

Jackson County Highway Department
Committee Meeting
April 24, 2024

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Borek called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. in the Conference Room at the Jackson County Highway Department, 119 Harrison Street, Black River Falls, WI on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

2. Roll Call

The following Highway Committee members were present: Ed Chamberlain, Mike Kunes, John Higgins, Mike Beck and David Holen.

Jay Borek, Highway Commissioner
Ann Klieforth, Accountant/Office Manager
Jeff Amo, County Board Chairman
Cindy Altman, County Clerk
Tom Cooper, Jackson County MRRPC Commissioner

3. Election of Highway Committee Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

Commissioner Borek opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. John Higgins nominated Ed Chamberlain for Chairman. No further nominations were received, and the nominations were closed. Unanimous ballots were cast for Ed Chamberlain as Highway Committee Chairman.

Chairman Ed Chamberlain called for nominations from the floor for Vice-Chair. Ed Chamberlain nominated Mike Kunes. No further nominations were received, and the nominations were closed. Unanimous ballots were cast for Mike Kunes as Highway Committee Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Ed Chamberlain called for nominations from the floor for Secretary. Mike Kunes nominated John Higgins for Secretary. No further nominations were received, and the nominations were closed. Unanimous ballots were cast for John Higgins as Highway Committee Secretary.

4. Approve Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on March 27, 2024, were reviewed.

M/S Kunes/Chamberlain to approve the Highway Committee minutes as presented. Carried unanimously.

5. Equipment Update

- ▶ #0047 – 2014 Mack FU713 Tri Axle: Sent to Murphy’s for both front leaf spring replacement and And alignment. Unit is back in service. Cost = \$3,633.17

6. Update on Highway Operations (County and State)

Kevin Kamrowski, Operations Manager, reported on County operations:

- ▶ Removed winter snowplow equipment; reclaim shoulders on many County roads; pulverized and shaped CTH H; installed new culverts on CTH H; washed County bridges and began to stockpile chips for chipseal projects.

Projection for next month:

- ▶ Finish reclaiming shoulders; clean ditches on CTH N; haul 1-1/4” base on CTH H; install rip-rap on CTH H and finish stockpiling chips for the chipseal project.

Joe Rowekamp, Patrol Superintendent, reported on State Operations:

- ▶ Snow and ice removal, reclaimed shoulders; continued bridge maintenance items listed by the State; removed some snow equipment from trucks; and washed bridges.

Projection for next month:

- ▶ Wash bridges; spray growth inhibitor; replace culvert on STH 54; remove remaining snow Equipment; and deck seal bridges.

7. Discuss/Act on Sale of Used Equipment

Commissioner Borek reviewed the list of equipment to sell on the Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction (WSOA) with the Committee.

M/S Kunes/Higgins to approve the list of items to sell on WSOA. Carried unanimously.

8. Discuss/Act on 2024 Culvert Bids

	CENTRAL CULVERT & SUPPLY 2024	FARRELL EQUIPMENT 2024
HDPE Dual-Wall Poly Culvert with Bell & Spigot Connection		
12" Culvert	\$6.53	\$6.86
15" Culvert	\$8.81	\$9.24
18" Culvert	\$12.08	\$12.66
24" Culvert	\$20.74	\$21.74
30" Culvert	\$29.98	\$31.44
36" Culvert	\$39.29	\$41.22
42" Culvert	\$49.67	\$52.12
48" Culvert	\$64.40	\$67.62
60" Culvert	\$100.87	\$105.91
Total	\$332.37	\$348.81

M/S Higgins/Holen to accept the bid for poly culverts from Central Culvert & Supply. Carried unanimously.

2024	CONTECH	METAL CULVERTS, INC	TRUE NORTH STEEL
GALVANIZED APRON ENDWALLS			
16 Gauge Material			
12" Apron Endwalls	\$79.00	\$85.15	\$84.00
15" Apron Endwalls	\$97.00	\$105.75	\$106.67
18" Apron Endwalls	\$125.00	\$137.00	\$137.34
24" Apron Endwalls	\$195.00	\$204.50	\$214.67
14 Gauge Material			
30" Apron Endwalls	\$382.00	\$408.00	\$416.00
36" Apron Endwalls	\$575.00	\$657.65	\$576.00
12 Gauge Material			
42" Apron Endwalls	\$1,105.00	\$1,185.00	\$1,009.34
48" Apron Endwalls	\$1,258.00	\$1,353.50	\$1,174.67
54" Apron Endwalls	\$1,453.00	\$1,664.65	\$1,392.00
10 Gauge Material			
60" Apron Endwalls	\$2,225.00	\$2,497.00	\$2,088.00
66" Apron Endwalls	\$2,753.00	\$2,684.20	\$2,244.00
72" Apron Endwalls	\$3,295.00	\$2,975.55	\$2,488.00
	\$13,542.00	\$13,957.95	\$11,930.69

GALVANIZED ARCH APRON ENDWALLS				
2024	CONTECH		METAL CULVERTS, INC	TRUE NORTH STEEL
16 Gauge Material				
21"x15" Aluminized Pipe	\$113.00		\$106.10	\$130.67
24"x18" Aluminized Pipe	\$144.00		\$129.05	\$158.67
14 Gauge Material				
28"x20" Aluminized Pipe	\$155.00		\$152.00	\$160.00
35"x24" Aluminized Pipe	\$285.00		\$283.70	\$266.67
12 Gauge Material				
42"x29" Aluminized Pipe	\$452.00		\$421.20	\$421.34
49"x33" Aluminized Pipe	\$795.00		\$757.30	\$726.67
57"x38" Aluminized Pipe	\$1,055.00		\$1,082.00	\$905.34
64"x43" Aluminized Pipe	\$1,358.00		\$1,504.40	\$1,258.67
10 Gauge Material				
71"x47" Aluminized Pipe	\$1,920.00		\$1,966.30	\$1,849.34
8 Gauge Material				
83"x57" Galvanized Pipe	\$2,725.00		\$2,829.90	NO BID
	\$9,002.00		\$9,231.95	\$5,877.37

2024	CONTECH		METAL CULVERTS, INC		TRUE NORTH STEEL	
	Pipe	Bands	Pipe	Bands	Pipe	Bands
ALUMINIZED TYPE 2 CULVERTS						
16 Gauge Material						
12" Aluminized Pipe	\$17.20	\$17.20	\$15.60	\$23.40	\$14.70	\$22.05
15" Aluminized Pipe	\$20.65	\$20.65	\$19.60	\$29.40	\$17.64	\$26.46
18" Aluminized Pipe	\$25.80	\$25.80	\$23.30	\$34.95	\$22.05	\$33.08
24" Aluminized Pipe	\$32.70	\$32.70	\$31.15	\$46.75	\$27.93	\$41.90
14 Gauge Material						
30" Aluminized Pipe	\$51.60	\$51.60	\$48.15	\$72.25	\$44.10	\$66.15
36" Aluminized Pipe	\$61.95	\$61.95	\$57.40	\$86.10	\$52.92	\$79.38
12 Gauge Material						
42" Aluminized Pipe	\$99.75	\$99.75	\$94.35	\$141.50	\$83.79	\$125.69
48" Aluminized Pipe	\$113.75	\$113.75	\$107.45	\$161.20	\$95.55	\$191.10
54" Aluminized Pipe	\$127.75	\$255.50	\$122.50	\$245.00	\$107.30	\$214.60
10 Gauge Material						
60" Aluminized Pipe	\$180.25	\$360.50	\$172.40	\$344.80	\$151.34	\$302.68
66" Aluminized Pipe	\$197.75	\$395.50	\$189.00	\$378.00	\$166.03	\$332.06
72" Aluminized Pipe	\$215.25	\$430.50	\$205.80	\$411.60	\$180.73	\$361.46
	\$1,144.40	\$1,865.40	\$1,086.70	\$1,974.95	\$964.08	\$1,796.61

ALUMINIZED TYPE 2 ARCH PIPE						
2024	CONTECH		METAL CULVERTS, INC		TRUE NORTH STEEL	
	Pipe	Bands	Pipe	Bands	Pipe	Bands
16 Gauge Material						
21"x15" Aluminized Pipe	27.90	27.90	\$24.80	\$37.20	\$22.67	\$34.00
24"x18" Aluminized Pipe	31.60	31.60	\$28.85	\$43.30	\$86.16	\$39.24
14 Gauge Material						
28"x20" Aluminized Pipe	44.60	44.60	\$41.55	\$62.35	\$37.31	\$55.97
35"x24" Aluminized Pipe	55.75	55.75	\$50.50	\$75.75	\$46.29	\$69.44
12 Gauge Material						
42"x29" Aluminized Pipe	91.05	91.05	\$83.40	\$125.10	\$76.45	\$114.68
49"x33" Aluminized Pipe	107.75	107.75	\$97.70	\$146.55	\$88.86	\$133.29
57"x38" Aluminized Pipe	122.85	122.85	\$111.10	\$166.65	\$101.29	\$151.94
64"x43" Aluminized Pipe	138.00	276.00	\$126.55	\$253.10	\$113.72	\$227.44
10 Gauge Material						
71"x47" Aluminized Pipe	194.70	389.40	\$177.10	\$354.20	\$163.02	\$326.04
8 Gauge Material						
83"x57" Galvanized Pipe	297.70	595.40	\$261.45	\$522.90	NO BID	NO BID
	\$1,111.90	\$1,742.30	\$1,003.00	\$1,787.10	\$735.77	\$1,152.04
TOTAL METAL		\$28,408.00		\$29,041.65		\$22,456.56

M/S Higgins/Kunes to accept the bid for metal culverts from suppliers most advantageous to the projects in Jackson County. Carried unanimously.

9. Discuss/Act on 1 1/4" Gravel Delivery

Commissioner Borek reported on the status of the backhauled gravel, and a request by Opelt Sand & Gravel to allow direct-hauled gravel at a reduced cost as compared to the direct haul price bid. The Commissioner informed the Committee that the reduced price offered at \$13.05/ton would still be lower than a calculated price of \$17.40/ton if county forces were to pick up material from the pit.

M/S Higgins/Kunes to accept the reduced price for direct hauled gravel from Opelt’s Sand & Gravel. Carried unanimously.

10. Discuss/Act on Driveway Removal (Safety)

Commissioner Borek explained driveway removal situations with the Committee. Commissioner Borek sought approval for the removal of three driveways on the CTH H reconditioning project, due to safety concerns, noting that their removal would follow current policy according to Jackson County. Committee discussed the situations and asked questions of the Commissioner.

M/S Beck/Higgins to approve the removal of the three (3) driveways on CTH for safety reasons. Motion carried with Kunes being recorded as a ‘No’ vote.

11. Approve Vouchers

M/S Higgins/Kunes to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$354,956.24. Carried unanimously.

12. Office Manager’s Report

The 2024 year-to-date financial analysis was presented by Ann Klieforth, Accountant/Office Manager.

13. Highway Commissioner's Report

- ▶ Commissioner Borek updated and discussed a growing problem with Brightspeed installing utilities without a permit to work within the right-of-way. Communications with the company has not been good.
- ▶ Commissioner Borek proceeded to discuss many of the current existing problems with encroachment of right-of-way in the County, as landowners commonly do not research the amount of right-of-way or highway setbacks prior to starting a project.
- ▶ Commissioner Borek reported on the status of current feasibility studies that are in progress.

14. Employee Conferences, Training and/or Seminars

Commissioner Borek asked to attend Summer Road School on June 3-5, 2024. The Commissioner also noted that the deadline for registration is May 15, 2024, for anyone on the Committee interested in attending.

M/S Higgins/Holen to have Commissioner Borek attend the training. Carried unanimously.

15. Set/Confirm Future Highway Committee Dates

May 15, 2024 @ 8:30 A.M.

June 19, 2024 @ 8:30 A.M.

July 24, 2024 @ 8:30 A.M.

13. Adjournment

M/S Holen/Higgins to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 11:03 A.M.