

Regular Meeting of the Vernon County Highway Committee

October 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Chairperson Nickelatti. Members present were Nickelatti, Cade, Brose, and Davig. Also present were Commissioner Hewitt, Greg Lunde and Lonnie Muller. Motion by Cade, seconded by Brose, to excuse Sullivan from today's meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Davig, seconded by Brose, to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2014 regular meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt presented an "Ordinance to Totally Opt Out of IOH Length and Weight Limits." See attached. Lonnie Muller, Chair of the Towns Association, asked to address the committee. After asking questions and discussing the effect of the ordinance with the committee, he stated he will be recommending at the next meeting that townships adopt the ordinance. Motion by Cade, seconded by Davig, to approve the ordinance and present it to the county board for approval. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt updated the committee on a GPS system for county vehicles. There are two companies that he is looking at that are similar in cost. He will be doing demos with each to see which will work best. He will update the committee at the next meeting.

Commissioner Hewitt updated the committee on the purchase of property for a De Soto shop. He would like to purchase eight acres for \$5800/acre if the property owners will agree to that. He said the D.O.T. will likely share in the cost for the salt shed. The committee agreed that Hewitt can continue negotiations for the property.

Commissioner Hewitt informed the committee that La Crosse County has set a price of \$42,500 for their spray truck. He would like to purchase it next year. Motion by Cade, seconded by Brose, to purchase the spray truck next year. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt informed the committee about a mowing tractor and boom mower that are in need of major repairs. He has been looking into costs to replace and different options for buying or leasing.

Motion by Cade, seconded by Brose, to excuse Davig from the remainder of the meeting. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt presented the bills. Motion by Brose, seconded by Cade, to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt updated the committee on the following: The paving project on CTH D is in process; we have been pavement marking for surrounding counties; the back lot has been cleaned out.

Lonnie Muller asked to address the committee. He complimented the county on the construction of the new Husker Hollow Bridge in the Town of Webster.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion by Brose, seconded by Cade, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Sue Conaway – Vernon County Highway Department

Ordinance No. _____

Ordinance to Totally Opt Out of IOH Length and Weight Limits

The County Board of the County of Vernon, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Whereas, 2013 Wis. Act 377 under Sec. 348.27 (19)(b)5.a. provides that a municipality or county may authorize implements of husbandry as defined in Sec. 340.01 (24) and agricultural commercial vehicles as defined in Sec. 340.01 (1o) of Wis. Statutes to exceed any statutory length and weight limits imposed by Chapter 348 of Wis. Statutes,

Now, therefore, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors, that pursuant to Sec. 348.27 (19)(b)5.a. of Wis. Statutes, implements of husbandry and agricultural commercial vehicles as defined by Chapter 340 of Wis. Statutes may exceed any length and weight limits imposed by Chapter 348 of Wis. Statutes, except as may be restricted by seasonal, special postings or bridge and culvert limits.

Further, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED that this ordinance shall remain in effect until rescinded by further action of the Board.

Further, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED that a copy of this ordinance shall be provided to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to be posted on the state DOT website.

Recommended for consideration by the full County Board.

Dated: October 10, 2014

Brought in by the Highway Committee


JoAnn Nickelatti, Chair Highway

Vote 4 yes ___ no 1 absent/abstain


Kevin Gobet, Chair Legal Affairs
Vice

Vote 4 yes ___ no 1 absent/abstain

Adopted by the Vernon County Board of Supervisors

_____, 2014

Attest:

Ron Hoff, Vernon County Clerk

Option B Total Opt Out of IOH Length and Weight limits

Effect of this Option B: Adoption of this ordinance pursuant to Sec. 348.27 (19)(b)5.a. of Wis. Statutes (as provided by 2013 Wis. Act 377) means that the governing body of a municipality or county authorizes operation, on all highways under their jurisdiction, implements of husbandry as defined in Sec. 340.01 (24) (see Act 377) and agricultural commercial vehicles as defined in Sec. 340.01 (1o) (see Act 377) to operate in excess of any length and weight limitations imposed by Chapter 348 of Wis. Statutes. However, all implements of husbandry and agricultural commercial vehicles are still bound to follow seasonal and special postings and any postings on highway bridges or culverts under Sec. 349.16 of Wis. Statutes.

Note for this ordinance to be effective in any calendar year, it must be adopted on or before January 15 of that calendar year or in a prior year.

This ordinance should be published in a newspaper or posted within 30 days of adoption pursuant to Sec. 60.80 of Wis. Statutes for towns or pursuant to Sec. 61.50 of Wis. Statutes for villages.

This ordinance shall also be forwarded to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation via email to AgVehicles@dot.wi.gov for posting on a state website.