

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

July 8, 2021

The Highway Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. in the County Board Room of the Administration Building in Lancaster, Wisconsin and via Zoom.

Attending the meeting in person were Donald Splinter, John Patcle, Mark Stead, Dwight Nelson, Lester Jantzen, Highway Commissioner Jon Knautz, Personnel Director Joyce Roling, County Board Chairman Robert Keeney, IT Director Shane Drinkwater, Dan McLimans, Larry Kirschbaum, and Travis Kramer. Attending via Zoom was Finance Director Amanda Degenhardt.

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

Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by John Patcle, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dwight Nelson, to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2021 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Donald Splinter, seconded by Lester Jantzen, to accept the June Highway Accounts Payable Report as reviewed by the Committee. Motion carried.

For the first five months of 2021, Grant County is over the estimated RMA budget by \$238,784.00 with \$1,226,938.30 being spent on the State System so far this year.

County crews have been mowing shoulders and hauling shoulder gravel for the State. Projects soon to be started include pulverizing CTH "T" & "Z", paving CTH "T" & "M", and seal coating.

State crews have shouldered Hwy 18 between Montfort & Preston Road and the shoulders of all State roads have been mowed. The Hwy 129 intersection lane addition is done, half of the State roads are painted, and the Hwy 81 project is behind schedule.

Under Capital improvements, Jon informed the Committee that \$3700.00 was spent on new LED lights for the Dickeyville Shop and that the salt dome will need a new roof soon.

Jon explained the need to replace a 1996 concrete saw as well as a 2005 and 2016 pickup.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen, to advertise for Quotes for a new Husquarva concrete saw and two pickup trucks. Motion carried.

The proposed new alignment of CTH "A" east of Bloomington has run into a problem with the WisDOT. The State hydrologist has determined that the design as proposed goes through a flood plain that could create back water issues. Jewell is currently working on a redesign that will satisfy the States concerns. If this can't be done, there was discussion of shifting the money for this project to CTH "H" so the County doesn't lose \$4.1 million in Federal Funding.

Andy Fritz will be retiring later this month. Employment applications are being received for two Section Patrol Worker positions and interviews will have to be scheduled.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Lester Jantzen, to adjourn at 10:11 A.M.
to Monday August 2, 2021 at 8:00 A.M. for employment interviews. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary