

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 9:30 a.m., Board Room, Second Floor, Government Center
1316 North 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin

1. ROLL CALL

Present – Nick Baker, Scott Luostari, Mark Liebaert (makes quorum). Absent – Samuel Pomush, Pat Ryan. Others present – Jim Borgeson (remote), Jo Olson, Dale Lietha, Kari Myrel, Walter Waffensmith, John Baumgarten, C. Jeffrey Eliason, Jon Jurek, Valerie Chammings, Shelley Nelson, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Luostari, second Liebaert, to approve minutes from August 2, 2023, meeting. Motion carried.

3. ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS

a. CTH P Speed Zone Study request from Minnesuing Lake Association – CTH L to Minnesuing Road:

Handout on traffic data collected distributed. Cost to complete study by a consultant is \$1,700; Highway Department collected traffic counts and crash reports with data backing up existing 55 mph speed limit. Nothing in crash reports warrant speed reduction. No action recommended based on data collected; signage to be reviewed.

John Jerich, Dale Leitha, Kari Myrel, John Baumgarten, Jill Olson, Walter Waffensmith spoke regarding safety concerns of the current signage and speeding cars.

ACTION (ORDINANCE): Motion by Luostari, second Baker, to approve amendment to Ordinance 5.02 to include decrease of speed limit to 45 mph between CTH L and Minnesuing Road for the term of one year from sign erection. Traffic count study to be conducted in fall of 2024 by Highway Department, with results presented to committee. Motion carried unanimously.

b. 2024 Proposed Highway Department Budget:

Budget summary reviewed.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Luostari, second Liebaert, to approve 2024 budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

3. INFORMATIONAL

a. CTH W/Nemadji River Bridge – Pre-Disaster Mitigation Congressional Directed Spending Grant update:

Approved, but awaiting final documents.

4. REPORTS

a. Projects:

CTH G CTH Y completed; shouldering CTH U today; overlay CTH H next week, shouldering, painting and line striping to follow.

b. Administrative:

Fall Commissioner meeting to be held in Barron County Highway facility on October 26 – agenda to be distributed; staffing – three down.

c. Maintenance:

Updated work list distributed; CTH UU culverts replaced; CTH P culvert work next week; screen and sand at two locations; ordered salt; patching, mowing.

d. Equipment:

New plow truck arrived – prepping plow trucks for winter maintenance.

e. Budget:

Reviewed budget ending July 31, 2023.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Luostari, second Liebaert, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk