



APPROVED MINUTES
Public Works Committee
Monday May 3, 2021– 6:00 pm
Health & Human Services Center – Community Room and
Electronically via Zoom Meeting
303 W. Chapel Street
Dodgeville, Wisconsin

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1	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chair Sup. Gollon.
2	Roll Call. Present: Chair Gollon, Supervisor Butteris, Deal, Masters, and Storti; Others Physically Present: Administrator Bierke, Commissioner Hardy, Operations Manager Sudmeier, Citizens: Steve Dolan and Ron Lewis. Others Present via Zoom: Supervisors Nannke and Leix.
3 & 4	Sup. Storti moved to approve the agenda for this meeting with a revision to remove item 9F related to Driveways along County Trunk Highway Improvements. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Carried unanimously as amended. Sup. Deal moved to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 meeting, Sup. Masters seconded the motion. Carried Unanimously.
5	Comments from the public or committee. No action taken. Ron Lewis commented on the County Trunk Highway BB project, which was improved in 2020. Ron commented the roadway was raised a foot and he can no longer enter/exit his driveway from the field he farms. He asked that the county fix his driveway and install new gravel as they have for a number of other driveways along the road. Commissioner Hardy explained the topic is related to item 9F which was removed from the agenda, as he is waiting on a Corp Counsel opinion regarding driveways and the Ordinance. In essence the Department replaces driveways in kind and the question is whether the Department is required to improve the drives or not. Mr. Lewis commented and provided photos of what he stated were other drives along CTH BB the Department improved or graded and graveled, but did not include his drive. The Chair asked the Commissioner to follow up with Mr. Lewis after he had discussed with Corp Counsel.
6	Revision to Policy #1116 Encroachments, Work in Right of Way & Revocable Occupancy Permits for Cattle Passes. Commissioner provided a draft of the proposed revisions regarding installation of cattle passes. Some discussion of livestock crossings, cost of installs, locations of installs, size of the pipes, and other concerns. Commissioner stated the GIS database identifies some 48+ crossings under the County Trunk Highway system. Discussion of installs to be funded 100% by the landowner, the Department remove them when no longer being utilized, and when in poor condition and identified for removal the owner must pay for replacement. Motion by Masters to approve the revisions to the policy as discussed conditional upon review and by Corp Counsel and bring back to the June meeting.
7	Resolution to transfer \$500,000 from the Highway Fund Balance for asphalt pavement maintenance surface repairs. Discussion of the deteriorated pavement conditions on CTH T (Birch Lake) and CTH N (South of CTH NN). The Commissioner had requested to transfer or utilize other funds for these repairs as the existing budget did not have the funding necessary, unless other priorities were not performed for the year. Initially the Committee discussed utilizing funds from the 2020 \$2.1M borrowing amount to fund these repairs and move some culvert work from borrowing to 2021 Covid funding. However, there are limitations set on the use of borrowed funds to be for Capital improvement or equipment only. The repairs to be made on these roads are not capital by definition due to their life expectancy. Discussion of options. Motion by Masters, seconded by Deal to approve the Resolution and move to the Executive

	Committee for further approval.
8	Assembly AB238 designating funding for County Highway Improvements and the Governor's veto. Discussion of the bill purposes to propose funding for local roads of a significant amount related to the Federal Cares money coming to the state. Discussion of the concerns with funding for roadway improvements and lack of a long-term solution.
9	Highway Commissioner's report. Commissioner advised the committee that a request was made for additional funding for the CTH F construction project, now that 65% plus plans have developed a more representative cost estimate. A meeting will be held in the Village of Avoca to present and discuss the proposed improvement for the CTH N – CTH NN to STH 133 Community Development Block Grant project. Commissioner presented and discussed the 2021 road list for sealcoat and crackfilling work. Commissioner updated the committee on equipment deliveries, listing of items for the spring auction, and receipt of the road oil bids for asphalt oils and sealcoat application. Road oil bids decreased for hotmix asphalt production, but increased for sealcoat oils from 2020 results.
10	The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday June 1, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.
16	Sup. Deal moved to adjourn the meeting. Sup. Storti seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.
Minutes by Highway Commissioner Hardy 5/06/2021.	