

NOT COMMITTEE APPROVED

Present: Karl Fisher, Arian Knops, Roger Gierke, Jim Platteter, Jerry Biller.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Scott Emch, Deb Fetting.

Call Meeting to Order.

Chair Karl Fisher called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes – November 27, 2017.

A Knops/Biller motion to approve the minutes of November 27, 2017. Motion Carried.

Public Comment.

None

Highway 2018 Holidays Update.

The Highway Commissioner explained the new Highway Holiday policy set by the Personnel Committee effective 1/1/2018. The Highway Department will have eight, 10-hour holidays rather than ten, 8-hour holidays. The Highway Department will be giving up the Floating Holiday and Good Friday Holiday.

Highway Commissioner – Review Annual County Board Presentation.

The Highway Commissioner reviewed his presentation for County Board which included information on Highway equipment revenues in comparison with neighboring counties and a road rating breakdown. General questions were raised by Board members and discussion held.

10:00 a.m. – Barrientos Presentation for Gustafson Road Building.

Barrientos presented an overview of completed plans for the remodel of the Gustafson Road Building to accommodate the Highway operations. Gustafson Road building is \$109/square foot vs. \$145/square foot for a brand new building. Fisher reported that this project is dependent on County decisions regarding the sale of the hospital and a possible manufacturer interested in the Gustafson Road building. Decisions should be made in January or February.

HIGHWAY SAFETY REPORT

Annual auger training was just completed. Beginning 2018, a ten minute safety training will be conducted once a week.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT

The Highway Commissioner reports nothing changed since last month.

HIGHWAY FINANCIAL REPORT.

This report includes the current status of Highway Cash, Payables, Receivables, Equipment/Blacktop Plant funds and current Year-to-Date Fund Statement. No questions.

HIGHWAY OFFICE REPORT.

This report includes the status of worker compensation claims, liability insurance, office personnel activity, crew updates, retirements, unemployment claims and number of Highway FMLA requests. No questions.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE- ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

Approve payment of bills.

A Gierke/Biller motion to approve the Highway Payables and the Highway Crew and Administration payrolls as presented. Motion Carried.

Set date for next highway committee meeting.

The next regular Highway Committee meeting is set for January 31, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Rusk County Highway Department.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned by consensus of the Committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Nanci Mertes, Highway Financial Administrator and distributed on December 27, 2017