

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 16, 2023

The Highway Committee met on Thursday November 16, 2023 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. Roll call was taken, members present beside Donald Splinter were, Gary Northouse, Diane Nelson and Roger Guthrie. Pat Schroeder was excused. Others present were Bob Keeney, Jon Knautz, Dan McLimans, Steve Morgan, Donna Bohnenkamp, Gary Pluemer, Mike Jansen, Leah Rhodes, Josh Seveno, Lauren Ray, Mark Fassbinder, and Mike Jansen.

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

Diane Nelson, seconded by Gary Northouse, made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Roger Guthrie, seconded by Diane Nelson, made a motion to approve the October 19th Highway meeting minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

The September Requisition has been sent to the State DOT for \$66,102.65, this was under the September five-year monthly average by \$60,316.10. Through September, we are over our estimated monthly budget by \$162,689.35. The October County accounts were also reviewed.

State crews have finished mowing and are mounting the snow equipment on their trucks. The sanders have been calibrated per the State Winter Readiness program.

County crews have finished paving CTH T, and have paved more than half of CTH O. They are hauling salt to Municipalities and prepping the County trucks for winter.

Mechanics have also been busy prepping equipment for winter. The 2024 Freightliner tandem-axle chassis has been delivered to Truck Country of Shullsburg and should go to Burke soon.

MSA and Strand Associates spoke to the committee in regards to the availability of their firms for the recent solicitation of interest for the upcoming bridge design selections.

Jon reported the Highway Department is fully staffed, but expects retirements in the near future. We have been taking steps to assure we have snow routes filled by others in the department.

Two facility space need quotes have been received, Origin Design and Barrientos Design. We are awaiting one from Krause-Anderson. Lauren Ray, with Origin Design spoke to the

committee regarding what they can do for us in regards to this study. The committee wanted to keep the process moving; Diane Nelson, seconded by Gary Northouse moved to go with Origin Design for a space needs study. Motion Carried without negative vote.

Roger Guthrie, seconded by Gary Northouse, moved to adjourn to Thursday December 21, 2023. Motion Carried without a negative vote.

Diane Nelson
Secretary

Donna Bohnenkamp
Recorder