

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
December 13, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, December 13, 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. Travis Kramer and Larry Kirschbaum arrived at 9:07 A.M..

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 Grant Loy, moved to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to pay vouchers #1080 thru #1207. Motion carried.

David informed the Committee on the progress thus far on the new Platteville Shop property. He met with Grant County Zoning Administrator Terry Loeffelholz on 12/3/12. We will need a Conditional Use Permit for the new shop property south of Platteville. This would be approved by the Grant County Planning & Zoning Committee after a recommendation is made by the local municipality, in this case the Town of Platteville.

David met with the Town of Platteville on 12/10/12. The Town of Platteville will support the County request to get a Conditional Use Permit for the property on CTH "D". Bob Digman, a landowner across the road from the property, would also support our request. David offered to sell a portion of the proposed property adjacent to the Platteville Shop property to the Town of Platteville if they choose to relocate their shop out of the city. They will consider this offer. If they stay where they are located now, would they be interested in the land Grant County currently owns adjacent to them? They will consider this also. David explained to the Platteville Town Board that the Highway Committee was concerned about what development went on our old shop property. The Committee does not want to be part of any development that would be disagreeable to the adjacent neighbors. The Committee did not want another apartment complex to built there.

David met with Joe Carroll from the City of Platteville on 12/3/12. Joe indicated that we would not be required to get approval from the City if the parcel we wish to purchase and develop is four acres or larger.

David talked with Gary Bell and Bruce Shanley on 11/9/12 regarding the cost of and doing an appraisal on the current Platteville Shop property.

David talked to Jeff Pluemer on 11/28/12 and asked if he would be interested in the current shop property if Grant County put restrictions on the sale that the new owner could only develop the property for the following: expanding his current convenience store/gas station; single family housing; duplex or two family housing. Jeff said that the restrictions would be fine with him, but that he would request that Grant County get a clean bill of health for the property as far as hazardous materials are concerned.

David talked with Lonny Holtz on 12/4/12. If Mr. Holtz acquires the current shop property, he would build storage units similar to the ones across the road behind Von Glahn Auto Sales.

David talked to Don Salzman, a landowner to the north of the property. He would be comfortable with a larger convenience store and single or double family housing. He would rather not like storage or apartment units built there.

Travis has produced a Certified Land Survey for the new property but has not recorded it. He has also obtained a title search of the Meis property.

The Highway Committee took no action after David's presentation.

For the first ten months of 2012, Grant County was \$186,858.59 in the red for maintenance work that we provided on the State Highway System. Total State Requisitions for the first ten months were \$1,586,052.56.

David gave an update on State Highway Issues and Larry gave an update on County Highway Issues. Beam guard on CTH "A" east of Lancaster should go in next week.

Donna Bohnenkamp joined the Committee to discuss the Springbrook Accounting Software and alternatives for the Highway Department. Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to spend \$15,000.00 for the ACS update & two interfaces for the Highway Accounting Package. Motion carried.

The two new Freightliners with Burke Equipment have arrived and are operating out of the Boscobel Shop.

David distributed materials for the 2013 winter Highway Conference Registration.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to recess at 10:36 A.M. for lunch. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to reconvene the meeting in Room 266 of the Grant County Administration Building at 12:45 P.M.. Those in attendance were Vern Lewison, Mark Stead, John Patcle, Grant Loy, Donald Splinter, Larry Wolf, Joyce Roling, David Lambert, Larry Kirschbaum, and Jeannie Morgan.

Grant Loy, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to go into closed session per state statute 19.85 (1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility as it pertains to interviews for the Highway Mechanic Position. A roll call vote was taken with Lewison, Stead, Patcle, Loy, and Splinter all voting yes. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to come out of closed session and return to open session. Motion carried.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to offer the Mechanic Position to Candidate Choice one and if they refuse the position to offer it to Candidate Choice two. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to adjourn at 2:09 P.M. to Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary