

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

July 14, 2016

The Grant County Highway Committee held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at the Highway Office in Lancaster, Wisconsin. Chairman Donald Splinter called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.. Members present besides the Chairman were John Patcle, Lester Jantzen, Mark Stead, Grant Loy, and Highway Commissioner David Lambert. Also present was County Board Chairman Robert Keeney, Personnel Director Joyce Roling, Larry Kirschbaum, Jon Knautz, and Mike Bartels.

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

Lester Jantzen, seconded by John Patcle, moved to approve the amended agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, moved to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2016 meeting, and the 9:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. meetings on June 16, 2016 as printed. Motion carried.

John Patcle, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to pay Vouchers #451 thru #529. Motion carried.

At 9:09 A.M., John Patcle, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to enter into closed session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(b) considering dismissal, demotion, licensing or discipline of any public employee or person licensed by a board or commission or the investigation of charges against such person and the taking of formal action on any such matter, provided that the public employee or person licensed is given actual notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of any meeting at which final action may be taken. The person(s) have the right to demand that the evidentiary hearing or meeting be held in open session. A roll call vote was taken with Patcle voting yes, Jantzen abstain, Stead no, Loy yes, and Splinter yes. Motion carried.

At 10:23 A.M., John Patcle, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to come out of closed session and return to open session. Motion carried.

For the first five months of 2016, Grant County is under budget \$67,215.00 for the maintenance work that we provide on the State Highway System.

Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, moved to approve the recommendation of the Highway Commissioner to lower the speed limit on CTH "Z" to 35 mph from Hwy 11 south to the end of the Sinsinawa Academy property, at which point it can go back up to 55 mph. 4 yes, 1 abstain (Jantzen) Motion carried.

John Patcle, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to approve the recommendation of the Highway Commissioner, to postpone action on a ATV - UTV Route request on CTH "U" from Elmdale Road thru Beetown to Shortcut Road and a ATV - UTV Route request on CTH "A" from Hwy 133 to CTH "VV" in the Town of Bloomington and a short portion of CTH "A" within the Village of Bloomington. Motion carried.

David informed the Committee that he had met with four clubs last evening and talked about his ATV - UTV plan. David has prepared a file on each approved route and will review the signing with County staff for each route. The cost of the additional signing and posts will be presented to each route representative and payment will be expected. The additional signs and posts will be installed under the direction of the Grant County Highway Department.

Jon informed the Committee that State crews are crack filling and wedging on STH 133 in preparation for a seal coat.

John Patcle, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to approve and sign the DMA with WisDOT to seal coat STH 133 for \$240,000.00. Motion carried.

Larry told the Committee that County crews are done paving on CTH "P" from River Ridge High School past CTH "X" and south past Fishler's driveway. They are also hauling chips from Merrillan, WI to Cassville to get ready for the seal coat project on STH 133.

David discussed proposed maintenance work on CTH "O" in the Village of Tennyson. The Village and County have looked at repairs to include an area of patching approximately 12 feet wide and 200 feet long. The existing asphalt will be cut, the base replaced, and a new asphalt mat will be placed. The estimated cost is \$11,000.00, with 40% of the cost to be paid by Grant County.

Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen, moved to approve the proposed maintenance work on CTH "O" within the Village of Tennyson. Motion carried.

John Patcle, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to purchase an update to the ACS Highway Program Software at a cost of about \$10,000.00. The ACS update was approved back in 2012 but was not purchased, as Springbrook was planning to release a Highway Package. We now know this will not happen. Motion carried.

Robert Keeney discussed maintenance services at the O'Leary Boat Landing, and the possibility of reducing services. He reviewed an offer from the new Lock and Dam Director.

Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to eliminate services at the O'Leary Boat Landing effective immediately. Motion carried.

John Patcle, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to adjourn at 11:28 A.M. to Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary