

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 8, 2018

The Highway Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. at the Highway Office in Lancaster, Wisconsin.

Chairman Donald Splinter called the meeting to order. Other members present were John Patcle, Lester Jantzen, Mark Stead, Grant Loy, and Highway Commissioner David Lambert. Also present was County Board Chairman Robert Keeney, Judy Hazen, Jon Knautz, Larry Kirschbaum, and Mike Bartels.

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

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

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Mark Stead, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by John Patcle, to accept the January Highway Accounts Payable Report as reviewed by the Committee. Motion carried.

For the full year of 2017, Grant County is over the RMA budget by \$144,403.12. However, the State should be reimbursed for the Flood Repairs and a DMA Project that were funded using our RMA account. Taking that into consideration, the RMA account would be in the black by \$169,553.00 for the year with \$2,206,378.00 being spent on State Highways in Grant County during the year of 2017.

Bids were opened for a new Kubota F3990 4WD Tractor with a 60 inch front mower deck:

Bidder Jerry Fassbinder representing Roeder's in Dubuque

Total cost (delivered to Lancaster Highway Shop) \$22,648.77

Alternative bid for total cost, less trade in allowance for 2007 Kubota F3680 \$19,648.77

Bidder Joe Vesperman representing Ritchie Implement in Cobb

Total cost (delivered to Lancaster Highway Shop) \$19,600.00

Alternative bid for total cost, less trade in allowance for 2007 Kubota F3680 \$18,400.00

Bidder Rob Bender representing Homesteader's Store in Richland Center

Total cost (delivered to Lancaster Highway Shop) \$19,614.16

Alternative bid for total cost, less trade in allowance for 2007 Kutota F3680 \$18,364.16

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Donald Splinter, to purchase a new Kubota F3990 4WD Tractor with 60 inch front mower deck with a top for the Tractor from Homesteader's Store in Richland Center for \$19,614.16. Motion carried. The Roeder and Ritchie bids did not include a top for the tractor in their total cost which would add \$437.00 per unit.

David presented a list of twelve new ATV - UTV Routes that are being requested to be added to the current ordinance of approved highways in the County. Judy Hazen, President of the Grant County ATV - UTV Alliance, recommended that all Grant County Highways be added to the ordinance. David said that if an issue arises in the future where safety is concerned, that portion of Highway can be removed by order of the County Board.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Lester Jantzen, to approve and recommend to the full County Board, to amend the Grant County ATV - UTV Route Ordinance to include all Grant County Highways. Motion carried.

Jon reported that State crews have been moving salt and are ready for the upcoming snow storm.

Larry reported that County crews have been filling salt sheds, cutting brush, and are also ready for the upcoming storm.

Brian Reuter was hired as an Operator/Patrolman to work out of the Lancaster Shop and started January 29th. This is the new position that will be funded by both Grant County and the WisDOT on a 50/50 basis.

Jeremy Gengler has been hired to fill the vacant welder position and will start work on February 12th.

With the retirement of John Yanna and Delbert Edge, two more Operator/Patrolman positions are currently open. Interviews for the two positions are scheduled for February 27th.

The next monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 9:00 A.M..

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen, to adjourn at 9:52 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary