



**Public Works Committee Minutes
Monday August 6, 2018 – 6:00 pm
Highway Department Conference Room
1215 N. Bequette Street
Dodgeville, Wisconsin**

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Any subject on this agenda may become an action item.

1	The meeting was called to order by Dave Gollon at 6:00 pm
2	Roll Call. Members present: Gollon, Butteris, Storti, Masters. Members Absent: Leix Others Present: Sup. Meyers, Sup. Deal, Commissioner Hardy, Operations Manager Sudmeier, Tammy Fitzsimons, Administrator Bierke.
3	Sup. Storti moved to approve the agenda for the August 6 th meeting. Sup. Betteris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
4	Sup Storti moved to approve the minutes for the July 9, 2018 meeting. Sup Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
5	Sup Storti provided a handout regarding quantifiable economic benefits to Iowa County Citizens from participation in the WI River Rail Transit Commission.
6	Commissioner Hardy explained the Draft Resolution for Designating Internet Sales Tax Collection funds for a Local Road Improvement Program. There was a general discussion amongst the Committee regarding the draft. Motion by Sup Storti to approve the Draft Resolution for Designating Internet Sales Tax Collection funds for Local Road Improvement Program. Motion seconded by Sup. Gollon. Motion carried unanimously.
7	Wisconsin County Highway Association (WCHA) / Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Memorandum of Understanding with regards to the Replace-In-Kind Bridge Program Policy - CTH II Bridge costs. Commissioner Hardy explained the memorandum of understanding highlighting the changes to the Replace-In-Kind Bridge Program Policy & Local Bridge Program. Hardy explained how the new policy will impact Iowa County & municipalities. There was general discussion amongst the Committee regarding the policy change and whether the county would benefit by participating in the program. The new policy results in a significant decrease in state funding to county and other local public agencies. The policy is not supposed to reduce already approved funding agreements on any existing projects, but it may allow the WisDOT to deny additional cost increases for those projects. Sup. Storti motioned to reject participation in the Replace-In-Kind Bridge Program. Seconded by Masters. Motion carried unanimously.
8	CTH F Right of Way Plat and Relocation Order for the new intersection with STH 78 near Blanchardville. Commissioner Hardy went over the Right of Way plat and explained the location options for the new intersection. There was discussion amongst the committee regarding the pros and cons of the project. Hardy gave a timeframe of 2022/2023 along with the cost sharing plan on page 21 of the packet. Overall project cost is estimated at \$5,891,000 of which Iowa county would cost share \$1,105,000. There was a recommendation by Sup. Storti to approve the Plat and Relocation Order. Seconded by Sup. Masters. Motion carried unanimously.

9	CTH BB/HHH Interchange at Ridgeway and Jurisdictional Transfers map review. Commissioner Hardy gave an overview of the Ridgeway modifications with the USH 18/151 interchange at CTH B. The modifications include lengthening or shortening of Town, County, and Village roadways. Also included in the modification is abandoning of Cemetery Road and a portion of Prairie Road. There was discussion about modification of plow routes and the transfers/interchange. There was a motion to approve the Interchange and Jurisdictional Transfers by Sup. Masters. Seconded by Sup. Storti. Motion carried unanimously.
10	STH 191 Construction Detour route CTH Z – CTH YZ – STH 23 The Committee discussed their concerns pertaining to the detour route and the DOT’s lack of communication to notify the county of the detour. The Committee would like Commissioner Hardy to reach out to the DOT for an explanation and policy of detour routes using county roads. There was a motion by Sup. Masters to authorize Hardy to follow through with a statement from the DOT along with obtaining a policy for state detour routes. Seconded by Sup. Storti. Motion carried unanimously.
11	Machinery Management Committee Agenda and reimbursement policy changes being discussed: A. Salt Brine Reimbursement Policy The Wisconsin County Highway Association (WCHA) released a briefing in July of the WisDOT’s proposed new policy for charging for brine. Hardy outlined the current policy and briefed the Committee on the proposed new policy. The policy proposes brine being charged using the direct cost method. The policy clarification is intended to provide direction for cost recovery for the county operations. B. Winter Availability Rates Policy – 1000WT BHM is proposing the elimination of the Winter Availability Rates policy. WisDOT’s contention is the counties will still get the money but the money will be recovered by performing RMA work. The issue is the utilization of those bigger trucks for winter plowing purposes is not fully recovered through winter alone. In some instances; WisDOT requests a larger truck but without enough utilization to recuperate the associated costs. The Winter availability rate is a method to recapture that loss. C. Salt Storage Reimbursement Policy WisDOT proposed salt shed maintenance reimbursement be based on lane miles (state vs. county). And to add a provision that would allow major improvements to existing state financed sheds. The proposed timeline is prior to the 2018/2019 winter season. MMC was reviewing other options for salt shed maintenance recovery of costs. Hardy informed the MMC committee a basis of materials used annually to recuperate salt shed maintenance costs on a percentage basis would function best for Iowa County. D. 2% Error Factor for Standard Equipment Rates WisDOT proposed the elimination of the 2% error factor from the equipment rate calculation. The projected revenue through equipment rates for the counties would decrease annually for the RMA activities. Proposed elimination of the error factor would be applied to the calculation of the 2019 standard equipment rates. Use of the error percentage is actually a cost of capital factor to allow counties additional capital for turnover and upgrade costs of new fleets versus older fleets and accounting for some form of inflationary adjustment rather than the 9 year depreciation recovery in combination with 5-year truck costs averaging statewide.

12	Highway Commissioner's Report: A. 2017 Financial Report – 2017 Trial Balance and Highway Fund Balance Sheet Hardy highlighted the trial balance and balance sheet. Provided and offered copies of the 2017 report to all committee members interested in reviewing it. B. 2018 2nd Quarter Financial Report Hardy read comments from Katie from Land Conservation and updated the Committee of the Highway's quarterly report. C. STH 14 Cold Storage Building Project awards Hardy gave an update on the award to Burnham Lumber of Rewey. D. Gas main utility expansion project along CTH F – Blanchardville to Hollandale Hardy explained the expansion project and permits involved. E. ATV-UTV Route maps by Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Route maps are available on webpage. Route requests will be upcoming in the November Traffic Safety Commission then to the Public Works committee in 2019. F. Highway Department Historical Records clean-up project The Highway department has been working on a clean-up project of records and reports. The state Historical Society came and took some records and the county Historical Society will be coming in the near future to take what they want.
	Next meeting date set for Monday, August 27 at 6:00 p.m. There was a motion to adjourn by Sup. Storti. Seconded by Sup. Butteris. Meeting adjourned 7:11 pm
Minutes by Tammy Fitzsimons	