

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 9, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, September 9, 2010 at the Highway Office in Lancaster, Wisconsin. Chairman Margaret Ruf called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M..

Members present besides the Chairman were Donald Splinter, Mark Stead, Vern Lewison, and Highway Commissioner David Lambert. Pat Schroeder arrived at 9:13 A.M.. Also present was Grant County Board Chairman John Patcle, Randy Franks, and David and Cindra Riemenapp.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved that the meeting is in compliance with the open meetings law. Motion carried.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2010 and August 17, 2010 meetings as printed. Motion carried.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to pay Vouchers #720 thru #837. Motion carried.

The Supervisors Reports began with David Lambert and David and Cindra Riemenapp discussing the Riemenapp driveway in the Village of Mount Hope.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to support the Highway Commissioner decision in removing the temporary driveway on the Riemenapp property in the Village of Mount Hope. Motion carried.

Margaret Ruf, seconded by Pat Schroeder, moved to have the Grant County Highway Department install two "Do not block driveway" signs, one to the north and one to the south of the north driveway on the Riemenapp property in the Village of Mount Hope. Motion carried.

David & Cindra Riemenapp left the meeting at 9:50 A.M..

For the first seven months of 2010, Grant County was \$4,017.39 in the black for the maintenance work that we provided on the State Highway System. Total State requisitions for the first seven months totaled \$807,207.07. This includes all labor, equipment, materials, and administration.

Grant County has applied for \$5,660.45 of cost reimbursement from FEMA to cover the cost of signs, barricades, and emergency debris removal for the County System, from damage due to the flooding on July 24th. Costs for the damage to the bridge on CTH "0" have been submitted to the State FEMA Program and hope to get between \$10,000.00 and \$14,000.00 in reimbursement. The total cost of repairing the flood damage to the County Highway System to date is \$76,348.36 with an estimated total cost of \$100,000.00.

Randy gave an update on County Construction projects. The binder & surface are done on CTH "HHH" and will be the last paving project for this season. The shoulders need to be placed on CTH "HHH" yet. The crew will be busy up to winter repairing flood damage.

On the State Highway System, flex beam is being installed on Hwy 35, an overlayment is being placed on the bridge at Bloomington and Boscobel, and the Hwy 133 bridge near Boscobel is out.

Under the Machinery & Equipment Reports, an agreement with Truck Country has been signed. They will repair Truck #31 so the County can use it until the new Freightliner arrives.

A Taurus with no engine & high mileage will be disposed of through Wisconsin Surplus Auction.

The Hot Box Truck Insert and Randy's new pickup have both arrived.

David discussed the pilot program and Automatic Vehicle Location/GPS Agreement with the WisDOT for equipment to be installed on State Patrol Trucks. It includes \$93,000.00 in equipment & 10 months monitoring the system.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to sign the AVL/GPS Agreement with the WisDOT for equipment to be installed on State Patrol Trucks. Motion carried.

Travis Kramer joined the Committee and discussed Engineering Projects for 2011. He stated a change in foreman has taken place on the Chestnut Street/CTH "D" bridge & road project with paving to begin Sept. 20 and project deadline of Nov. 19.

Donna Bohnenkamp joined the Committee for discussion on the preliminary 2011 budget. The Highway Department will experience an additional \$80,000.00 in costs for health insurance and scheduled step increases for 2011. Winter Maintenance needs to stay the same with any cuts to come out of Mats & Seals. Mats & Seals was way over budget in 2010 however, we were able to pay for it with our CHIP-D (\$585,000.) reimbursement for CTH "T" and undesignated revenues (\$400,000.). The undesignated revenues average about \$200,000.00 per year, but the CHIP-D funding is only about every ten years. David discussed a contingency fund to pay for a bad winter or flood damage.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to approve the 0% increase 2011 Highway Department Budget as presented and forward to the Finance Committee and also that the County establish a Contingency Fund with \$100,000 designated for Flood damage repair and \$200,000.00 designated for Winter Maintenance in excess of budgeted amounts. Motion carried.

Duane Gau from Graef Engineering came before the Committee and said that his firm has had a good relationship with the County and would like to continue to do business with Grant County.

Dave Walker from Strand Associates came before the Committee and presented each member with a folder describing projects his firm has done around the State and they would like to continue to do business with the County.

Tom Boguszewski from Aecom came before the Committee and said he represents the largest consulting & engineering firm in the Country that would also like to do business with the County and would appreciate consideration for future projects.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to adjourn at 10:56 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary