

**Pierce County Highway**  
**APPROVED**  
**Highway Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**February 16, 2023**

**Present:** Dean Bergseng, Jim Ashbach, Neil Gulbranson, Jerry Kosin

**Staff Present:** Chad Johnson, Elliott Check, Travis Hartung, Ray Dohm, Pauline Kopp, Brad Lawrence – Corp. Counsel

**Present via Remote:** Jason Matthys – Administrative Coordinator

**Excused:** Dale Auckland, Jane Bond

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chairman N. Gulbranson.

2. Public Comments: No public comments.

3. Approve Minutes: J. Kosin/J. Ashbach motioned to approve the minutes from the 01/19/2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

D. Bergseng/J. Kosin made a motion to move agenda numbers 11 and 15 to the number 4 and 5.

11. Surplus Property in Town of Trenton and Diamond Bluff: Northwest of County Trunk Highway K there is a solar field being installed. We own two parcels adjacent to the proposed solar complex. This will be a total of 5.7 acres that goes to the railroad tracks. This was a quit claim deed in the 1960's from the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. Declare this surplus and add the Right of Way on STH 35. We will declare the Right of Way to the State of Wisconsin and anything remaining will be sold. J. Ashbach/J. Kosin motion to approve declaring the Diamond Bluff and Trenton land Surplus Property. Motion carried.

15. Pierce County Code 40.23/Resolution No. 87-26: A request to approve an increase from \$75,000.00 to \$250,000.00 increase in the Pierce County Code 40.23/Resolution No. 87.26. J. Kosin/J. Ashbach motion to approve the \$250,000.00 proposed amount. Motion carried.

4. Payable and Payrolls: An explanation of our county and state salt purchases.

5. Staff training/education needs: First Aid training, Minnesota Mine Safety Association spring start up, New Miner training, Cat paving and compaction training, Chainsaw training, Refresher training, Mechanic 3-day training.

7. Machinery and Equipment plan: We have located a used roller that we are considering to purchase. J. Ashbach/J. Kosin motion to approve the Machinery and Equipment plan as presented. Motion carried.

8. Rubber-tired Roller: There is the possibility of purchasing a used Rubber-tired roller and keeping our current roller as a backup just for the season and selling after summer 2023. The used roller is \$21,000.00 below the budgeted amount. D. Bergseng/J. Ashbach motion to approve the purchase of the Rubber-tired roller pending an inspection. Motion carried.

9. One-ton pickups: Replacing Units 7 and 12 with 180,000 miles on them for one-ton pickups, one crew cab and one regular cab both with long boxes. J. Kosin/D. Bergseng motion to approve two one-ton pickups off the state contract. Motion carried.

10. Maintenance Truck financing proposal: Interest rates are currently rising, we have one lease proposal with a closing fee. There will be a need to revamp the Machinery and Equipment plan. The first group of 7 trucks will

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be paid in 8 years if we take delivery in 2024. These State trucks will have stainless steel boxes. County trucks could possibly be purchased in 2025 and 2026 with an 8-year purchase lease. The state trucks will be built May 16<sup>th</sup>. A 7-year warranty on the engine and 5-year warranty on the transmission for the trucks. J. Ashbach/D. Bergseng motion to approve the 8-year lease to own for state trucks as presented. Motion carried.

### 12. CTH U Right of Way:

a. Sales Study: This segment of Right of Way on CTH U is from 145<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 210<sup>th</sup> Ave. Everything is staked out. J. Kosin/D. Bergseng motion to approve the CTH U sales study as presented. Motion carried.

b. Nominal Payment Parcel Report: D. Bergseng/J. Ashbach motion to approve the CTH U Nominal Payment Parcel report as presented. Motion carried.

13. CTH Y and USH 63 intersection analysis: JT Engineering is the engineer for this intersection. USH 63 is designed to accommodate oversized loads, so JT Engineering added a 185' diameter roundabout option. C. Johnson is going to talk to the state about this intersection. No action needed.

14. MSHA Annual Refresher training: This is a required annual training the Pierce County Highway Department hosts every April. This is for all Highway Department employees and the Municipalities. We typically have approximately 75 attendees, previously charge the Municipalities for sending their attendees to cover the meal and the cost of the trainers. J. Ashbach/J. Kosin motion to approve up to \$1,000.00 for the Highway Department to fund the MSHA meal. Motion carried.

### 16. Staff Reports:

Shop Superintendent: R. Dohm stated that he has someone coming in to fix our plumbing in the upstairs office. The pipes are cast iron and we are replacing them with PVC pipe.

Assistant Commissioner: We have two shot rock jobs in 2023 with the DNR, one near CTH O is complete. The next job is hauling to St. Croix county.

Patrol Superintendent: Update on the winter maintenance.

Commissioner: Reviewed 2022 inventory document as prepared by Jane Bond. Fuel was very good, because of AIM and better job with fuel slips.

14. Future Agenda Items: Milling bid results, CTH V Engineering proposals

15. Next meeting date: March 16, 2023

16. Adjourn: At 10:20 a.m. D. Bergseng/J. Ashbach motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.