

**ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JULY 18, 2018—2:11 PM**

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Commissioner Arland Rasmussen called a meeting of the Road Advisory Committee to order at 2:11 PM on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, in the Commission Conference Room, Cass County Courthouse. Members were present as follows: Vern Bennett, Chad Peterson, Mary Scherling, Rick Steen, Arland Rasmussen, Blaine Laaveg, Kyle Litchy, Tom Soucy, Bill Hejl and Robert Wilson. Keith Monson and Scott Saewert were absent.

**2. 2018 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UPDATE**

Deputy County Engineer Tom Soucy gave an update on the status of 2018 construction projects which include installation of five box culverts; one bridge removal; paving project on Cass 38 from I-94 East to Cass 6; chip seal project west of Page and intersection lighting project with a flashing stop sign to be installed at the intersection of Cass 16 and Cass 17.

**3. COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE AND TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Mr. Soucy reviewed highlights of the Cass County Comprehensive and Transportation Plan as follows:

- There are 15-20 miles of asphalt overlay installed per year to maintain the system.
- KLJ Engineering has completed traffic counts in 2017 on 2/3 of intersections. They will complete the remaining in 2018. One surprising fact that has come from the information from KLJ is the high rate of speed people are driving on these roads. Highway Department contacted law enforcement and there will be additional squads added in these areas.
- County roads have over 25% truck traffic, mostly near elevators in the county.
- The Pavement Condition Index has improved on most roads since the last survey.
- The Bridge Sufficiency rating has increased. There are 11 bridges under a rating of 50, which means there are federal dollars available.
- The plan includes a ND Diversion Bypass and if travelling from I-29 to I-94 westbound, the bypass would be approximately 10 miles shorter and it will help reduce traffic through town. Horace has concerns with development on Cass 14 at the Diversion site.
- The plan includes 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and the potential expansion of Cass 6; a new West Fargo high school and middle school may be built at 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and Cass 6. There is a future I-29 and 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue South interchange in the plans.
- The plan proposes to move Cass 9 two miles north of I-94 to Cass 10, which will help county gravel trucks from travelling through Casselton and Mapleton.
- The access road to the new Veterans Cemetery is in the process of being paved.
- Cass 16 is a priority for paving. The benchmark to determine paving a road is 400 vehicles per day.

**4. SPEED LIMITS**

Mr. Soucy discussed roads that currently meet 60mph or 65mph standards. The Highway Department met with the Sheriff's Department and discussed which roads had the potential to be raised to 65mph. Mr. Soucy discussed the roads recommended for a speed increase from 55mph to 65mph.

**5. PARK AND RIDE**

Due to time left in the meeting, Mr. Soucy decided to table the Park and Ride information until a later date.

**6. 2019-2023 HIGHWAY PLAN**

Mr. Soucy discussed the 2019-2023 Highway Plan and showed progress made as well as what projects are coming next year. The Pavement Condition Index (PCI) was reviewed and all roads

indicated are in good to very good shape. The plan includes information on the Highway Load Capacity with roads indicated in the 'best' condition, and others that are in 'strong' condition.

Mr. Soucy spoke about inspections and appraisals of bridges on county roads. All the inspections and appraisals on bridges on township roads are caught up. The curb-to-curb roadway widths are mostly in the best category along with a few that are in rough shape. He also reviewed a drain tile project, subgrade repair projects, gravel stabilization projects, chip seal projects, pavement overlays and projected 30-year improvements.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

***MOTION, passed***

**On motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Peterson and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 3:16 PM.**

Minutes prepared by Lisa Shasky, Temp HR Assistant