

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

December 21, 2023

The Highway Committee met on Thursday December 21, 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. Members present beside Donald Splinter were, Gary Northouse, Diane Nelson Pat Schroeder and Roger Guthrie. Others present were Bob Keeney, Jon Knautz, Dan McLimans, Mike Bartels, Steve Morgan, Donna Bohnenkamp, Travis Kramer and Noah with Origin Design.

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.

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

Diane Nelson, seconded by Roger Guthrie, made a motion to approve the November 16, 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 October Requisition has been sent to the State DOT for \$139,080.49, this was over the October five-year monthly average by \$16,912.99. Through October, we are over our estimated monthly budget by \$179,602.34. The October County accounts were also reviewed.

State crews have finished putting in snow fence, and have been out plowing, brining and salting the roads. Crews have also installed a box culvert on Hwy 133.

County crews have been out a number of times plowing, brining and salting. Early reports from County trucks that have brine tanks have been positive. County crews have also been hauling winter chips trucks for winter.

Mechanics have been busy keeping the trucks on the road, especially the spares. Mike gave an update on the 2024 chassis.

Travis informed the committee the WiDOT plans to transfer ownership of the CTH T, Blue River Bridge to Grant County.

Roger Guthrie made a motion, seconded by Gary Northouse to assign the 2022 undesignated revenues to the Federal Aid Secondary (FAS) account. Motion Carried.

The Designing Firms were selected by the Committee for various township bridge packages. Travis broke the bridges down into three different packages.

Package #1-Hickory Grove/Mount Ida -Gary Northouse made a motion, seconded by Diane Nelson, to award Package #1 to West Brook. Motion Carried.

Package #2-Harrison/Smelser- Gary Northouse made a motion, seconded by Diane Nelson,

to award Package #2 to Ayers. Motion Carried.

Package #3-Jamestown/Beetown- Pat Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Gary Northouse to award Package #3 to Strand. Motion Carried.

Jon received a call saying the 2024 International Truck chassis will not arrive until August 2024.

Roger Guthrie, made a motion, seconded by Pat Schroeder to cancel the 2024 International chassis and order another 2024 Tandem Axle Western Star. Motion Carried.

Highway Department is fully staffed, but expects retirements in the near future.

The 2024 Equipment budget was discussed, with action taken on the following items:

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Diane Nelson to purchase a hydraulic hammer from Fabick for \$49,000.00. Motion Carried.

Motion by Donnie Splinter, seconded by Gary Northouse to purchase a hydraulic post driver from Sherwin Industries for \$54,966.67. Motion Carried.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Diane Nelson to purchase a EZ Drill from Lincoln Contractors for \$19,147.00. Motion Carried.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Pat Schroeder to obtain quotes on 2024/2025 pickups. Motion Carried.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Diane Nelson, moved to adjourn to Thursday January 18, 2024. Motion Carried without a negative vote.

Diane Nelson
Secretary

Donna Bohnenkamp
Recorder