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MEETING Thursday, January 28, 2016 8:00 A.M. - Highway Office

Present were Dwayne Larson, Wayne Wilson, John Bartels, Gerald Heimann and Tom Jean.

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order.

The agenda was properly posted at the Lafayette County Courthouse, the Darlington Municipal Building and the Lafayette County Highway Department.

Motion by Wilson, second by Bartels to approve the agenda, motion carried.

Motion by Wilson, second by Bartels to approve the minutes of the meeting dated January 14, 2016, motion carried.

Motion by Heimann, second by Bartels to approve Voucher #4363 (2016) and #4364 (2015), motion carried.

Tom reminded the committee that \$400,000 of the 2016 budget was approved for one tandem axle truck with attachments and one end loader. Our newest loader is a 2004 Volvo with over 12,000 hours on it. A new loader would be around \$170 - 195,000. Most dealers do not have the swap/trade program available anymore. Tom felt we should take bids in February. Motion by Wilson, second by Heimann to sign the resolution authorizing the purchase of the end loader. Motion carried.

After discussion on the trucks, motion by Heimann, second by Wilson to sign the resolution authorizing the purchase of one tandem axle truck with attachments. Motion carried. Bids would be taken in February. Both of these resolutions will be sent for approval at the February County Board meeting.

Tom explained the TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) resolution to the committee. The Bike Trail project has gone from \$1.2 million to over \$2 million. The relocation order has been passed and the plat approved where the DNR will deed the old railroad corridor to the county, the county will sell the railroad corridor to the landowner, and then we will buy new right-of-way to develop the bike trail. The DNR secured the last \$249,000 which has been paying for the engineering. Motion by Bartels, second by Wilson to sign & approve resolution. Motion carried.

Projects Update: we are doing some brushing, and cleanup after the storms due to blowing and drifting. We have not received any word yet on when they will be back to start on the tower.

Equipment Update: we have had a few breakdowns; someone was here from Diamond Mowers and put a new smaller motor with more torque on the new brush head. We hope to use it next week. Diamond Mowers will stand behind this change.

The February meetings scheduled for the 11th and 25th at 8 a.m. The March meetings were tentatively set for March 14 and 31, 2016 depending on when audit is.

Motion by Wilson, second by Heimann to adjourn the meeting, motion carried.