

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING  
July 12, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, July 12, 2012 in room 266 on the 2nd floor of the Grant County Administration Building in Lancaster, Wisconsin. Chairman John Patcile called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M..

Members present besides the Chairman were Donald Splinter, Mark Stead, Vern Lewison, Grant Loy, and Highway Commissioner David Lambert. Also present was County Board Chairman Larry Wolf, County Board Supervisor Robert Keeney, Jon Knautz, Donna Bohnenkamp, Jeannie Morgan, and Larry Kirschbaum. Jack Johnson joined the meeting at 9:08, Bart Nies at 9:13, Doug Wagen at 9:17, and Joyce Roling at 10:27.

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.

Grant Loy, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2012 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to pay Vouchers #470A thru #582. Motion carried.

David met with another WisDOT official concerning costs involved for access to the Meis property. There has been no change in access control from the WisDOT.

For the first five months of 2012, Grant County was \$198,565.58 in the red for the maintenance work that we provided on the State Highway System. Total State requisitions for the first five months were \$938,731.44 including all labor, equipment, materials, and administration.

Donna and Jeannie discussed the meeting they attended representing Grant County along with Douglas, Chippewa, and Juneau County and Springbrook officials. All Counties are experiencing frustration and categorized 19 major problems that need to be resolved. Springbrook will come out with a new release fixing several of the problems every quarter. The County will not pay the last payment due Springbrook until all problems are resolved. It was decided it was time to get Corporation Counsel involved until the situation is resolved.

Bart Nies from Delta 3 Engineering, Inc. discussed an Engineering Services Contract between Delta 3 and Grant County regarding infrastructure improvements on CTH "JJ" in the Village of Mount Hope. The County would pay for design services and the road base and asphalt. The Village would be responsible for all other improvements. Delta 3 will be applying for a \$300,000.00 Grant to pay for the cost of the Village portion. Donald Splinter, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to spend what it takes to get the project in Mount Hope going to see if they get approved for the Grant money and if the Grant money is approved to proceed with the Contract. The Contract is for a total of \$35,500.00. Motion carried by majority vote. Mark Stead voted no.

Jack Johnson gave a presentation on information he had gathered for the Law Enforcement Committee regarding converting vehicles at the Sheriff's Department to two fuels - gasoline and propane. The cost would be \$7,000.00 per vehicle.

A tank to hold the propane would be needed along with site preparation. Cars and pickups (vehicles not used in emergency situations) would be converted at the Highway Department first. Jack was asked to gather additional information on how much would be saved in maintenance costs, how the fuel tax would be paid, how many vehicles can be converted, and would there be any starting problems in the winter. He will report his findings at next months meeting.

Grant Loy, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to enter into closed session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) regarding employment interviews. A roll call vote was taken with Loy, Lewison, Patcle, Stead, and Splinter all voting yes. Motion carried. The time was 10:31 A.M..

At 11:51 A.M., Vern Lewison, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to come out of closed session and return to open session. Motion carried.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to offer the Operator I position to Candidate One. Motion carried.

Jon gave an update on State Highway issues noting that the Mound Branch Bridge on STH 80 is done and can be crossed and that all mowing on the State System is done for the year.

Larry gave an update on County projects including:  
Bridge sealing will start this coming Monday on the Haines Bridge on CTH "A" and on the Brogley Bridge on CTH "B".  
CTH "U" & "V" are complete except for painting of the yellow line.  
Asphalt has been done on CTH "E" from Stitzer to CTH "D". The second lift of asphalt will be done in August.

David gave an update on the CTH "K" Road & Bridge Reconstruction Project. Box culverts are complete and carrying traffic. Bridge abutments are complete with beams to be set next week. The elevation through the bottom area is being raised by two feet. The project is at finish elevation on the biggest rock cut and should be at finish level at the second rock cut next week.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to adjourn at 12:07 P.M. to Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark A. Stead, Secretary