

MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.
HIGHWAY COMMITTEE OF OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
301 WASHINGTON STREET, COURTHOUSE BUILDING “A” ROOM #3041
OCONTO WI 54153

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(Draft minutes not approved by committee)

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Elmer Ragen, David Behrend, David Christianson, Bob Wolf, Joel Lavarda

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Brandon Hytinen, Vanessa Hasenberg, Richard Heath, Al Sleeter, Beth Ellingson, Bill Elias, Norman Barrientos – Barrientos Design & Consulting

1. Call to Order

Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2. Statement of County Mission and Vision by Hytinen

3. Approval of Agenda

3.1 Change of Sequence – Chair Christianson requested item #13 be moved up in agenda to item #4a.

3.2 Removal of Items – None

Motion by Behrend/Wolf to approve the agenda with change of sequence. The motion was voted and carried.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Motion by Lavarda/Wolf to approve the February 6, 2025, minutes as printed. The motion was voted and carried 4 ayes, Ragen abstained.

4a. Highway Facility Study Update

Barrientos shared Oconto County Highway Department presentation on screen. Main focus points included location, layout, efficiency enhancements, and long-term solutions. Barrientos estimates cost to repair Oconto shop at \$5,443,521, and does not recommend continuing to invest into the current Oconto facility. Optimal design shown on screen which would not fit at existing site. Heath added concern of current site not having sufficient storm water detention area. Barrientos estimates maintenance costs at Suring shop being \$4,054,920 and Mountain shop being \$836,424. Barrientos recommends combining fleet maintenance at a new location more centralized in the county. Building a new site is estimated at \$34,075,716. Sleeter commented one location for all operations will not work. Heath has concerns with locations that do not offer a municipal water option. Proposal received from Barrientos regarding next steps. Committee recommends Barrientos make presentation to full County Board in May.

5. Review Prior Months Vendor Payments

Vendor payments were discussed.

6. Communications

- Letter received from WisDOT offering to attend a future committee meeting if interested. Committee does recommend they attend when available.
- Notice of Public Hearing – No impact at this time.

7. Award AC Oil

Bids were opened on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 12:15pm. Bids were opened in no particular order from Cenovus, Flint Hills, Fahrner, Wisco Oil, and HG Meigs.

1. Cenovus Energy
 - PG 58/28S: \$460.00/Ton
 - PG 58/34S: \$580.00/Ton
 - CRS-2P: No Bid Received
 - HFRS-2P: No Bid Received
 - HFE-1000: No Bid Received
2. Wisco Oil, LLC

PG 58/28S: \$495.00/Ton Delivered

PG 58/34S: No Bid

CRS-2P: No Bid

HFRS-2P: No Bid

HFE-1000: No Bid

Revised Bid 3/5/2025 – PG 58/28S: \$460.00/Ton Delivered

3. Meigs

PG 58/28S: \$515.00/Ton Delivered

PG 58/34S: \$615.00/Ton Delivered

CRS-2P: \$3.25/Gallon Applied

HFRS-2P: \$3.25/Gallon Applied

Revised Bid 3/5/2025 – PG 58/28S: \$460.00/Ton Delivered

4. Flint Hills

PG 58/28S: \$509.00/Ton Delivered

PG 58/34S: \$624.00/Ton Delivered

CRS-2P: \$3.04/Gallon Delivered (\$3.50/gal applied by Fahrner)

HFRS-2P: \$3.14/Gallon Delivered (\$3.60/gal applied by Fahrner)

HFE-1000: \$727.12/Ton Delivered

Committee reviewed the bids. Motion by Ragen/Lavarda to award the following bids:

-PG 58/28 - 75% to Cenovus Energy, 12.5% to HG Meigs, and 12.5% to Wisco Oil, LLC,

-CRS-2P, HFRS-2P, to HG Meigs

-HFE-1000 to Flint Hills.

The motion was voted on and carried.

8. Award Burner Oil

Bids were opened March 5, 2025 at 12:20 pm. Bids were opened in no particular order from Wisco Oil LLC, Rock Oil Refining Inc, OSI Environmental, and Halron Lubricants, Inc.

1. Wisco Oil, LLC

\$1.50/Gallon delivered, up to 110,000 Gallons

2. Rock Oil Refining

\$1.395/Gallon delivered, up to 110,000 Gallons

Revised 3/3/2025 - \$1.235/Gallon Delivered

3. OSI Environmental, Inc

\$1.25/Gallon Delivered, up to 110,000 Gallons

4. Halron Lubricants, Inc

\$1.39/Gallon Delivered, up to 110,000 Gallons

Committee reviewed the bids. Motion by Lavarda/Wolf to award bid to Rock Oil Refining. The motion was voted and carried.

9. Award Pulverizing and Milling

Bids were opened March 5, 2025 at 12:05 p.m. Bids were opened in no particular order from Northeast Asphalt, MCC Inc, and Kartechner Brothers LLC.

1. Northeast Asphalt

Pulverize Only: \$0.36/SY, \$590.00/hour, \$690 Mobilization to County

Milling Only: \$1.10/SY, \$1140/hour, Mill with Clean Up \$1.40/SY, \$1230 Mobilization to County.

2. MCC

Pulverize Only: \$0.32/SY, \$500.00/hour, \$500 Mobilization to County

Milling Only: \$1.00/SY, \$900/hour, \$1000.00 Mobilization to County.

Mill with Clean Up: \$1.05/SY

3. Kartechner Brothers LLC

Pulverize & Relaid Pavement: \$1.47/SY, Pulverize only: \$0.35/SY, \$425.00/hour, \$860

Mobilization to County

Milling: NO BID

Bids were shown and discussed. Motion by Ragen/Lavarda to award the bids for pulverizing to MCC Inc. The motion was voted on and carried. Motion by Ragen/Wolf to award the bids for milling to MCC Inc. The motion was voted on and carried.

10. Award Hot Mix Asphalt

Bids were opened March 5, 2025 at 12:10 p.m. One bid was received from Northeast Asphalt.

1. Northeast Asphalt

Picked Up From Pound, Green Bay, or Shawano:

3LT 58/28S: \$49.55 /Ton.

4LT 58/28S: \$53.40 /Ton.

5LT 58/28S: \$54.80 /Ton.

4LT 58/34S: \$59.20 /Ton.

We will have a project award through Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) and will purchase a portion of asphalt from an outside source. WisDOT requires the use of 4LT 58/34S on upper layer.

Motion by Lavarda/Ragen to award the bid to Northeast Asphalt. The motion was voted and carried.

11. Approve ITU/Absorb Tech Service Agreement

Contract for Oconto location was shown on screen. Motion by Wolf/Ragen to approve 3-year contract with ITU/Absorb Tech. The motion was voted and carried.

12. Approve Resolution for Work Zone Awareness Week

Hytinen shared data that in 2024 in the state there were 2174 work zone crashes which resulted in 779 injuries and 10 fatalities. Oconto County had 2 crashes in work zones in 2024.

Motion by Lavarda/Ragen to recommend to County Board a resolution for Work Zone Awareness Week designated for April 21-25, 2025. The motion was voted and carried.

13. Moved to 4a.

14. Salt Order

Hytinen received notice from WisDOT we will be given an invitation to participate in the 2025-2026 road salt contract.

15. Staffing Update

-Interviews took place for operator opening. One offer was made, contingent on background check and physical.

-Position posted internally for upcoming retirement of parts manager.

-Employee struck by mirror of a passing vehicle still incapacitated.

-Operator involved with fatality on US41 is back to work and doing better.

16. Equipment Update

-Paver scheduled to be delivered this month. No trade price given for current paver, will sell on auction in future.

-Loader arrived, photo shown on screen. Old loader sold for \$16,100, received \$1100 more than trade option.

-2 F250's have build dates the week of March 17.

-Parts for truck 162 vbox repair are installed and it's back in service.

-Truck 130 pulled from fleet after inspection. Photos of condition shown on screen. Will swap with Truck 106 that currently has attenuator.

-Truck 181 has damage due to front tire blowing, will need repairs to frame, plow, wing and door glass.

-Revenue gain/loss on equipment report shown on screen. Excess revenue of \$48737.37 on equipment in 2024.

-Notification email received from Monroe explaining 2026 build calendar is almost full. Discussion followed on other counties building/assembling their own trucks in house. Hytinen to discuss further with Heath on options for ordering prior to budget year.

17. Roadwork Update

-Design continues on CTH-C STP project.

- Town of Brazeau bridge on Old 64 will be constructed this year and funded 100% with federal funds.

-Road limits to go on Friday at noon.

- Local officials meeting for CTH-CC structure in Oconto Falls took place, photos of bridge condition shown on screen. Engineer is recommending concrete overlay.

- Change management request for increased funding submitted for CTH-C project was approved resulting in a fund increase of \$675,000.
- Designs are continuing for local bridge projects in Town of Lakewood and Town of How.

18. Announcements/General Information/Guests (No action to be taken)

- Ragen discussed bid opening process and explained the reasons for simplifying the process through the years.
- Request for bids posted for the Suring shop roof replacement, open until March 20. Will discuss bids at April meeting.
- Annual report available for approval at April meeting.

19. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 9 am at **Office of the Highway Commissioner: 202 Van Dyke Street, Oconto**, to view paver, loader, and condition of facility.

20. Adjournment

Chair Christianson declared meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Vanessa Hasenberg

Recorder

Date Posted: March 12, 2025