

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
July 11, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, July 11, 2013 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 County Board Chairman Larry Wolf, Daniel V. Bahr, and Jon Knautz.

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

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

Donald Splinter, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2013 and June 6, 2013 meetings as printed. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to pay Vouchers #515 thru #602. Motion carried.

David discussed the recent flood damage to County roads. Grant County has three locations where we are eligible for reimbursement funding for flood damages through the State Flood Aids Program. To be eligible the road has to be closed and there need to be damage to the asphalt surface to the extent that the driving surface was undermined to a significant safety level. Two of the eligible locations are on CTH "M" and the third is on CTH "S", all within the Town of Hickory Grove. There maybe \$15,000.00 available from the State Flood Damage Aids Program. There has been \$139,000.00 spent on all flood damage so far. The estimated total cost is expected to be \$200,000.00.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to sign and submit the Flood Damage Aids Petition to the State DOT. Motion carried.

For the first five months of 2013, Grant County was \$237,152.00 in the red for the maintenance work that we provided on the State Highway System.

A request has been received to designate CTH "E" from Pine Grove Road through the Village of Stitzer and on to Sleepy Hollow Road, as an ATV-UTV Route. Also requested is to designate CTH "F" from the Village of Stitzer, north to Fennimore/Liberty Road. This would tie together routes already approved on the Town Road System within the Town of Liberty.

John Patcle, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to recommend approval to the full County Board, the ATV-UTV route requests in Liberty Township, as long as the Traffic Safety Committee also recommends approval at their August 14, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to sign the Discretionary Maintenance Agreement with the WisDOT for emergency flood damage repairs in Grant County. Motion carried.

Jon passed out pictures of the extensive flood damage on STH 133 in the Boscobel and Blue River area as well as CTH "M" and CTH "S".

David reported that overtime was paid on Saturday and Sunday (June 22 and 23, 2013) but that all ongoing storm damage repairs are being done during regular work hours.

Due to storm damage repairs, the seal coat program has been put on hold.

Delivery of the new Freightliner trucks and snow equipment is set for September to October.

Parts for the truck damaged in the fire are scheduled to arrive on July 22nd.

David discussed the pros and cons of disk mowers vs. rotary mowers.

David informed the Committee of a landowner claim caused during the construction of CTH "HHH" in Jamestown Township.

Daniel V. Bahr, Legislative Associate with the Wisconsin Counties Association, gave the Committee a State Budget Update and what it means for Wisconsin and for Grant County. The budget increases funding for Routine Maintenance Agreements with Counties by \$52.5 million in the biennium, a roughly 40% increase.

There will be a \$3,784,600.00 increase (4%) in County General Transportation Aids set to take place in the second year of the biennium. This means that Grant County will see an increase in GTA in 2015 of \$54,411.00.

Total RMA two year increase (CY14 & CY15) for Grant County over CY 2013 is \$1,045,944.00.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to adjourn at 10:52 A.M. to Thursday, August 8, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary