

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 8, 2016

The Grant County Highway Committee held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at the Highway Office in Lancaster, Wisconsin. Secretary Mark Stead called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.. Members present included Mark Stead, Grant Loy, Lester Jantzen, and Highway Commissioner David Lambert. Donald Splinter and John Patcle asked to be excused. Also present was County Board Chairman Robert Keeney, Judy Hazen, Mike Whitaker, Harvey Kruser, Larry Klaas, and Marty Stone.

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

Grant Loy, seconded by Lester Jantzen, moved to approve the agenda after moving the Klaas driveway request up to right after approval of bills. Motion carried.

Lester Jantzen, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2016 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Grant Loy, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to pay Vouchers #646 thru #782. Motion carried.

The Leggett Branch bridge on CTH "E", east of Stitzer, is scheduled to be replaced in 2018. A temporary crossing at that location is not possible. Larry Klaas has requested that the Highway Department work with him to provide access to his farming operation during replacement of the bridge. The idea would include taking a field road and building it up to a 12' gravel driveway that would remain permanently. David estimated that the half mile road would cost about \$21,160.00 to build. Mr. Klaas indicated that he would be willing to pay part of the cost. David told Mr. Klaas to contact independent contractors who could possibly build the road much cheaper than the County could. The Committee took no action on the Klaas request.

Grant Loy, seconded by Lester Jantzen, moved to approve and recommend to the full County Board a request for a ATV - UTV Route on CTH "O" from Rockville Road to Big Platte Road within the Town of Harrison pending approval by the Traffic Safety Committee. Motion carried.

Lester Jantzen, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to approve and recommend to the full County Board a request for a ATV - UTV Route on CTH "B" from Old County B Road to Platte Road within the Towns of Potosi and Harrison pending approval by the Traffic Safety Committee. Motion carried.

Grant Loy, seconded by Lester Jantzen, moved to approve and recommend to the full County Board a request for a ATV - UTV Route on CTH "Q" from Cedar Rock Road to CTH "G" and then follow CTH "G" from CTH "Q" to Shemak Road within the Town of Castle Rock. Motion carried.

DNR Warden Marty Stone addressed the Committee on the possibility of getting permission to install a "Life Jacket Station" at Wyalusing Beach. He also talked about designating a specific area for swimming and the associated costs of buoys, rope line, and proper sign placement.

Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen, moved to allow the DNR, at their expense, to install a Life Jacket Loaner Board Station at Wyalusing Beach for a trial period of one year. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to purchase eight winter buoys at a cost of \$60.00 each plus shipping, for the O'Leary Lake Landing. They will be installed by Mike Jansen and his son, as they have for many years. The cost will be funded out of the Access Carryover Account. Motion carried.

For the first seven months of 2016, Grant County is under budget \$174,158.00 for the maintenance work that we provide on the State Highway System.

The seal coat and fog seal has been completed on the Hwy 133 Project from CTH "N" to Cassville.

The CTH "P" Project is nearing completion. Paving of three miles of finish course asphalt needs to be done yet as well as gravel shoulders and striping. Paving of 2.2 miles on CTH "M" is to be completed on Monday, September 12, 2016. CTH "M" also needs gravel shoulders and striping.

Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen, moved to accept the 2017 Grant County Highway Department Budget as presented and to forward it on to the full County Board. Motion carried.

David discussed a bill to the Village of Mt. Hope in the amount of \$5546.00 from Rule Construction in Dodgeville. The bill was for work done to fill an old deteriorated storm pipe under CTH "JJ" in the Village of Mt. Hope.

Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy, moved that no action be taken on the Rule Construction Invoice #52640 to the Village of Mt. Hope regarding work done on CTH "JJ". Motion carried.

David informed the Committee that Patrolman Tony Wiederholts last day with the Highway Department will be September 15, 2016. Applications are currently being accepted for the position and that a date for interviewing applicants will have to be made. Interviews will be scheduled for Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 1:00 P.M..

Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to adjourn at 10:56 A.M.. A special meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee is scheduled for September 29, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. and the next regular monthly meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary