

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

August 8, 2024

The Highway Committee met on Thursday August 8, 2024 at 9:00 am, at the County Highway Department in Lancaster, the meeting was also available via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gary Northouse. Other members present were, Roger Guthrie, Lester Jantzen, and Diane Nelson. Pat Schroeder asked to be excused. Others present were Bob Keeney, Jon Knautz, Steve Morgan, Dan McLimans, Donna Bohnenkamp, Jason Kieler, and Garry Pluemer. Travis Kramer joined the meeting at 9:25 am. Tonya White and Shane Drinkwater 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.

Lester Jantzen, seconded by Diane Nelson, moved to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Roger Guthrie, seconded by Diane Nelson, moved to approve the July 18th Highway meeting minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

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

The June Requisition has been sent to the State DOT for \$117,818.93. As of June, we are over our estimated budgeted amount by \$13,559.85.

The June County accounts were also reviewed.

State crews have been spraying guardrail, and helping the County when available. There have been 5 accidents at the Round-a bout south of Lancaster, the State is going to add more signage.

The County Supervisor started out by stating the CAT Excavator and the post driver that were purchased last year were excellent additions to our equipment. County crews are putting in our own guardrail, which helps save money; and the excavator has cut the time to install culverts and other projects. The crews have been patching pot holes and have started work on CTH A near the stock yards.

The shop gave an update on the arrival of the chassis and snow equipment that were ordered. They are working on the transformation of the old ambulance to the new shop truck.

Garry Pluemer presented a couple of options as to what to do with the leaking shop roof. The longer lasting/permanent the fix the costlier the repair.

There was discussion on the funding for CTH D.

The Highway Department has signed a contract with Phil Miles to take the grain bins down at the Patch Grove Black Sand building.

Jon informed the committee that a supervisor will be retiring, and discussed options as to a replacement.

There was discussion on the meeting that was set up with the Amish Community regarding the horse shoes doing damage to the roads, no resolution has been reached.

Roger Guthrie, seconded by Diane Nelson, moved to adjourn to Thursday September 19, 2024, at 9:00 am. Motion Carried without a negative vote.

Diane Nelson
Secretary

Donna Bohnenkamp
Recorder