

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 14, 2024

The Highway Committee met on Thursday March 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Highway Department in Lancaster; the meeting was also available via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Donald Splinter. Members present were, Diane Nelson, Pat Schroeder, and Roger Guthrie. Gary Northouse asked to be excused. Others present were Steve Morgan, Donna Bohnenkamp, and Dan McLimans. Robert Keeney and Tonya White joined by zoom.

Notice of the meeting was sent to the Herald Independent, Administration Building, posted at the Highway Department and on the Grant County web site.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Diane Nelson, made a motion to approve the agenda with the mentioned changes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Diane Nelson, made a motion to approve the February 15 and February 22 Highway meeting minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Guthrie moved to approve the Accounts Payables as reported. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Seal coat oil and application bids were opened. Flint Hills costs for-HFRS-2 oil \$2.08 gal, with Fahrner's application \$.42/a gallon for a total of \$2.50 gal; Meigs' costs for HFRS-2 oil and application \$2.53 gal. Pat Schroeder, seconded by Diane Nelson made a motion to accept the Flint Hills/Fahrner bid for the 2024 season.

The Culvert bid was opened and read, Metal Culverts was awarded the bid.

The January requisition was submitted to the State for \$422,124.81, winter maintenance for January amounted to \$364,2338.71. The county accounts were also reviewed.

State crews have been cutting trees, cleaning up under bridges, ditching and patching roads.

County crews have been cutting trees, doing dirt work, and cleaning up bridges.

Mechanics have been doing a great job keeping up with equipment repairs.

Travis informed the committee on the 6' – 20' bridge inspection program.

Jon advised the committee he is continually working on the space needs for the new Lancaster Shop. He informed the committee he looked at the Blackstone building in Patch Grove with Lauren Ray and Mark Fassbinder with Origin Design, as an option for a shop.

Jon also let the Committee know we are in the process of hiring for a Shop Lead Worker, and two Patrolman. The next position advertised would be the Parts & Inventory Technician and a Mechanic.

Tom Boguszewski with AECOM Technical Service spoke to the committee to promote their engineering services.

Diane Nelson, seconded by Roger Guthrie, moved to adjourn to Thursday April 18, 2024. Motion Carried without a negative vote.

Diane Nelson
Secretary

Donna Bohnenkamp
Recorder