

ASHLAND COUNTY

AGENDA ITEM ROUTING SLIP (AIRS)

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

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AGENDA DATE:

DEPARTMENT:

TIME NEEDED:

RECOMMENDED AGENDA CATEGORY

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CONTACT PERSON:

TODAY'S DATE:

BRIEF BACKGROUND OR NOTE:

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Motion:

Ashland County Highway Department
Committee Meeting Minutes
39181 State Hwy 13
Highbridge, WI 54846
February 12, 2024

Regular Monthly Highway Committee Meeting was held on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Ashland County Highway Department Conference Room in Highbridge, WI.

- Item 1. Meeting was called to order by Highway Committee Chair, Gary Mertig at 9:00 a.m. Members in attendance were Richard Huber, William Metzinger (via Zoom), Martin Vitek, and Michael Berlin. Also present: Highway Commissioner Matt Erickson and Office Manager Marcy Henri, County Administrator Dan Grady (via Zoom), Jim Schultz & Ken Reas, Supervisors from Town of Marengo and three representatives from Wisconsin Department of Transportation.
- Item 2. Approval of Agenda - Motion made to approve agenda by Marty Vitek, seconded by Rich Huber. Motion carried.
- Item 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes. Motion by Rich Huber to approve November 13, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, 2nd by Marty Vitek. Motion carried.
- Item 4. Public Comment – Jim Schultz & Ken Reas introduced themselves.
- Item 5. Commissioner updates: Staffing: We are at full staff. Work Schedule has included limited plowing and brushing along CTH GG and STH 13. Discussed Winter Road School, non-metallic mine permits, gave brief Small Bridge/Culvert Inventory update, Spring load postings, discussed DOT projects/maintenance. Construction Updates: Tyler Avenue bridge in Mellen was bid out but not been awarded.
- Item 6. WisDOT representatives, Bob, Tim & Chuck, presented an overview of the State Highway system, information on Upcoming Highway Projects on their 2024-2030 schedule, and discussed funding formulas and updates
- Item 7. Discussion/action on requested speed limit change on CTH GG entering/leaving Mellen. Motion made by Marty Vitek and seconded by Mike Berlin to change the speed limit to 40 MPH leaving Mellen. Motion carried. No changes were made to the speed limit entering Mellen.
- Item 8. Discussion on Small Bridge/Culvert Inventory. Approximately 20 County and estimated 100-150 county wide. Matt would like inventory done as soon as possible in 2024, inspections to be completed by the end of 2025. County receives and disburses funds after all inventories are turned in.

- Item 9. Discussion/action 2024 CTH GG Paving Project. Five miles was approved in the budget. Discussion on LRIP funding for 2024 (D fund \$150,000 and S fund \$177,795) & 2025 (CHI fund \$85,500). STP grant was due in October—federal grant—awards originally were scheduled to be awarded in January, but now will be in March. Can not put out for bids until signed agreements are in place. Matt proposes doing a 4-mile section on CTH GG with LRIP dollars due to the lateness of the funding award notices. Mike Berlin proposed placing signs near the construction site to inform the public of the County/ Federal funding sources.
- Item 10. Discussion/action on possible easement to County-owned land. Owner is not interested in selling. Committee & Matt are in agreement that owner's current offer is not in the County's best interest.
- Item 11. Next meeting date scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. unless an additional meeting is needed prior to that date.
- Item 12. Adjournment. Motion by Mike Berlin, 2nd by Rich Huber to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. Motion carried.