

April 18, 2023 meeting of the Monroe County Highway Committee

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by Chairperson David Pierce.

Members present: David Pierce, Wally Habhegger, Zach Zebell, Douglas Rogalla and Nodji VanWychen.

Members absent: none

Others present: Highway Commissioner – David Ohnstad, County Board Chairman – Cedric Schnitzler, Fleet & Facilities Manager Bill Pieper, and Office Manager – Brooke Adams

1. Period of Public Comment

Jim and Julie Olson were present for public comment.

Jim spoke asking what the status is in the investigation of their son's fatal accident on CTH BC and Fairway Ave. August 2022. Asked if while waiting on final recommendations, has anything been done by the county to mitigate the issue at the intersection.

Commissioner Ohnstad stated that at this time there is no recommendation for immediate action.

Julie spoke asking if there is the possibility to place solar powered lights, possibly a time of flashing warning, at the intersection.

Wally Habhegger recommended to place as a matter of discussion on the May Committee agenda.

2. Last Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023 regular meeting made by Wally Habhegger, seconded by Zach Zebell. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Review Vouchers and Credit Card Charges (Discussion)

Highway Department vouchers and expenditures were reviewed.

4. Request for Credit Card Approval

Motion to approve the request for a credit card to be issued to Office Manager Brooke Adams made by Zach Zebell, seconded by Doug Rogalla. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Request Re-Purpose of Funds

Motion to approve the re-purpose of funds for the excavator bucket by Wally Habhegger, seconded by Doug Rogalla. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Commissioner Report (Discussion)

Highway Commissioner David Ohnstad presented information regarding department projects, operations and equipment.

- Pre-construction meeting for CTH U Bridge in Norwalk May 1, 2023. Project to begin May 15, 2023. Contractor has 60 working days to complete the project.
- CTH PP Bridge will not begin until fall.
- Attended pre-construction meeting for I94 Tomah to Camp Douglas last week.
- Hwy 21 from Tomah (near Ocean Spray) to Juneau County line will be resurfaced this summer.
- Material from asphalt milling will be stockpiled at the Sparta corporation yard.
- Conducted a field review of bridge projects that have been proposed.
- Continued design of CTH ET still projected for next year. Federal funding is finite, balance will need to be covered by department.
- Intersection of US 12 and CTH ET scheduled summer 2023.
- Prep work for CTH I east of Cataract has begun. Will be July or August before contractor comes in to do work.
- Executed DMA funding agreement for construction of new salt shed. The bid has been advertised in the La Crosse Tribune and Monroe County Herald. Bids to open April 27.

7. On-Site Review of Sparta Corporation Yard (Discussion)

Zach Zebell excused from on-site review, left the meeting at 9:57 am.

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8. Future Agenda Items

Next meeting date Scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 9 am at the Highway Administration Building.

Discussion to be held on CTH BC and Fairway Ave. intersection.

Chairman David Pierce requested the COVID restriction note be removed from future agendas.

Motion to adjourn at 10:30 am by Nodji VanWychen, seconded by Doug Rogalla. All ayes, motion carried.