

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
July 10, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, July 10, 2014 at the Highway Office in Lancaster, Wisconsin. Chairman Donald Splinter called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M..

Members present besides the Chairman were John Patcle, Mark Stead, Grant Loy, Vern Lewison, and Highway Commissioner David Lambert. Also present was County Board Chairman Robert Keeney, Dale Hood, and Lloyd Runde. Travis Kramer joined the Committee at 9:24 and Mike Bartels at 9:53.

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

John Patcle, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2014 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to pay Vouchers #450 thru #570. Motion carried.

For the first five months of 2014, Grant County is over budget by \$271,988.50 for the maintenance work that we provide on the State Highway System.

David discussed and handed out a packet of information regarding the new Implements of Husbandry Legislation known as Wisconsin Act 377. Grant County has to choose one of six options local governments may take to govern IOH and AG CMV operation on their roads. The deadline for choosing one of the options is January 15, 2015.

On the State System, mowing is complete, one pass, one time. Of 29 maintenance issues, mowing ranks 28th in priority.

On the County System, CTH "A" paving and shouldering is complete. Paving on CTH "ZZ" is complete with shoulder work currently being done. Roads that will receive a seal coat are CTH "F" at the end of July followed by CTH "Q". County sections are also now being mowed.

Terry Hodgson has been assigned to Terry McCartney's section on Hwy 151, and Shawn Wood has been assigned to the Operator II position. Bernie Dressler was hired for the Welder position and started on July 7, 2014.

Travis presented the five bid tabulations for Phase I - Site Improvements for the new Platteville Maintenance Shop. The bids were as follows:

Pustina Construction	\$421,968.00
Wamsley Excavation	\$447,832.50
Iowa-Grant Trucking	\$519,425.00
Rural Excavating	\$592,670.00
Iverson Construction	\$1,346,574.00

Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, moved to accept the low bid from Pustina Construction from Cobb, WI. for the Platteville Maintenance Shop Phase I - Site Improvement Project. Motion carried.

David discussed his proposed amended wage agreement, with up to a 2% raise and new "amended" wage scale. No Highway employee will have their wages frozen and an Operator's skills are recognized. This compares with other counties and saves Grant County \$18,000.00 as compared to the original proposed new wage scale.

Mike presented information on two tractor mounted mowers, one from Case IH and one from Vermeer.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to purchase one Case IH MD82 disc mower from Finney Implement for \$7,618.00. Motion carried.

Lloyd Runde addressed the Committee regarding new All-Terrain Vehicle and Utility-Terrain Vehicle Laws in the State of Wisconsin. Lloyd is an ATV Safety Instructor. He said Grant County ATV-UTV Ordinance prohibits anyone under the age of 16 from operating on designated road routes. The new State Law states that children between the ages of 12-15 can ride on designated road routes if accompanied by an adult designated by the parent or guardian. The child still needs safety certification. Parents have asked Lloyd about the difference in State Law and Grant County Ordinance. David will put the issue on next months agenda so the Committee can discuss it.

Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, moved to adjourn at 10:53 A.M. to Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 1:00 P.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary