

Ashland County Highway
Committee Meeting Minutes
STH 13 & Ryefield Rd.
Highbridge, WI 54846
August 10th, 2015

Regular monthly Highway Committee Meeting was held on August 10th, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ashland County Highway Department Conference Room in Highbridge, WI.

- Item 1. Meeting was called to order by Highway Committee Chairman Carl Kubley at 9:00 AM. Members in Attendance: Rick Korpela, Gary Kabasa, Carl Kubley, Jerry Teague and Ken Lindquist. Also present: Emmer W. Shields, Jr., Highway Commissioner, and Pete Russo, County Board Chairman.
- Item 2. Approval of Agenda. Motion to approve agenda by Pete Russo, 2nd by Ken Lindquist. Motion carried.
- Item 3. Approval of Minutes. Motion to approve July 13th, 2015 minutes made by Ken Lindquist, 2nd by Rick Korpela. Motion carried.
- Item 4. Public Comment - None
- Item 5. New and Old Business
- The Department has been focusing on large scale projects such as shouldering and crack sealing in order to make the most of the time left with summer help. The Department has completed its USH 2 and STH 112 shouldering projects and its CTH GG, H, E, A and STH 112 cracksealing projects. Other projects completed include 3 Eade Road (Marengo) culverts; Old County Road (Ashland) culvert; 2 Wildcat Road (Marengo) culverts; and Redinger Road culvert. Work yet to be completed includes Haugen and Red House Road Projects (Morse); 16 pipe liners on STH 169 and 77; and the Marengo River Road Project (White River). Contract work being completed includes CTH GG sealcoating (Mineral Lake Road to CTH M) and paint marking on numerous CTH's
 - Questions have arisen over the Department's office hours. Motion made by Rick Korpela, 2nd by Gary Kabasa that the Departments office hours be set as 8 AM to 4 PM, Monday thru Thursday.
 - CTH K has been completed. Acquisition of a deed for the northern half of the road has been completed as well and Highway Commissioner will contact City and Airport Commission to begin process for jurisdictional transfer.
 - The County Administrator has raised the issue of hours used for Holiday time off. The position being taken is that all County employees should be given only 8 hours (maximum) for Holiday time off. The Highway Department has given 10 hours off for holidays occurring during the 4 – 10 hour day work week period. The Department is being told to change this practice, which will require an 8 hour holiday, but 2 hours that will have to be made up some other way. Several committee members will discuss this with the Administrator and expressed support for keeping the Holiday leave as-is.

- Item 6. Other Business – None
- Item 7. Approval of bills for the month. Motion to approve bills by Jerry Teague, 2nd by Rick Korpela. Motion carried.
- Item 8. Next Meeting Date – September 14th, 2015 at 9 AM.
- Item 9. Adjournment – Motion by Jerry Teague to adjourn, 2nd by Rick Korpela. Motion carried. Committee adjourned at 9:55 AM.