

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
August 9, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, August 9, 2012 at the Highway Office in Lancaster, Wisconsin. Chairman John Patcle 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 Steve Ellis, Lisa Pitzer, and Judy Hazen. Larry Kirschbaum joined the meeting at 9:01, Larry Wolf at 9:04, Jon Knautz at 9:17, and Ron Loken at 9:51.

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

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

Donald Splinter, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2012 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to pay Vouchers #583 thru #714. Motion carried.

Judy Hazen, Steve Ellis, and Lisa Pitzer were called upon to discuss and present their request by the ATV users group to designate County Highways as ATV Routes. They are proposing a route from Bagley to Castle Rock. Wyalusing, Millville, and Patch Grove Townships have already approved the use of Town roads for the route. Mt. Ida and Woodman Townships have tabled any action at this time. Lisa presented the Committee with a petition signed by 60 residents of Woodman Township who are against allowing ATV use on Town roads in Woodman Township.

Safety issues are a main concern as well as Town residents don't want large numbers of outsiders riding up and down the roads in the Township.

David said that he has Ordinances from nine Counties regarding ATV's on County Roads on his desk and has not had time to review them. Proper signage on the routes is an issue and who will pay for them. Both Lafayette and Crawford County pay for the signs.

David recommends the Committee take no action at this time.

David gave a brief update on the Platteville Shop property. The WisDOT Access Committee has approved the request for access and has said a site plan is needed. A site plan has been submitted for approval and Mr. Meis is still interested in working with the County.

The 2013 Budget is being worked on. David will be submitting a 0% plus Springbrook costs of \$39,000.00 which is mostly overtime and a second budget with a 1% wage increase plus the Springbrook costs. Construction possibilities for 2013 include CTH "E" from CTH "D" to Livingston, CTH "X" from Bagley to Wyalusing, and CTH "ZZ". The equipment for two trucks from 2011 came out of the 2012 equipment account. We will need to transfer \$150,000.00 to the 2012 equipment account. It will probably have to come out County Construction or FAS.

Donna and Jeannie continue to meet with other Wisconsin Counties regarding Springbrook. David feels fair progress has been made. Double entering has been done since July 2011. It was emphasized that the final payment to Springbrook is not to be made until all concerns and issues with the Highway package are resolved.

For the first six months of 2012, Grant County was \$196,157.65 in the red for the maintenance work that we provided on the State Highway System. Total State requisitions for the first six months were \$1,064,018.93 including all labor, equipment, materials, and administration.

Jon gave an update on State Highway issues including: the bridge on STH 80 at Arthur is out, milling STH 80 is continueing, work continues on the Kuenster Creek Bridge on Hwy 133, and 25 State Highway Bridges have been sealed.

Larry gave an update on County Highway projects: Fahrner has sealed 6 County bridges, the crews have been mowing road sides, the finish layer of asphalt on CTH "A" has been applied, CTH "U" & "V" are complete.

The CTH "K" Road & Bridge Reconstruction Project continues to progress. The profile thru the bottom was raised two feet and has a five and a half foot base. Mid September is set as the completion date.

David requested to purchase two trailers at a cost of \$7,000.00 and to sell one older trailer. He is also looking into the cost of a used cold roller and one service truck back end and new service truck doors for the second service truck.

Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to give Jeannie authority to purchase two new trailers as the County needs and to sell what is no longer needed. Motion carried.

Ron Loken from Mead & Hunt Engineering addressed the Committee. Mead & Hunt is working with the County on the Maple Ridge Road Bridge project. The relocation order and plat are done and now acquisition of Right-of-way will start. The bridge project is a million and a half dollar project according to David. Ron said that Mead & Hunt appreciates the work and business with the County and looks forward to working with the County on future projects.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to adjourn at 10:10 A.M. to Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary