

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 12, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, August 12, 2010 at the Highway Office in Lancaster, Wisconsin. Vice Chairman Donald Splinter called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M..

Members present besides the Vice Chairman were Mark Stead, Patrick Schroeder, and Highway Commissioner David Lambert. Margaret Ruf and Vern Lewison asked to be excused. Also present was Randy Franks, Travis Kramer, Jon Knautz.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Mark Stead, moved that the meeting is in compliance with the open meeting law. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Pat Schroeder, moved to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2010 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to pay Vouchers #617 thru #719. Motion carried.

Under the Supervisors Reports, David reported that a damage claim had been received from the Village of Hazel Green in the amount of \$1,400.00 for damage caused by Grant County Highway workers to utilities owned by the Village. Tricor Insurance denied the claim because the Village didn't submit the claim to the County until 139 days after the incident, which is over the limit of 120 days for filing the claim.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Pat Schroeder, moved to send to the Executive Committee for approval, to transfer \$403,636.99 of 2009 undesignated revenues to the Mats and Seals Account at the Highway Department. Motion carried.

Grant County has applied for reimbursement through the CHIP-D Program for \$568,000.00 for work completed on CTH "T". Once this money has been received, it should be assigned to the FAS Account as it was originally paid for out of that account.

County Board Chairman John Patcle and Bob Middendorf arrived at the meeting at 9:18 A.M..

For the first six months of 2010, Grant County was \$4,612.42 in the black for the maintenance work that we provided on the State Highway System. Total State requisitions for the first six months totaled \$917,040.48 including all labor, equipment, materials, and administration.

Jon gave an update on State Highway Issues, including construction on STH 133 (Boscobel to Hwy 18) that was closed to traffic on August 11, construction on STH 35 (Bloomington to Porters Bridge) that will be milled and paved, shouldering work to be done, and replacing expansion strips on the bridge at Bridgeport. He also discussed flood damage caused by recent rains.

Jeff Lutes, Brian McCoy, John Fleischman, and Jeannie Morgan joined the meeting at 9:30 A.M..

Jon reported there was about \$50,000.00 in damage to the State roads due to the recent flooding and that salt for the winter season will be \$55.00/ton delivered to the County.

Jeff Lutes of Truck Country presented several alternative offers for consideration in addition to the insurance settlement regarding the truck involved in the recent accident on Hwy 151 near Dickeyville. After considerable discussion, Jeff agreed to trade the County a new 2011 Freightliner fully equipped with plow, sander, wiring, hydraulics, etc. for \$12,000.00 and the damaged Peterbilt and all Burke equipment that went with the patrol truck. The equipment on the new Freightliner would also be Burke equipment. Jeannie will check with Terry at Peterbilt Madison to see what kind of offer he could give the County on a new Peterbilt and equipment if they took our damaged truck in to be repaired. The Committee will have a special meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 to decide on replacing the damaged patrol truck.

Jeannie, David, and John Fleischman from Force America, discussed the AVL/GPS Agreement with the WisDOT. Pat Schroeder, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to give authority to the Highway Commissioner to sign the AVL/GPS Agreement with the State of Wisconsin if after further study he sees fit to do so. Motion carried.

Randy gave an update on County Construction, including:  
CTH "F" Paving - Stitzer to Hwy 18 is done  
CTH "X" Paving - Wyalusing to CTH "P" is done  
CTH "C" Paving - Hwy 18 to Millville is done  
CTH "G" Seal Coat - Hwy 18 to Muscoda is done after clean-up.  
CTH "Q" Seal Coat - Hwy 18 to CTH "G" is done after clean-up.  
CTH "HHH" - rural portion through Kieler is to begin August 17th.  
He also reported on flood damage to CTH "O", "U", and "B".

Randy opened the bids he received for a new Supervisors Truck. The bids were as follows:

	<u>Fillback</u>	<u>Mound View</u>	<u>Les Mack</u>
Crew Cab Chevrolet	\$29,268.00	\$30,300.00	\$29,644.00
Extended Cab Chevrolet	\$28,248.51	\$29,310.00	\$28,367.00

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to purchase a 2010 Crew Cab Chevrolet from the favorable low bid after review of the bids by Randy. Motion carried.

Travis began the Engineering Report by handing out a printout of the costs of the 2010 County Construction Projects to date. There is \$281,329.36 remaining in the mats & seals account. The County paved approximately 16 miles in 2010. It will probably only pave 10 miles in 2011 due to no increases in the budget. The County should be paving at least 20 miles per year to keep all the roads in good condition with an average life of 30 years. Travis will do a road rating assessment before the 2011 budget is completed. He also noted that the cost of asphalt has gone from \$24.81/ton in 2004 to \$43.03/ton in 2010.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to adjourn at 11:30 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark A. Stead, Secretary