

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING  
December 1, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, December 1, 2011 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, Pat Schroeder, Vern Lewison, and Highway Commissioner David Lambert. Margaret Ruf asked to be excused. Also present was County Board Chairman John Patcile, County Engineer Travis Kramer, and Chris Blum from SEH Engineers. Marv Ruhland and Dan Wagner from MSA Engineering arrived at the meeting at 9:25 A.M..

David Lambert reported that the meeting is in compliance with the open meeting law by being posted in the Administration Building and Highway Office and sent to the radio station and Herald Independent newspaper.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Pat Schroeder, moved to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2011 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2011 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to pay Vouchers #1021 thru #1265. Motion carried.

David gave an update on the 2011 Highway Budget and the Account Totals as of November 18, 2011 remaining: County Routine Maintenance \$78,800., County Winter Maintenance \$319,400., Mats & Seals \$448,800. (CTH "HHH" is yet to complete and minor costs remain from Highland "Q"), FAS \$110,000 (to carry over), County Engineering \$6,200. (wages), Equipment \$174,600. (to pay for outfitting 2 trucks), County Buildings \$145,200. (to carry over).

For the first ten months of 2011, Grant County was \$64,842.26 in the red for the maintenance work that we provided on the State Highway System. Total State Requisitions for the first ten months totaled \$1,838,348.08, including all labor, equipment, materials and administration.

David reported on State Maintenance Issues:

STH 61 construction issues: bypass lanes at Orchard Manor are complete, signing is to be done, beam guard installation will be done next season.

Prep work is being done for the winter season: crack filling, salt, trucks, spare trucks.

County Maintenance Issues:

County construction is finished for the season

Prep work is being done for the winter season: brushing, salt, trucks, spare trucks.

Travis gave an update on CTH "HHH" through the Village of Kieler. The binder layer of asphalt has been placed with the finish layer to be placed next year. Shoulders, landscaping, driveways, and short pieces of sidewalk are yet to be completed.

Jeannie Morgan joined the Committee for the Machinery & Equipment Report.

The new Freightliners went to Burke Equipment in September. The box is on the first truck with installation of the electrical system next. The second truck has gone to the metal works.

Jeannie discussed the possible purchase of a new rubber tired roller. New vs. used was compared. A new roller would cost about \$65,000.00 and would be paid for out of next year's equipment budget.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to purchase a new Caterpillar PS150C rubber tired roller for \$65,200.00. Motion carried. The new roller has a seven year/5000 hour warranty.

Donna Bohnenkamp joined the meeting. She discussed the problems the Highway Department is having implementing the new Springbrook computer package. It is not working as presented and causing considerable more work. The County Board Chairman is aware of the issue and is working with the Finance Director/Springbrook to resolve the problem.

The Winter Highway Conference will be held January 16, 17, 18, 2012 at the Chula Vista.

David mentioned that political signs will be removed in the County where safety and vision problems are concerned and in improper other locations.

Chris Blum from SEH Engineering addressed the Committee. His firm would be interested in engineering work for the County in the future.

Marv Ruhland and Dan Wagner from MSA Engineering addressed the Committee. They said that MSA is a full service firm and would also appreciate any business from the County in the future. Dan also spoke on their current project in the County-the Eagle Point project. The conflict with the State has been with the decision over an at grade crossing or a bridge replacement. At the start of the project it was going to be a bridge replacement. The frustration is with the DOT Regional Director. Travis feels its nothing more than a delaying tactic on the part of State due to funding issues and that nothing will get done until July 2012.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to adjourn at 10:51 A.M. to Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark A. Stead, Secretary