

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 9, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, February 9, 2012 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, Pat Schroeder, Vern Lewison by telephone, and Highway Commissioner David Lambert. Also present was County Board Chairman John Patcle, Jon Knautz, Travis Kramer, and Randy Miller. Don Greenwood and Betty Smith arrived at 9:24, Jeannie Morgan at 9:30, Joe Veenstra at 9:36, and Bob Riutta at 10:37.

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

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Pat Schroeder, moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2012 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to pay Vouchers #1402 thru #1508 (2011) and #1 thru #18 (2012). Motion carried.

David gave each Committee member present a copy of the five page 2011 Annual Report of the Grant County Highway Commission. Each County Board Supervisor will receive a copy at the next County Board meeting.

Travis and David presented the 2012 proposed County Construction Program.

Proposed projects include:

Reconditioning 10.56 miles of CTH "E" (CTH "F" - STH 80), and one mile of CTH "ZZ" (Illinois State Line - CTH "Z").

Resurfacing 8.95 miles of CTH "A" (STH 129 - CTH "D"), and 4.69 miles of CTH "U" (STH 81 - STH 133).

Maintenance (seal coat) 13 miles of CTH "C" (USH 18 - STH 133), and 2.92 miles of CTH "E" (STH 61 - CTH "F").

Total estimated construction costs for the 41.12 miles is \$2,918,200.00.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to approve the proposed 2012 County Construction Program Projects. Motion carried.

For the year 2011, Grant County was \$70,361.57 in the red for the maintenance work we provided on the State Highway System. Total State requisitions for 2011 totaled \$2,224,709.63 including all labor, equipment, materials, and administration.

David said that 61 applications had been received for the Accounting Assistant position. The applications will be reviewed and interviews will be scheduled.

Jon handed out a Storm Report Summary through 1/26/12. Also, seven State trucks are being equipped with pre-wetting systems, the crew has been out cutting brush, and the 2012 TMA with the DOT was not signed as the amount was wrong.

Don Greenwood from Jewel and Associates addressed the Committee regarding the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill and amendments for the Off-System Bridge Program and Small MPO's. He also said that Jewel and Associates would again enjoy working with County in the upcoming bridge program.

Betty Smith and her attorney, Joe Veenstra, were in attendance to discuss a drainage issue in the Town of Fennimore. It involves a water discharge problem originating from the Fennimore Industrial Park. The Smith property is located on CTH "Q" north of the Industrial Park. Betty hired an engineering firm who has estimated a cost of \$6,000.00 to remedy the problem. The CTH "Q" culvert is 24" and was installed in 1958, the Smith home was built in 1978, and the Industrial Park developed much later. Currently, there is litigation pending between Mrs. Smith and the City of Fennimore. David's recommendation is for the County to wait and see what happens with the litigation between Mrs. Smith and the City of Fennimore before doing anything.

Jeannie reported that one of the Freightliner Patrol Trucks has arrived and is in use. The second will arrive soon. Both will be used on the County System.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to go out for bids on two single-axle Patrol Trucks with bids to be opened at the March 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

Randy Miller from Aring Equipment presented details on a loader leasing program currently offered by Aring Equipment. The program would provide the County with a new loader every six months. He will get exact cost numbers for the lease arrangement and return to a future meeting for presentation.

Jeannie told the Committee that requisitions, and comp time/payroll are still not working on the new Springbrook software system. Entering data involves 3 screens on Springbrook compared to 1 screen on the old ACS system. Staff are spending more time entering data into the new system and becoming very frustrated.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to adjourn at 10:45 A.M. to Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary