

RUSK COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 17, 2024

8:00 A.M.

Highway Committee Present: Biller, Kalepp, Hampton, Meyer and Gudis.

Employees Present: E. van Doorn, C. Meyer, J. Wilk, A. Gudis and J. Livingston.

Others Present: D. Mansky and E. Webster.

CALL TO ORDER – Call to order by Chair Biller at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kalepp, seconded by Meyer to approve the May 20, 2024 and May 29, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: - No Public Comment.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Open Bids for CTH D LRIP Project

The bids are as follows:

A-1 (pulverize only)	\$11,739.90
Haas (complete bid)	\$147,314.46
Stout (complete bid)	\$211,478.25

Motion by Kalepp, seconded by Hampton to approve Haas bid for \$147,314.46 for the CTH D LRIP Project. Motion carried.

Additional charges to crush recycled blacktop to 1/2” -

Request to put out Bids for the crush recycled blacktop for 1/2 inch minus .

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Gudis to approve putting out bid to crush recycled blacktop to 1/2-inch minus to crush by the end of November 2024. Motion carried.

Purchase of Storage Container

The Highway Department has 3 storage containers currently and is requesting to sell and replace with a 10 x 40 for \$7,000.00. The consensus by the Committee is to sell the 3 containers.

Approval of items to be sold at auction

A list of the following equipment to be sold:

- 023 – Chevy Crew Cab Pickup
- 035 – Ford Tri-Axle Plow Truck (once replaced)
- 048 – Sterling Tri-Axle Plow Truck (once replaced)
- 073 – 966F Cat Loader Tractor (once replaced)
- 109 – Farmall A Tractor
- 300 – Cat M31 Excavator
- 309 – Woods Mower Tractor
- 3 – 3 Semi Trailers

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Kalepp to approve the items as listed being sold at auction, including the 3 Semi Trailers. Motion carried.

Approval to Purchase New Loader with Proposed Funds from Resolution of General Fund Balance

The request is to purchase a new loader and 4 bids were presented (Caterpillar - \$372,000.00, John Deere - \$342,000.00, Komtraxx - \$314,300.00 and Case - \$308,477.00) to the Committee.

Motion by Kalepp, seconded by Meyer to approve the purchase of a new Loader up to \$375,000.00. Motion carried.

Resolution to Approve Utilization of General Fund Balance to Purchase Highway Department Equipment
Interim Commissioner van Doorn is requesting up to \$500,000.00 from the General Fund Balance to purchase Highway Equipment.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Hampton to approve the Resolution Approve Utilization of General Fund Balance to Purchase Highway Department Equipment and forward to Finance for approval. Motion carried.

Review and Approve Bridge Inspection Contract

Interim Commissioner van Doorn is requesting to approve the KBIS Bridge Inspection Contract.

Motion by Gudis, seconded by Kalepp to approve the Bridge Inspection Contract with KBIS Bridge Inspection. Motion carried.

Discussion on wearing uniforms

The request is to remove the uniform when it's hot and/or paving and put on safety vest with cut off, following safety protocol. Emily will look into lighter uniforms.

Highway Commissioner and Staffing Update

Ashley Heath, Administrator Coordinator reported on Emily leaving in August and interviews have been scheduled for Highway Commissioner.

Road Closure on CTH W for Roller Ski Race on July 12, 2024

Motion by Kalepp, seconded by Hampton to approve the Road Closure on CTH W for the Roller Ski Race on July 12, 2024. Motion carried.

Out of County Travel

The request for Out of County Travel to Texas and Tomahawk.

Motion by Hampton, seconded by Meyer to approve the Out of County Travel to Texas to inspect and or purchase a loader. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Interim Commissioner van Doorn gave the Commissioner Report on upcoming Road Projects.

HIGHWAY SAFETY REPORT: No Safety meeting.

HIGHWAY FINANCIAL REPORT: E. van Doorn gave a financial report.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

APPROVE PAYMENT OF HIGHWAY INVOICES

Motion by Hampton, seconded by Meyer to approve the June Highway Invoices as presented. Motion carried.

SET A DATE FOR THE NEXT HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be July 15, 2024 in the LEC at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURN - *Motion by Kalepp, seconded by Hampton to adjourn at 9:42 a.m. Motion carried.*