

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
January 9, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, January 9, 2014 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 and Mark Sethne. Joyce Roling arrived at 9:50 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.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to approve the agenda as printed and to allow Mr. Sethne to address the Committee at the beginning of the meeting. Motion carried.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2013 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to pay Vouchers #1247 thru #1359. Motion carried.

Mark Sethne, a member of the Friends of the Platte River, addressed the Committee and presented his request to build a canoe launch by the bridge on CTH "B" just east of Rockville. The handicap accessible project would be a completely public facility with no cost to the tax payer. His group is currently applying for a \$2,500.00 Grant to help fund the project. The Grant County Highway Department currently owns the right-of-way where the launch has been requested to be built. The Committee took no action on the request as it was not on the agenda as a discussion item.

David said that he has received no word from FEMA at this time.

For the first eleven months of 2013, Grant County is \$172,341.43 in the red for the maintenance work that we provided on the State Highway System. Total State requisitions for the first eleven months of 2013 were \$1,835,170.19.

David and Travis marked out the proposed 4.5 acre property the County wants to purchase from Bill Meis. A purchase agreement has been given to Mr. Meis and to his attorney for review.

The Quit Claim Deeds for Joe Zenz and John Brandemuehl have been recorded at the Register of Deeds Office. The money received in the transaction was deposited into the Misc. Revenue-Highway Department Account.

The Committee was informed that the Traffic Safety Committee did not approve the request for an ATV Route through the Town of Bloomington on CTH "A" & CTH "VV" because the Town of Bloomington has not approved any ATV Routes.

At 9:59 A.M., Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to enter into closed session per Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) to conduct interviews for the New Highway Worker Position. A roll call vote was taken with Loy, Splinter, Stead, Lewison, and Patcle all voting yes. Motion carried.

At 10:47 A.M., Donald Splinter, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to come out of closed session and return to open session. Motion carried.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to offer the New Highway Worker Position to candidate number one and that if they refuse the position that it be offered to candidate number two. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to adjourn at 10:48 A.M. to Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary