

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 10, 2015

The Grant County Highway Committee held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2015 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 Mark Stead, Vern Lewison, Grant Loy, and Highway Commissioner David Lambert. John Patcle asked to be excused. Also present was County Board Chairman Robert Keeney. Joining the Committee later in the meeting were Patrick Faster and William Hoppe from Gallagher Asphalt and Brad DeVault from Fabick Cat.

Notice of the meeting was sent to the newspaper and radio station and the agenda was posted at the Administration Building and 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 August 13, 2015 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to pay Vouchers #535 thru #647. Motion carried.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to assign the \$160,525.72 in Undesignated Revenues for 2014 to the County Road Construction Account (Mats and Seals). Motion carried.

For the first seven months of 2015, Grant County is under budget \$74,326.00 for the maintenance work that we provide on the State Highway System.

David introduced William Hoppe and Patrick Faster from Gallagher Asphalt Corporation. The men provided the Committee with handouts and a power point presentation on a Hot-In-Place Recycling process that is a less expensive system to resurface a highway. Hot-In-Place Recycling is better in five ways: saves money, saves time, reduces user delays, reduces carbon footprint, and reuses existing pavement. David feels that the system could work for Grant County if the existing road is already wide enough and has adequate base. He would like to try the process on CTH "D" from Platteville to CTH "A" (Union).

Donald Splinter, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to approve the proposed 2016 Highway Department Budget with an increase of \$70,000.00 to Equipment and a \$33,000.00 increase to cover a 1.5% wage increase. Motion carried.

David reported that State crews have been busy on PBM projects, filling ruts on Hwy 18, and putting down wedges on Hwy 61 between Lancaster and Fennimore.

David reported that County crews have been rebuilding the intersection of CTH "X" and CTH "P" and are still working on the slopes south of the intersection with pulverization now complete on CTH "P". When the Asphalt plant moves to Fennimore, paving on CTH "P" can begin.

David said that the County currently owns two oil distributors. They are used to shoot seal coat oil as well as to shoot tack oil between lifts of asphalt on paving and wedging projects. They are both about 25 years old. Most Counties have Meig's or Flint Hills shoot their oil on seal coat projects.

David said that Grant County does so little seal coating that it does not pay to replace the distributors. One will be kept running so it can be used as a tack truck.

David presented the costs associated with the recommendation of the Loss Control Specialist to bring the shop into compliance of current OSHA regulations.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to spend up to \$12,000.00 out of the Equipment Account, to comply with the recommendations of the Loss Control Specialist to bring the Lancaster Shop into compliance with current OSHA regulations. Motion carried.

David gave an update on the new Platteville Outshop. The building shell is complete, however, the doors still need to be installed. The septic is done, the insulation is in, electrical is currently be installed as well as the interior ceiling, and the landscaping is complete.

Brad DeVault from Fabick Cat, addressed the Committee on the reason for the name change from Fabco Cat to Fabick Cat. David also restated the three years at \$4,500.00 per month rent-to-own agreement between Grant County and Fabick Cat on the new D6 Dozer. The rent payments will go toward the purchase of the dozer at the end of the three years should Grant County decide to purchase at that time.

David updated the Committee on the Eagle Point Road Bridge Project. The bridge is over the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks and allows traffic to get to O'Leary's Boat Landing. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$1.4 million with the Town of Jamestown and the County of Grant each paying 10% of the cost and the Federal Government paying the remaining 80%.

Robert Keeney commented that he has received many compliments from residents on the mowing along County roads.

Mark also has received compliments from the Wilbert Vault Company of Dubuque on the excellent condition of Grant County roads during the winter months as compared to roads in other Counties in their service territory.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to adjourn at 10:55 A.M. to Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary