

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 11, 2021

The Highway Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. in the County Board Room of the Grant County Administration Building in Lancaster, Wisconsin.

Attending the meeting in person were Donald Splinter, Lester Jantzen, John Patcle, Mark Stead, Highway Commissioner David Lambert, Personnel Director Joyce Roling, State Highway Patrol Superintendent Jon Knautz, and IT Director Shane Drinkwater. Attending the meeting via Zoom was Dwight Nelson, County Board Chairman Robert Keeney, and Finance Director Amanda Degenhardt. Shop Foreman Mike Bartels joined the Committee in person at 9:35 A.M..

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 amended agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by John Patcle, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021 and January 28, 2021 meetings as printed. Motion carried.

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

Final numbers indicate that we went over the RMA budget by \$31,573.00 for the year 2020, with \$2,363,360.00 being spent on the State System in Grant County for the year.

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David informed the Committee that Tim Slack has determined a value for the farmland and residential property that the County will need to acquire for the CTH "A" Road Reconstruction Project.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, to approve the Right-of-Way Values for the CTH "A" (CTH "D" to CTH "D") Road Reconstruction Project at \$11,000.00 per acre for agricultural land and \$38,000.00 per acre for the smaller residential property. Motion carried.

Ben Wood has negotiated an agreement with John Rogers for the purchase of the Patch Grove property. Closing on the deal will be after February 8th.

There was discussion on the upcoming vacancy in the State Highway Patrol Superintendent Position when Jon Knautz becomes the new Highway Commissioner.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Donald Splinter, to give Joyce, Jon, and Dave, the discretion to advertise for the open Superintendent Position to allow time for applications to be received and interviews to be held prior to when Jon vacates the position. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, 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 to conduct employment interviews for Operator/Winter Dispatch. A roll call vote was taken with Jantzen, Stead, Patcle, Nelson, and Splinter all voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lester Jantzen, seconded by John Patcle, to come out of closed session and return to open session. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Donald Splinter, to offer the Operator/Winter Dispatch Position to Candidate Choice one and that if they decline the position to offer it to Candidate Choice two. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen, to adjourn at 11:28 A.M. to Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary