Rusk County
Highway Committee

August 16, 2010


Absent: None

Also Present: N. Mertes, E. Wundrow, Mike Byrnes from Monarch Paving.

Call meeting to order.
Highway Chair Tom Costello called today's meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of the agenda and move any agenda items as needed.
A Svoma/Gierke motion to approve the agenda and move any agenda items as needed. Motion Carried.

A Gierke/Svoma motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2010. Motion Carried.

Public Comment and/or input.
No public comment.

Open Bids- Pulverize Asphalt on CTH “A” – CTH “O” – CTH “V”
PULVERIZE
Three bids were received for pulverizing.
Pitlik & Wick, Inc. – CTH “A” 2.0 miles @ $6200.00/mile - $12,400.00. CTH “V” 1.29 miles @ $6200.00/mile - $7998.00. CTH “O” 2.67 miles @ $6500.00/mile - $17,355.00. Total Project Cost - $37,753.00.
Monarch Paving - $3800.00/mile @ 5.96 miles. Total Cost - $22,648.00
Kramer Company – 0.336 per square mile at 6 miles - $4336.00/mile. Total Cost - $26,016.00.
A Svoma/Gierke motion to award the pulverizing bid to Monarch Paving at $22,648.00. Motion Carried.

E-1 Asphalt
One bid was received for E-1 Asphalt for the CHIP project.
Monarch Paving – Asphalt E-1 $41.95 per ton.
A Costello/Gierke motion to award the bid for E-1 Asphalt to Monarch Paving for $41.95 per ton. Motion Carried.

Set date for special meeting to open bids for Asphaltic Chip Seal Surfacing.
A Svoma/Gierke motion to schedule a special highway committee meeting for August 25, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Review appraisals of the CTH “E” Gravel Pit and the Lobitz Gravel Pit, determine minimum bid, and authorize resolution to County Board to sell both gravel pits.
Appraisals performed by Todd Miller of Miller Appraisal Service:
Lobitz Pit: Section 1 - $29,600.00. Lobitz Pit: Section 2 - $800.00.
CTH “E” Scerba Pit: $17,000.00
Discussion followed.
A Gierke/Svoma motion to recommend to County Board minimum bids be set at: Lobitz Pit Section 1 - $29,600.00, Lobitz Pit Section 2 - $800.00, CTH “E” Scerba Pit - $17,000.00 and to authorize N. Mertes to prepare a resolution for County Board approval to sell the subject pits and to let for bid. Motion Carried.
Update on CTH “D” right of way at Fish Lake.
Per Corporate Council regarding right of way on CTH “D” at Fish Lake “There is nothing that the County owns.” Corporate Council will get a certified copy of the judgment which will transfer the lands in the Rusk County Treasurer Office.

Request to hire three seasonal employees to replace the three students that will be leaving to return to school in August.
E. Wundrow explained that due to the late start of the 2010 construction projects the current Highway employee “students” will be leaving the department to return to school in late August; before the highway construction projects are started. For this reason E. Wundrow will need replacements for these employees to finish the 2010 project season. A Freeman/Gierke motion to hire three seasonal employees to replace the students that will be leaving in late August and authorize E. Wundrow to select the three replacements from the job applications on file from the Spring 2010 seasonal employment hiring. Motion Carried.
T. Costello asked N. Mertes to prepare a memo to Denise Wetzel to inform her of the Highway Committee's decision.

Request for Out of County Travel – Highway Office Manager and Highway Bookkeeper to attend the Annual Training for CHEMS Software.
A Gierke/Freeman motion to approve the out of county request for the Highway Office Manager and Highway Bookkeeper to attend the Annual Training for CHEMS Software. Motion Carried.

A Gierke/Svoma motion to put a hold on the Highway Departments participation in the AVL-GPS pilot program. Motion Carried.

Correspondence from the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads re: current railroad closings in Rusk County.
The Wisconsin Central LTD shall bear the cost to remove the crossing and obliterate the roadway approaches within its right-of-way at the Sheep Ranch Road – North crossing and to construct the vehicle turnarounds.

Highway Commissioner Report.
E. Wundrow updated the Committee on the status of the “Finding Forward Coalition – Working to ensure your transportation dollars are used for transportation purposes.” Consensus of the Committee to have the County Board revisit the referendum at their September County Board meeting with the additional information obtained by the Highway Commissioner.
E. Wundrow discussed flood and storm damage that has occurred on county highways as a result of the recent rain storms.
E. Wundrow reviewed equipment needs at the department.
A Gierke/Freeman motion to approve the Highway Commissioner report. Motion Carried.

N. Mertes reviewed the Highway Financial reports with the Committee.
A Freeman/Costello motion to approve the financial report. Motion Carried.

Highway Office Report.
N. Mertes reviewed the Highway Office Report with the Committee.
A Gierke/Svoma motion to approve the office report. Motion Carried.
Highway Committee – Comments.
None.

Action on monthly vouchers.
None Submitted.

Sign and approve pre-approved vouchers.
Pre-approved vouchers totaling $413,335.37 were reviewed and signed by the Committee. A Svoma/Costello motion to approve the pre-approved vouchers totaling $413,335.37. Motion Carried.

Set date for next highway committee meeting.
The next Highway Committee meeting is set for September 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Rusk County Highway Department.

Motion to Adjourn.
A Gierke/Freeman motion to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Highway Office Manager – Nanci A. Mertes

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