

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 12, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, September 12, 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, Grant Loy, and Highway Commissioner David Lambert. Vern Lewison asked to be excused. Also present was County Board Chairman Larry Wolf, Jon Knautz, Larry Kirschbaum arrived at 9:14, Ron Loken at 9:45, and Tom Boguszewski at 9:46.

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.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

John Patcle, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2013 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to pay Vouchers #729 thru #831. Motion carried.

David explained the reason for a request from James Klinger for a release of easement for a parcel of land on CTH "D" south of Platteville. Jim and his father before him have been paying taxes on the old highway right-of-way since the 1930's. The land was originally acquired by Highway Easement.

Mark Stead, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to approve a Quit Claim Deed between Grant County Highway Department and James Klinger for all "All of the lands owned by or in easement to the Grant County Highway Department or Grant County, located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, of Section 33, T-3-N, R-1-W, Town of Platteville, excepting any lands within 50 feet of the centerline of County Trunk Highway D, as located August 8, 2013". Motion carried.

David also explained a Quit Claim Deed needed for the old cheese factory parcel on CTH "T", south of Blue River. Again, this is to clear up ownership. No action was needed by the Committee.

David reported on a deal that has been reached with the Sheriff's Dept. regarding snow removal. The Sheriff's Dept. will shovel the Highway Dept. sidewalk for the Highway Dept. hauling the Sheriff's Dept. parking lot snow away.

For the first seven months of 2013, Grant County was \$269,217.17 in the red for maintenance work that we provided on the State Highway System. Total State requisitions for the first seven months of the year were \$1,329,963.04.

Donna and Travis joined the Committee to discuss the 2014 proposed Highway Dept. budget. The budget request includes an additional \$49,674.00 or a 1.7% increase over 2013. This is an increase in the equipment account of \$200,000.00 to cover the cost of a new motor grader while reducing other accounts due to the lower incidental rate.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to approve the 2014 Highway Department budget as presented and to recommend approval to the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

David talked about the proposed wage study and its effect on the budget.

Grant Loy, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to approve an ATV-UTV route on CTH "E", from Hwy 80 west to Old Highway 80, all within the Village of Livingston. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to postpone action on a request to extend the ATV-UTV Route on CTH "A" from Willow Lane in the Village of Bagley to CTH "VV" and CTH "VV" from CTH "A" to Rock School Road, pending discussion with Bloomington Township. Motion carried.

Larry reported on County Highway projects. Seal coating CTH "VV" is complete with the centerline and striping to be done in the next several weeks. Paving on CTH "E" is complete with shoulder work currently being done. The County will be paving wedges on CTH "X" next week. The CTH "K" bridge is complete with slope work still being done at each end of the project.

Both new Freightliner/Burke patrol trucks have arrived as well as the previously fire damaged truck #44.

David attended a "Implements of Husbandry" meeting last Wednesday in Belmont.

Ron Loken from Mead & Hunt Engineering addressed the Committee on recent staff changes at his firm. He also expressed his appreciation for the bridge project his firm is doing for the County and any more potential projects down the road.

Tom Boguszewski from AECOM Engineering addressed the Committee. He said that back when his firm was known as Earth Tech, A Tyco International Company, they had done many engineering projects in the County but recently seem to have "fell out of favor somewhere". He's hoping his firm can be successful in landing a bridge project in the future.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to adjourn at 10:40 A.M. to Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary