thursday January 4th, 2018 / 6:15 am
Eau Claire County Highway Department - Room 101
2000 Spooner Avenue, Altoona, WI 54720

1. Call the meeting to order.
2. Confirmation of meeting notice
3. Approval of past committee meeting minutes (12/7)
4. Public comment
5. Presentation by CORRE engineering on HH bridge design
6. AB 475 and SB 386: require rear amber strobe lights on horse-drawn vehicles for safety after dark and during inclement weather. – Discussion/Action
7. Presentation on PASER rating
8. Approval of Administrative Associate changes – Discussion/Action
9. Highway Commissioner report
 - Highway maintenance and construction update
 - Review of accident that occurred on 12/21
 - How on-call works with the Highway Department operations staff
 - Cost Reports
10. Payment vouchers (12/8, 12/15, 12/22, 12/29)
11. Future meeting dates, times, and agenda items
12. Adjourn.

* the Committee may hear comments from the public for up to 30 minutes; not more than 5 minutes/person is allowed; this period is not considered a public hearing.

cc: Members, Media, Kathryn Schauf, Keith Zehms, Jon Johnson, Rod Thorson

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MINUTES

Eau Claire County • Committee on Highway

Thursday, December 7th, 2017 / 6:15 am

Highway Department Meeting Room 101 • 2000 Spooner Avenue, Altoona, WI 54720

Members Present: Chairman Ray Henning, Vice Chairman Steve Chilson, Supervisor Kathy Clark, Supervisor Katy Forsythe, Supervisor Carl Anton

Staff Present: Highway Commissioner Jon Johnson, Operations Manager Brian Spilde, Accountant Michael Donaldson, Engineer Rod Thorson

1. **Call meeting to order**

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

2. **Confirmation of meeting notice - Review**

Meeting notice confirmed.

3. **Past committee meeting minutes (11/2) - Review/Action**

Motion: Supervisor Clark moved for approval. Motion Approved 4-0

4. **Public comment** – No public comment

5. **Eau Claire County ATV Route Request Policy update - Action**

Commissioner Johnson updated the ATV policy and application form. In summary:

- Application to be received from Townships and Municipalities only
- ATV route and replacement signs are to be provided to the Highway department
- During application process, affected residents on the applied route are to be notified and instructed on how to properly respond
- Initial processing fee of \$35 for application and no renewal fee

❖ Supervisor Chilson joined the meeting

Motion by Supervisor Forsythe for approval of policy and application revisions. Motion approved 5-0

6. **Winter Maintenance Policy**

Commissioner Johnson updated the Snow and Ice removal section of the Highway policies and procedures manual, page 47. Under paragraph "Decision to Begin Snow Removal" the following verbiage was updated:

"The Highway Department will take all factors into consideration and will make a determination on the appropriate time to begin the snow removal process. Snow removal will begin on County roads when there is 2" of accumulation or more. County roads that connect to 24 service routes, such as State highway or City arterials will receive treatment at less than 2"."

Press release and contact with news outlets will be performed to communicate this policy revision.

Motion by Supervisor Forsythe for approval of policy revision. Motion approved 5-0

7. Highway Commissioner report

- Highway maintenance and construction update
Commissioner Jon Johnson spoke on the following:
 - To assist the department in litter pickup on the roadways, looking into the Huber program
 - Having some of our seasonals assist the Meals for Wheels program and assist while the program is shorthanded during the holiday season
 - Our part time administrative associate is taking a full time position within the county. Preparing job description change and duties to support changing position to full time.
 - Our lead sign employee resigned, interviewing soon for replacement
 - Will need to replace field labor position opened by internal promotion
 - Attended the Board of Directors meeting in Wausau recently. Will send out agenda minutes to the Highway committee.
 - WISLR PASER ratings currently being done by Rod in engineering. Ratings are based on visual inspection of all 420 miles of county roadways and performed every two years
 - Working on tying together our asset management program with our GIS program. New technology helps manage our department finance and future planning.
 - 7 Bridges will be receiving new weight restrictions
 - Attended asphalt pavement maintenance conference in Madison
 - Fixed many steep slopes with fill provided by Hwy 93 & I94 construction site
 - Assembly Bill 697 moving forward concerning carbide limits for construction season

Operations Manager Brian Spilde spoke on the following:

- Working on revising sign shop process resulting in less paperwork. Focus on sign maintenance.
- Looking into more efficient on call system for shop, parts, and operations
- Scheduling software purchased to resource allocation and schedule work.
- Looking into utilizing RiceVision for our communication initiative within the highway department.

Highway Engineer Rod Thorson spoke on the following:

- 20 bridge inspections were completed this fall
- Soil bores completed for next years scheduled CIP projects
- Meet with operations concerning design and planning for next year
- Interns from the summer returning for winter break period
- Developing the crack fill and seal coat master list

8. Payment vouchers (11/17, 11/22, 12/1)

Vouchers were reviewed

9. Future meeting dates, times and agenda items

Future Meetings:

- Thursday, January 4th

Future Agenda Items:

- How on-call works within the Highway Department operations staff.
- Representative from CORRE engineering to present on HH bridge designed
- PASER rating presentation
- Cost reports

10. Adjourn at 7:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Donaldson

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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 475

August 24, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives SPIROS, KULP, VANDERMEER, MURSAU and TUSLER, cosponsored by Senators PETROWSKI, OLSEN, MOULTON, MARKLEIN and WANGGAARD. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 347.24 (2); and *to create* 347.30 (3) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** lighting requirements for animal-drawn vehicles operated on highways.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no animal-drawn vehicle may be operated on a highway during hours of darkness unless the vehicle is equipped with at least one white light visible from a distance of 500 feet ahead and two red lights visible from 500 feet to the rear.

This bill requires that, in addition to the white headlight and the red rear lights, such vehicles must be equipped with rear flashing yellow or amber strobe lights. The bill also requires that the lights on an animal-drawn vehicle be illuminated during periods of inclement weather.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 347.24 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 347.24 (2) No person may operate on a highway during hours of darkness or
5 during periods of inclement weather a vehicle drawn by an animal unless the vehicle

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1 is equipped with at least one lighted lamp or lantern exhibiting a white light visible
2 from a distance of 500 feet ahead and 2 lighted lamps or lanterns exhibiting red light
3 lights and 2 yellow or amber strobe lights visible from a distance of 500 feet to the
4 rear and. The red rear lights shall be mounted in such a manner as to indicate the
5 extreme width of the vehicle. The yellow or amber strobe lights shall be mounted not
6 more than 6 inches from the lateral extremities of the vehicle.

7 **SECTION 2.** 347.30 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

8 347.30 (3) Notwithstanding sub. (2), on or after the effective date of this
9 subsection ... [LRB inserts date], and before 6 months after the effective date of this
10 subsection ... [LRB inserts date], if a person violates s. 347.24 (2) by operating on a
11 highway during hours of darkness a vehicle that is drawn by an animal and that is
12 not equipped with 2 yellow or amber strobe lights visible from a distance of 500 feet
13 to the rear and mounted not more than 6 inches from the lateral extremities of the
14 vehicle, a law enforcement officer shall issue the person a warning notice and may
15 not issue a citation.

16 (END)