



# Menominee County Highway Department

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## Menominee County Highway Committee Regular Meeting Minutes July 13, 2021

### 1. **Call to Order.** 9:03 a.m

2. **Roll Call.** Committee members present: Elizabeth Moses, Chairperson; and James Lowey, member. Elizabeth Fernandez, Cmte Vice-Chairperson, had an excused absence. A quorum was present. Others present: Jeremy C. Weso, Highway Commissioner; and Margaret Tomow, Administrative Assistant.

### 3. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by J. Lowey to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 8, 2021. Second by E. Moses. Motion carried.

### 4. **Commissioner's Report**

The Commissioner's written report was included in the meeting packet. Notable topics discussed included the following:

- Scattered Sites Repaving Project – The Commissioner informed the Committee that the project was completed and the request for reimbursement was submitted to WisDOT.
- Bridge Design Award – Ayres completed the preliminary design plans for the bridge deck replacements on West Branch and Bear Trap Falls bridges. Ayres also provided a preliminary cost estimate of \$381,340.00. The Commissioner stated that he wants to compare notes with another Commissioner on another bridge deck replacement project to see how our estimates stack up.
- Bad Patching Job – The department received some criticism from residents out on Spotted Fawn Road about patch jobs that were performed on the road. The Commissioner stated that the department received the very last of the asphalt cold patch material Shawano County had and that it was full of oil. This resulted in vehicles leaving long streaks of oil on the road and oil spatters being left on their vehicles. The department has since overlaid that material with material from Oconto County, which the Patrol Superintendent indicated was holding up far better.
- Grader Search – The Commissioner informed the Committee that one grader was inspected in Denver, CO. That grader had issues with the turntable drive motor and leaking in the back. Our mechanic did not think the grader was worth the investment after the dealer stated that it would repair the damage and increase the sale price by a corresponding amount. The department is now looking at a grader in Montana.

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- Training – Adrian Feather, Facility and Highway Maintenance Technician, obtained a scholarship to attend Fox Valley Technical College to obtain a Class A CDL. It is the Commissioner's hope that if Mr. Feather graduates from the program, he can help with plowing operations and in other areas whenever the department is short staffed. The Committee supported the decision to have Mr. Feather obtain his CDL.
- State Budget Update – The new biennial budget included no additional funding for routine maintenance on the State highways, but it provides a 2% increase in general transportation aids. The budget also adds \$100,000,000 for LRIP funding, to be used similar to the Multimodal Local Supplement funding allocated in the previous budget.
- State Highways – The department will be replacing three culverts on STH 55 and one culvert on STH 47 in the next few weeks.

### **5. Monthly Expenditures**

Motion by J. Lowey to approve the monthly expenditures in the amount of \$84,777.89. Second by E. Moses. Motion carried

### **6. Financial Report**

The Commissioner discussed the May 2021 financial statement with the Committee. That report was included in the meeting packet. The report revealed that year-to-date revenues were \$736,530.17 and year-to-date expenditures were \$822,361.48, leaving a deficit of \$90,387.91.

### **7. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- No items mentioned

### **8. Adjournment: 9:30 a.m**

Minutes recorded and prepared by M. Tomow.