

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 12, 2021

The Highway Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, August 12, 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, County Board Chairman Robert Keeney, Personnel Director Joyce Roling, Mike Bartels, Dan McLimans, Larry Kirschbaum, and IT Director Shane Drinkwater. Joining the Committee after the meeting had started were Travis Kramer and County Treasurer Carrie Eastlick. Finance Director Amanda Degenhardt attended via Zoom.

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 Mark Stead, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2021 and August 2, 2021 meetings as printed. Motion carried.

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

For the first six months of 2021, Grant County is over the estimated RMA budget by \$319,476.31 with \$218,062.00 being spent in June to maintain the State Highway System in Grant County.

County crews have been busy mowing right-of-ways on the County system, paving both mats on CTH "T" north of Blue River are completed, paving the second mat on CTH "M" between CTH "T" and CTH "G" has started, and both paving projects with have to be shouldered in the coming weeks. Seal coating will start next week.

State crews have been working on a PBM project that entails bridge deck concrete sealing. They have finished sealing 19 bridges in the County under a \$27,000.00 contract with the State. All materials for the PBM project were purchased by the State. Crews needed several days to clean up storm damage on Hwy 133 and they have been patching on Hwy 151.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dwight Nelson, to recommend to the Executive Committee that the bid on the Hickory Grove Township property be rejected. Motion carried.

Jon gave an update on the Machinery Account and Mike reviewed the Quotes he received for new trucks.

Motion by Donald Splinter, seconded by John Patcle, to purchase a new 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 4wd pickup for \$40,777.00 and a new 2022 Chevrolet dual wheel crew cab pickup for \$39,495.65 from Les Mack. Motion carried.

The two Patrolman positions have been filled.

Jon gave an update on the 2022 Highway Department budget. The original budget as presented for 2022 was an increase over 2021 by \$188,614.00 or 3.8%.

The increase of 3.8% included only a wage and benefit and projected health insurance increase. At the second budget workshop, department heads focused on capital improvements. Jon offered to contribute \$125,000.00 from the Highway Capital Outlay Account to help balance the County budget for 2022. The money in the Capital Outlay Account was intended to be used to pay for a new truck and salt shed at Patch Grove. Mark and Donald both said that they were against taking money out of an account designated for a specific purpose and given away to be used elsewhere. The Committee took no action on this budget item at this time.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dwight Nelson, to adjourn at 10:17 A.M. to Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark A. Stead, Secretary