**CHAPTER 17**

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

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**17.001 Authority for creation.** Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 83.015, this ordinance is for the purpose of regulating the procedure and methods used by the Sauk County Highway Committee in the purchase of road machinery, equipment, materials and supplies.

**17.002 Advertisement for bids.** Whenever the Sauk County Highway Committee shall contemplate the purchase of any road machinery or equipment, where the estimated cost of such machinery or equipment shall exceed ~~$2,500.00~~ $30,000.00, the purchase of such machinery or equipment shall be made by first advertising for sealed bids on the same, at least twice in the official county newspaper and if deemed necessary by the Sauk County Highway Committee, in whatever other publication the committee feels the interest of the county may demand. The Sauk County Highway Committee, after receiving such bids, shall award the purchasing contract to the lowest responsible bidder, provided always that the Sauk County Highway Committee may refuse to purchase any item regardless of whether or not it constitutes the lowest bid when they have reason to believe such item is not suitable for the use for which it is intended.

**17.003 Approval by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors**. No road machinery or equipment shall be purchased by the Sauk County Highway Committee the cost of which shall exceed ~~$15,000.00~~ $30,000.00 without the concurrence and permission of the Sauk County Board of Supervisors. **(1)** Whenever such purchase in excess of ~~$15,000.00~~ $30,000.00 is contemplated, the Sauk County Highway Committee shall follow the procedure set forth in s. 17.002, but before awarding the contract for purchase, shall submit the same together with their recommendation to the Sauk County Board of Supervisors to be approved or disapproved by the board.

**(2)** The date for the receipt and opening of bids shall be so controlled by the Sauk County Highway Committee, that it will be set at such date as will be convenient to the next scheduled meeting of the Sauk County Board of Supervisors.

**17.004 Rejection of bids.** Whenever the Sauk County Highway Committee shall advertise for bids pursuant to this ordinance, the Committee, in their advertisement for bids, shall expressly reserve the right to reject any or all bids. In the event the estimated cost of such purchase shall exceed ~~$15,000.00~~ $30,000.00 there shall be added "*the acceptance of all bids are subject to the approval of the majority of the County Board of Supervisors for Sauk County*."

**17.005 Persons notified for bids.** Whenever any purchase of road machinery or equipment is to be made by the Sauk County Highway Committee, the estimated cost of which will exceed ~~$2,500.00~~ $30,000.00, the Sauk County Highway Committee shall give written notice of the date of opening of bids, and the date of the meeting of the Sauk County Highway Committee to consider such bids, to the Chair of the Sauk County Board of Supervisors and Chair of the Finance Committee of the Sauk County Board of Supervisors in order that they may attend such meetings.

**17.006 Highway commissioner.** In the event of a vacancy in the position of highway commissioner, the Sauk County Highway Committee and Administrative Coordinator shall present to the county board the name of one person they certify as qualified for the position of highway commissioner for Sauk County. Such person shall be recruited and screened by the Sauk County Highway Committee and Administrative Coordinator, acting jointly, in accordance with the general hiring procedures established under the county's personnel ordinance. If confirmed by majority vote of the county board, the person so selected shall serve a two-year term as highway commissioner for Sauk County, commencing on the first day of January following said election, unless said election be to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term, in which case the term shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term. The highway commissioner may be removed by the county board in accordance with Wis. Stat. §17.10(2). The county board may, in its discretion, approve an employment agreement for the highway commissioner in accordance with s. 13.03 Sauk County Code.

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