

Members Present: Gary Steber, Don Gardner, Jeanette Bomberg, Larry Neuens and John Halada.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Joe Bestor, Jeff DeMuri and Francie Freeberg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steber.

Approval and/or revisions to current agenda: A motion was made by Neuens, seconded by Gardner and voted unanimous to approve the agenda as submitted.

Approval of Minutes: It was then moved by Gardner, seconded by Halada and voted unanimous to approve the minutes of the August 11th regular Highway Committee Meeting and the August 20th and August 26th, 2014 Ad-Hoc Highway Committee Meetings, as submitted.

Old Business

Cold Storage Building:

1: Bid results from 08-20-2014: Bids were opened on August 20th for the construction of a cold storage building. Only two (2) bids were received. One bid was from A & M buildings of Seymour, WI and the second bid was from Alliance Construction of DePere, WI. The following is a summary of the bids submitted:

	A & M Buildings	Alliance Construction
Total Cost of Cold Storage Building	\$ 65,990.00	\$ 66,600.00
Total Cost of Cold Storage Building – Extended Length	\$ 89,990.00	\$ 90,500.00
Total Cost Option B – County Salt Shed Roof	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 5,468.00
Total Cost Option C – State Salt Shed Roof	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 8,195.00

DeMuri explained each of the items on the bid. The original base bid was for a building 50' wide and 72' long with 16' high side walls. The extended length was for an additional 48' for the building. The lean-to length is 72 feet long with an additional 8 feet in length if we decided to go with the extended length building. The cold storage building would be constructed next to the Sheriff's Department building. There is a chance that they could change the type of truss system in the building, to save some money. These bids came in higher than originally expected, but felt that we could cover the extra cost due to having completed some unbudgeted projects producing extra revenue for our department. DeMuri said that the repairs to the Salt Shed roofs could wait for this year and be bid again at a later date. If the project doesn't go over \$100,000 then we do not need to go with the prevailing wage scale. After additional discussion and questions it was moved by Bomberg, seconded by Neuens and voted unanimous to award the bid to A & M Buildings for the extended length building.

CTH "N" Bonding Project:

1: Bid results from 08-26-2014: DeMuri reminded the Committee that bids were sent to three contractors and Northeast Asphalt was the only one to submit a bid. The total price of all bid items on the base bid was for \$1,754,191.00 and the alternate bid, which included graveling of the shoulders, was for \$1,815,751.00. Comparing prices to last year the cost for the blacktop went from just over \$53.00 per ton to \$55.25 per ton. Northeast planned to start the job this fall after completion of their current project in Michigan if awarded the bid. With the adverse weather we've had they are currently behind schedule on their MI job. The furthest they could possibly go this year would be to the area of the oxbowl. If the DNR gets the permits in order, we would have quite a bit of work to do to cut the hill by the oxbowl in preparation of the alignment changes in that area. It was discussed about the possibility of laying four inches of blacktop instead of three. If that were done then possibly a binder of 2-1/2 inches could be laid this fall, with an additional 1-1/2 inches laid next year. Several options were discussed. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Bomberg, seconded by Neuens, and voted unanimous to award the bid to Northeast Asphalt for \$1,754,191 and give Jeff permission to work with them to get the work completed for the betterment of Florence County.

As for the work on the parking lots by the oxbowl, it was noted that the DNR won't work with county governments to complete that work. The parking lot work will have to go to a private contractor and DeMuri has been in contact with several local contractors to do that work. Their prices range from \$11,000 to \$15,000.

Highway's 2013 Financial Report: The financial report was distributed at last month's committee meeting for everyone to review prior to today's meeting. DeMuri and Freeberg explained each of the detail reports and answered questions, as they arose.

2015 Highway Budget: DeMuri submitted a copy of his budget to the Committee for \$500,000 levy. He then explained each line item and answered questions. He noted that we do not use the same format as other departments where they show their labor and fringes independently on the budget. Due to the nature of our work structure and unknown projects that may come up, severity of winter maintenance, our labor and fringes are included in the overall estimate. We have some anticipated grant work for the County Forestry. Requested equipment purchases include a one ton utility truck. DeMuri said that he is switching back to gasoline for these trucks due to the problems caused by the excess idling the trucks do when used for flagging operations. He is also looking for an auger for installing sign poles, a used tar kettle with a diesel motor to heat up the bituminous, an air compressor, broom, etc. We will also have our second annual payment on the Volvo loader. Our state GTA Aids have been decreasing annually meaning we have to budget for more expense on the county's end. The State is now allowing for some of the maintenance projects, such as crack sealing, to go to the counties now instead of the contractors, so that will give us a slight increase in our state maintenance budget. After discussion, it was moved by Neuens, seconded by Gardner and voted unanimous to send this budget request of \$500,000 to Audit and Budget. They would like an update on the 2014 expenses included at the same time.

New Business

North Central Region Fall Meeting: The annual North Central Region Fall meeting will be held on October 10th, at Stratford, WI. If any of the Committee members are interested in attending they should contact DeMuri.

Bids for new roof on highway building: DeMuri said that he plans to put out bids for the replacement of the roof on the highway building.

Release of ROW/Gravel/Mineral reservations on two (2) parcels in Tipler: We received a request to release the county held gravel/mineral and/or right-of-way reservations on two (2) parcels of land in the Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter (NW ¼ of NW ¼), Section Nineteen (19), Township Forty (40) North, Range Fifteen (15) East, Town of Tipler. Both parcels are located adjacent to Lily Pad Road. The Town of Tipler will be acting on this release at their meeting on the 18th of September. Since the parties involved are hoping to close on this land sale on the 3rd of October the committee will need to act on their request at this meeting. After discussion it was moved by Bomberg, seconded by Halada and voted unanimous to follow the recommendations of the Town of Tipler.

Commissioner's Report: The Johnson Creek project has been completed as has the work for the MI DNR on the Nicolet Trail Extension. We have a total of eight (8) culverts to install for the Town of Fence. After all the recent rains we may need to install a larger driveway culvert on CTH "N" as the 18" pipe was too small.

Distribute monthly financial statements: The monthly financial statements were distributed and reviewed by Freeberg. It was moved by Gardner, seconded by Halada and voted unanimous to approve the report as submitted. Freeberg is in the process of completing the monthly journal entries and will be getting them to the Clerk's office in the very near future.

Present bills: The bills were presented for review. After discussion, it was moved by Neuens, seconded by Gardner and voted unanimous to approve payment of the bills for a total not to exceed \$78,132.96.

Committee Members comments, concerns and future agenda items: Neuens asked about the need for snowmobile crossings on the proposed new section of CTH "N" and the 25' land transfer/acquisition needed for the new DOT salt shed. Next month's agenda should include discussions on the bid openings for the roof on the highway shop, update on cold storage building and bonding work.

Adjourn: There being no further business it was moved by Gardner, seconded by Neuens, and voted unanimous to adjourn to October 13th, 2014 for the next regular highway meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Francie Freeberg,
Office Manager