HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
January 12, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at the Highway Office in Lancaster, Wisconsin. Chairman Margaret Ruf called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M..

Members present besides the Chairman were Donald Splinter, Mark Stead, Vern Lewison, Pat Schroeder, and Highway Commissioner David Lambert. Also present was Jon Knautz. County Board Chairman John Patcle arrived at 9:30 A.M..

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

Mark Stead, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Pat Schroeder, moved to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2011 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to pay Vouchers #1266 thru #1401. Motion carried.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to authorize Donald Splinter to be the Grant County Representative for proxy voting at the upcoming WCHA Highway Conference. Motion carried.

For the first eleven months of 2011, Grant County was $47,625.93 in the red for the maintenance work that we provided on the State Highway System. Total State requisitions for the first eleven months were $1,955,400.00 including all labor, equipment, materials, and administration.

Jon gave an update on State Highway Issues. He said that 14% of the budget is designated for December. To balance the RMA budget, he made the following purchases: 15,000 ton of gravel for shouldering Hwy 11, a semi load of rubber for crack filling, all weed spray for 2012, and pre-wetting equipment for seven trucks. The equipment will pre-wet the spinner only. The salt brine will be carried in 150 gallon containers.

There is talk at the State level of making Hwy 80 from the State line to the four lane in Platteville a 24 hour road.

Jon also explained the AVL - GPS system on State trucks. It tracks the speed of the trucks, location of the trucks, pounds of salt used per mile, when and where salt should be used, etc.

David reported that the County crew has been cutting brush and doing equipment maintenance. Due to the mild open winter thus far, 3000 ton of salt has been saved compared to previous years.

Some concrete work in front of the Post Office and Church in Kieler will have to be redone regarding the reconstruction work on CTH "HHH" through the Village of Kieler.

The new Freightliner patrol trucks are being equipped with pre-wetting gear and will arrive soon. The new Caterpillar rubber tired roller has been ordered with eleven wheels.

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

David reported that Anita Kelly will be retiring after 30 years of service to the Highway Department. Her last day will be February 24, 2012. The Committee thanked Anita for many years of dedicated service to Grant County.

Donna Bohnenkamp reported that Springbrook software is still not live. She is hoping to possibly running a dual system next week.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to adjourn at 10:14 A.M. to Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary