

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
January 13, 2022

The Highway Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, January 13, 2022 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, Lester Jantzen, Dwight Nelson, Highway Commissioner Jon Knautz, Robert Keeney, Dan McLimans, and Shane Drinkwater. Travis Kramer and Joyce Roling joined the Committee after the meeting had started. Attending via Zoom was County Clerk Tonya White.

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 Dwight Nelson, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Dwight Nelson, seconded by Mark Stead, to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2021, December 9, 2021, and December 21, 2021 meetings as printed. Motion carried.

For the first eleven months of 2021, Grant County has spent \$2,101,273.91 maintaining the State Highway System with \$97,981.60 being spent in the month of November.

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

State crews have been cutting brush on Hwy 61 from Lancaster to Dickeyville. They have been using a machine and a man from the Crawford County Highway Department. The machine is a brush cutter mounted on an extended arm attached to the side of a tractor. This allow the operator to reach behind guardrails and other hard to get at places. Crews have also been busy delivering salt to State sheds.

County crews have been busy cutting brush and delivering salt to outlying sheds and municipalities.

Travis gave an update on 2022 Projects. The Whitish Bridge on CTH "K" north of Hwy 18 will be replaced with a 90/10 cost share with the State. Reconstructing .6 miles of CTH "Q" that includes a bridge replacement near Homer Road northeast of Fennimore is a STP Rural funded project with a 80/20 cost share. CTH "A" will be reconstructed from CTH "D" east to where CTH "A" turns to go to Arthur. This is a Local Road Improvement Project with up to a 50/50 funding match. A bridge on CTH "Q" east of the Homer Road Project will be redecked and paid for out of the FAS Account. CTH "O" will be reconstructed from the Village of Tennyson to Hwy 151. This project will be paid for out of the Mats & Seals Account as well as the second asphalt lift on CTH "Z".

Travis gave an updated cost projection on the Patch Grove Facility. If a five bay truck shed would be built, current construction costs be \$115. to \$120. per square foot.

The following items were sold thru Wisconsin Surplus Website: five Patrol trucks, two Case Loaders, tractor, pickup, van, two sanders, and two not working floor jacks. Total proceeds from the sale - \$76,247.00.

Currently the Highway Department has a 2003 John Deere model 5504 dozer that is in need of repairs and a Model D6 Caterpillar dozer in excellent condition, but is not being used much. Jon explained the revenue generated or lost on each machine and suggested selling or trading in both units on a dozer that is larger than the John Deere but smaller than the Caterpillar D6. It was the consensus of the Committee that Jon gather data and prices on a medium size dozer and present his findings at the next meeting.

Josh Baumgartner has accepted the County Patrolman position out of the Fennimore Shop. He will start the week of January 10th.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dwight Nelson, to adjourn at 9:43 A.M. to Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary