

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
December 10, 2015

The Grant County Highway Committee held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, December 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 John Patcle, Vern Lewison, Mark Stead, Grant Loy, and Highway Commissioner David Lambert. Also present was County Board Chairman Robert Keeney and Tom Zenz.

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.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2015, November 12, 2015, and the November 23, 2015 meetings as printed. Motion carried.

John Patcle, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to pay Vouchers #835 thru #960. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to approve and recommend to the full County Board a request for a ATV - UTV Route on CTH "A" from Cannon Road to Dry Hollow Road in Ellenboro Township pending approval by the Traffic Safety Committee. Motion carried.

David informed the Committee that back in February 2015, a highway worker pulled down an electrical service to the Steve Retallick farm on Hwy 133 while plowing snow during a storm. His truck box was up while spreading salt. At that time, Grant County paid Tennyson Electric \$734.59 to put the line back up. In October 2015, Mr. Retallick dropped off two additional bills and requested that Grant County pay both. One bill was for \$1220.47 from Tennyson Electric and the other was for \$528.80 from Scenic Rivers Energy Coop. David asked Tennyson Electric to split the costs in the bill down indicating the amounts due to upgrades and amounts due to the damage done by the County. Grant County then paid Tennyson Electric \$622.51 for the amount they felt was due to damage caused by the County. Scenic Rivers informed David that they did install a new power pole, however, the old pole was not damaged by the accident. They said that Mr. Retallick had been notified long before the accident that his existing pole needed to be replaced as it did not meet requirements of Scenic Rivers. David did not pay the bill from Scenic Rivers as both he and the Power Company considered it an upgrade and the responsibility of Mr. Retallick. The Committee agreed with the decision to not pay the bill.

David discussed a proposal to purchase a vehicle camera that could be transferred from one car to another. It could be used to document driveways, traffic, and most important construction zone signing and traffic control for liability issues. Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, moved to approve spending up to \$1000.00 to purchase a ProVision Vehicle Camera and Event Marker. Motion carried.

For the first ten months of 2015, Grant County is under budget \$80,641.00 for the maintenance work that we provide on the State Highway System.

David said that State Crews have been doing shoulder work, trimming brush, and working on drainage issues at the new Platteville site.

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Water is connected to the well at the new Platteville Shop site and is being pressure tested today. Natural gas needs to be turned on and the heating system wiring needs to be completed. The new facility could be in service within the next week. Wind has caused problems with the truss erection on the new Salt Storage Building. There seems to be no sense of urgency for completing the building. David is working with the WisDOT to try and push Pember to complete the project. It should be completed by the end of December.

Registration materials were handed out for the winter Highway Conference.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to adjourn at 10:00 A.M. to Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary