

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 12, 2020

The Highway Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in the South Room of the Grant County Youth and Agriculture Building in Lancaster, Wisconsin. The meeting was also available via Zoom.

Attending the meeting in person were Donald Splinter, John Patcle, Mark Stead, Lester Jantzen, Highway Commissioner David Lambert, and County Board Chairman Robert Keeney. Attending via Zoom was Committee member Dwight Nelson.

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 Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2020 and October 22, 2020 meetings as printed. Motion carried.

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

For the first nine months of 2020, Grant County is under the RMA budget by \$42,562.00 with \$1,643,875.00 being spent on the State System in Grant County.

County crews have been busy putting up snow fence, preparing trucks and graders for winter, and cleaning out culvert pipes.

State crews have completed the PBM Project of crack filling Hwy 18 between Fennimore and Patch Grove, are putting up snow fence, and preparing trucks for winter including meeting the new Winter Availability Requirements.

David discussed the purchase of land from John Rogers for a new Shop and Salt Shed. He said Jay Adams has prepared a Plat of Survey and placed the property pins. He asked the Committee to approve the offering price of \$146,800.00 for the purchase of the property. Robert said that he have been asked by a Supervisor representing the area why additional land had to be purchased and an expansion couldn't be done at the current Bloomington Shop site. Mark asked how much land does the County currently own at the Bloomington site. Robert responded by saying 1.4 acres. Any additions at that location would require considerable excavation work. David said that the State is interested in building a large salt shed at a location easily accessible to Crawford, Vernon, and Richland County should there be a shortage of salt during a bad winter. A salt storage building of this size could not be built on the current property in Bloomington.

Motion by Donald Splinter, seconded by John Patcle, to approve a formal Offer to Purchase for 7.34 acres from John Rogers in Patch Grove Township at the appraised price of \$20,000.00 per acre. Motion carried.

David presented a Proclamation on Patrolmen working while under COVID quarantine in an emergency situation. The County Board Chairman, Personnel Director, Highway Commissioner, and Health Director worked together on the Proclamation. It allows for a Patrolman who has no symptoms and has not tested positive for the COVID virus but is under quarantine, due to precautionary contact, to come to work in an emergency situation. The situation would be such that Grant County is short of Patrolmen and cannot keep the roads safe during a storm event.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, to adjourn at 9:53 A.M. to Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary