

Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Meeting of the Monroe County Highway Committee

- Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson David Pierce
- Members present: David Pierce, Wally Habegger & Douglas Ragalla
- Members absent: Nodji VanWychen & Zach Zebell
- Others present: Highway Commissioner – David Ohnstad  
Monroe County Sheriff – Wes Revels  
Monroe County Chief Deputy – Chris Weaver  
Fiscal Assistant – Vickie Hanson (minutes)
- Period of Public Comment: Chairperson David Pierce brought forward a question on behalf of Mr. Ope Degenhardt, from Norwalk. Mr. Degenhardt is wondering about the schedule for the project on County U in regards to the planning of the Norwalk Tractor Pull. Highway Commissioner David Ohnstad explained that full details are not yet available.
- Last Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 regular meeting made by Douglas Ragalla, seconded by Wally Habegger. All ayes, motion carried.
- Vouchers presented: Month vouchers of \$457,994.37
- Department Personnel: Highway Commissioner David Ohnstad stated that the department is now fully staffed except for the office manager. Recruitment is ongoing.
- Injury to Highways Ordinance: Highway Commissioner David Ohnstad distributed a draft copy of the proposed ordinance. This was discussed at length. Sheriff Wes Revels and Chief Deputy Chris Weaver contributed their thoughts and recommendations. A revised version will be drafted for further review.
- Storage Building: Highway Commissioner David Ohnstad shared that 3 proposals have been reviewed for the design of a storage building at the Highway Department corporation yard in Sparta. These 3 proposals will be reviewed in greater detail to be assured that the criteria is being met.

- Project Development/Schedule: Highway Commissioner David Ohnstad distributed the Bonding Funds sheet, which was reviewed. For county highways W & I, resurfacing bids will be accepted the end of January. The project schedule will be determined after that. Regarding highways PC & P, the projects are half done and will now be federally funded instead of locally funded.
- Commissioner's Report: The Public Highway Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at the Wellington Town Hall. This will be in regards to the county highway Z project.
- Future Agenda items: Update on the proposed Injury to Highways Ordinance.  
Next meeting date will be Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Motion to adjourn at 10:58 am by Doug Ragalla, seconded by Wally Habegger. All ayes, motion carried.