

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 12, 2018

The Highway Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, April 12, 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, Mike Whitaker, Dennis Kirschbaum, and Jon Knautz. Chris Colney joined the Committee later in the meeting.

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

Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by Lester Jantzen, to approve the revised agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2018 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

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

For the first two months of 2018, Grant County is under the RMA budget by \$66,954.00 for the maintenance work that we provide on the State Highway System. For the first two months of 2018, Grant County spent \$487,621.00 on State Highway Maintenance.

Dennis Kirschbaum showed pictures of and gave a presentation on DNR Loaner Life Vests Stations that are located at various boat landings. He is requesting to install such a station at the Woodman Boat Landing. Dennis will install the station. A proper location has been determined and approved.

Motion by Donald Splinter, seconded by Mark Stead, to approve the request to install a Loaner Life Vest Sharing Station at the Woodman Boat Landing. Motion carried.

David discussed the subject of open intoxicants on or in ATV/UTV operating on County Roads. Lafayette County has added "no open intoxicants" to their ATV/UTV Ordinance and the Grant County Law Enforcement Committee supports adding the limitation in Grant County. The Grant County ATV/UTV Alliance will support any new limitation that the Grant County Board proposes.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen, to approve and send on to the full County Board for approval, a change to the Grant County ATV/UTV Ordinance adding "No open intoxicants are allowed on or in any ATV or UTV within Grant County Highway Right-Of-Way". Motion carried.

David reported that he will be requesting bids for a new roof on the FS Salt Storage Building.

Chris Colney, Grant County GIS Specialist, gave the Committee a presentation on a Sign Inventory Software Package he has developed to inventory our existing road signs and possibly expand to include culverts in the future. Chris will develop the software and data entry will be done by the Highway Department.

Jon reported that State Crews have been patching holes and breaks in the roads and fixing guardrail. A 2018 PBM Project will be the seal coat of Hwy 35 from Porter's Bridge thru Bloomington. The cost of \$31,000.00 per mile includes chip seal, fog seal, signing, sweeping, and lane lines being painted twice. A DMA Project being planned is the Bridge Washing of the Wisconsin to Iowa four lane bridge. The County will be reimbursed for time and materials. The estimated cost is \$45,000.00.

The Highway Department wants to hire two part-time limited positions for the summer. One is to help at the Boat Landings and the second is to help flag for various County/State construction projects.

At 10:10 A.M., motion by John Patchle, seconded by Mark Stead, to enter into closed session per State Statute 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility as it relates to the performance evaluation of the Highway Commissioner. A roll call vote was taken with Patchle, Jantzen, Stead, Loy, and Splinter all voting yes. Motion carried.

At 10:44 A.M., motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen, to come out of closed session and return to open session. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Donald Splinter, to adjourn at 10:45 A.M. to Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary