

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 11, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, October 11, 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, Grant Loy, Vern Lewison, and Highway Commissioner David Lambert. Also present was County Board Chairman Larry Wolf, Jon Knautz, and Larry Kirschbaum.

Notice of the meeting was sent to the newspaper and radio station and the agenda was posted at the Administration Building and the Highway Office.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to approve the revised agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2012 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to pay Vouchers #837 thru #983. Motion carried.

David stated that he had received an estimated General Transportation Aids letter from the State indicating that Grant County would lose an additional \$37,000.00 for 2013. He also said that even with our undesignated revenues rolled into the construction budget, the 2012 County Road Construction budget is overspent. Next year may be the first year that we start to feel the pinch of recent years increases in the cost of materials.

Mark Stead, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to approve and sign the Relocation Order and Right of Way Plat for the CTH "K" (Rocky Dell) Bridge Replacement Project. Motion carried. Construction is scheduled for 2013.

David will contact the Traffic Safety Committee regarding a recommendation for a speed limit reduction in the Sinsinawa Mound Area.

David discussed a request for an approximate 2 miles of CTH "A" from the intersection of CTH "X" in the Village of Bagley to Dugway Road be designated as a ATV-UTV Route. The Committee feels that a formal written request is needed and that the Commissioner should contact Bloomington Township to see if the Township has approved the use of Town roads for ATV-UTV routes before the County takes any action.

For the first eight months of 2012, Grant County was \$233,134.23 in the red for the maintenance work that we provided on the State Highway System. Total state requisitions for the first eight months were \$1,337,894.22 including all labor, equipment, materials, and administration.

Jon Knautz said that 25% of the State Highway Budget is designated for the months of November and December due to winter maintenance. Most of the budget this year has been used for labor and machinery as not much material was purchased this year.

Larry Kirschbaum reported that the County crew is finishing bank work on CTH "E", that 17 to 18 culverts were replaced on CTH "O", and that a pavement project will be done at the fairgrounds next week.

David discussed the recent retirement of an employee and that he would like to have the Heavy Truck Driver position replaced with a Operator I position. He described both positions as being parallel positions.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to eliminate one Heavy Truck Driver position and create another Operator I position and send the request to the Executive Committee for approval. Motion carried.

Jeannie Morgan joined the Committee for the Equipment Report. She discussed Service Truck Body and Service Truck Body Doors for two different vehicles.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to purchase one new Service Truck Body for \$18,359.00 and one new Service Truck Body for 11,808.00. Motion carried.

Jeannie said that the new Patrol Trucks should be here soon. One is done except for installing the wing, and the other is having the electrical work installed.

Donna Bohnenkamp joined the Committee and along with Jeannie informed the group as to the current status of the Springbrook Highway package. Jeannie said that it is very frustrating and that she doesn't feel we're any better off now than before. Double entry is still being done. We've been "trying to keep our head above water" was the quote of the day. The first nine months of the year has not been entered in the system yet with the end of the year coming soon. The Committee would like David, Donna, Jeannie, Larry Wolf, and Nancy Scott to get together before the next meeting and decide on a recommendation whether to continue with the Springbrook package or to update and stay on the proven current ACS system.

David informed the Committee he had received an email from the State that access to CTH "D" from the Meis Parcel has been approved. We now need to survey and acquire the parcel. WisDOT indicated that is can't formally grant us access until we own the parcel. There will be no cost for the access.

David also brought up the self-insured vehicle account. More information about the County Vehicle Insurance Account will be gathered and placed on the agenda for next month.

David distributed materials regarding the winter Wisconsin County Highway Association Conference to be held January 14, 15, 16, 2013.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to adjourn at 11:11 A.M. to Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary