

Barron County Highway Committee Meeting

March 7, 2024 Minutes – 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Attended in Person: Bill Effertz, Jim Gores, Dale Heinecke, Roberta Mosentine, Marv Thompson

Committee Members Attended Virtually: None.

Committee Members Absent:

Staff Present: Michael Hoefs, Matthew Kaiser, Nate Nelson, Tony Tangwall

Staff Present Virtually: Jeff French

Others Present: None.

The Highway Committee meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair Thompson

Approve the agenda: (Mosentine/Heinecke) to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approve the February 13, 2024 minutes: (Gores/Heinecke) All in favor. Carried.

Public Comment: None at this time.

National Work Zone Awareness Week Resolution: Hoefs discussed. **Motion:** to send the resolution to the County Board for approval **(Effertz/Heinecke)**. All in favor. Carried.

Staff Reports

Financial Update: Hoefs provided an update, no concerns at this time.

Facility and Equipment Report: Kaiser indicated that 2024 equipment is arriving and that building work is wrapping up.

Operation's Manager Update: Nelson indicated that the crew continues to work on brushing, patching, maintenance on the salt sand mixer, and that preparation for work on summer projects has started. Nelson discussed the accident on Highway 8.

Commissioner's Report: Hoefs discussed the 2 open positions, summer and LTE employment, material bids, road bans, and the crew switching to 10 hour shifts the week of 3/18. Hoefs indicated that the Barron County Highway Department has offered their assistance to the City of Cumberland.

Project Update: None at this time

Sand Haul Routes: None at this time.

WCHA/NACE/NACo Update: None at this time

Edit List: Edit lists were available with no questions or concerns.

Future Agenda Items: None.

Set Future Meeting Date: April 4, 2024 @ 8:00 a.m.

Closed Session - Lease Renewal Options for 530 29 ½ Ave, Barronett property. Motion: **(Effertz/Mosentine)** to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating purchase of public properties, investing public funds, other specific business or whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and Section 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel with respect to current or potential litigation. Based on the above description to include all County Board Supervisors that are present in person, Equipment and County Administrator French (Virtually), Facility Manager Kaiser, Operations Manager Nelson, Highway Commissioner Hoefs, Administrative Assistant III Tangwall. Carried with 5 Yes, 0 No, and 0 absent.

Return to Open Session – Motion (Gores/Heinecke).

Motion: to terminate the lease for the 530 29 ½ Ave property with anything on the property to be removed by June 1st, 2024 and anything remaining on the property after June 1st, 2024 to be removed at renters expense **(Gores/Heinecke)**. 4 in favor, 1 opposed. Carried.

Motion to adjourn: meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:10 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Anthony Tangwall, Administrative Assistant III