

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 10, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at the Highway Office in Lancaster, Wisconsin. County Board Chairman Larry Wolf called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M..

Members present besides the County Board Chairman were Mark Stead, Vern Lewison, John Patcle, Donald Splinter, Grant Loy, and Highway Commissioner David Lambert. Also present was County Board Supervisor Pat Schroeder.

David said that notice of the meeting was sent to the newspaper and radio and the agenda was posted at the Administration Building and the Highway Office.

County Board Chairman Larry Wolf said that nominations were open for Highway Committee Chairman. Vern Lewison nominated Donald Splinter. Grant Loy nominated John Patcle. Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to close the nominations. Motion carried. Donald Splinter received two votes and John Patcle received three votes. County Board Chairman Wolf declared John Patcle the winner and the new Highway Committee Chairman.

Highway Committee Chairman Patcle said that nominations were open for Vice-Chairman. Grant Loy nominated Donald Splinter. Vern Lewison, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Donald Splinter. Motion carried.

Highway Committee Chairman Patcle said that nominations were open for Committee Secretary. Vern Lewison nominated Mark Stead. Donald Splinter, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mark Stead. Motion carried.

After asking for permission to speak, Pat Schroeder gave the Committee a rousing address and then departed from the meeting.

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

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2012 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to pay Vouchers #218 thru #356. Motion carried.

David said that the process of filling the position of Glen Burns who is retiring has started.

For the first three months of 2012, Grant County was \$67,698.67 in the red for the maintenance work that we provided on the State Highway System. Total State requisitions for the first three months of 2012 were \$547,453.74 including all labor, equipment, materials, and administration.

David discussed that Platteville may be open to the jurisdictional transfer of a portion of CTH "B" located within the City limits. Mark Stead, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to have the Highway Commissioner start the process of jurisdictional transfer of CTH "B" from Madison Street to Hazel Dell Road to the City of Platteville. Motion carried.

Jeannie Morgan joined the Committee to discuss the possibility of hiring an intern for the shop. Logan Nobel from Boscobel is enrolled at MATC and must do a internship. The cost would be about \$5,000.00. Benefits - it would free up a man at times to work on the State or County System. He could also do oil changes, servicing vehicles, and cleaning trucks. Donald Splinter, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to proceed with the hiring of a summer intern for the shop. Motion carried. David will follow up to see if any Grant money is available to help with the cost of the intern and also to urge Logan to get a CDL.

David gave an update on State maintenace issues: Shouldering is being done on STH "18", STH "80" is being reconstructed, crack filling is being done in the County, and a bridge is being replaced between North Andover and Cassville.

David also gave an update on County maintenance issues: Construction on CTH "K" north of STH "18" has begun with a bridge out and being replaced with a box culvert, shouldering is being done on CTH "E".

The books for 2011 have been closed and pending the audit it looks as if the Highway Department will have 613,993.12 in undesignated revenues for 2011.

David and Jeannie discussed the details of a loader leasing agreement with the Committee. Donald Splinter, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to enter into an agreement to lease one Volvo L110G wheel loader after Corporation Counsel reviews the lease agreement. Motion carried.

Donna Bohnenkamp joined the Committee and gave an update on the Springbrook project. She said that Grant along with Juneau, Douglas, and Chippewa County are having a meeting with Springbrook representative on June 6 & 7. Springbrook will be asking for County input into what do the Counties need to make this work.

David said that we will be moving out of Platteville sometime in the future. The access issue on the Bill Meis property south of Platteville is set for a jury trial on May 29, 30, & 31. Jeff Pluemer of Platteville has property joining the current County property and has requested a "first right of refusal" for our existing property in Platteville. Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to have David contact Corporation Counsel regarding the "First Right of Refusal" request from Jeff Pluemer for the Platteville Highway Shop property and report his findings back to the next meeting. Motion carried.

David distributed Highway Conference materials for the June 4,5, & 6 WCHA Conference.

As a point of information, David said that there is no striping on CTH "A". Iowa County has done our striping work for sometime, however, when the new State Budget was passed there was a change made that hinders us from using Iowa County. The State considers repaving CTH "A" as a construction project and not maintenance so a private contractor must do the striping. Iowa County using a water/oil base paint charges 6.5¢ per linear foot, a private contractor David contacted will charge 19¢ per linear foot using epoxy paint.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to adjourn at 11:06 A.M. to Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary