

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 21, 2024

The Highway Committee met on Thursday November 21, 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, Lester Jantzen, Pat Schroeder, and Roger Guthrie. Others present were Bob Keeney, Jon Knautz, Nate Dreckman, Steve Morgan, Donna Bohnenkamp, Trenton Wood, Jason Kieler, and Garry Pluemer. Travis Kramer joined the meeting at 9:45 am. Tonya White and Diane Nelson 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 Roger Guthrie, moved to approve the November agenda. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Rodger Guthrie, moved to approve the October 17th Highway meeting minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Rodger Guthrie, seconded by Lester Jantzen moved to approve the Accounts Payables and YTD Budget Report. Motion carried without a negative vote.

The September Requisition has been sent to the State DOT for \$178,256.34. As of the end of September, we are under our yearly estimated budgeted amount by \$4,324.27.

The County Accounts were reviewed as of the end of October.

State crews have been calibrating their sanders, and prepping their trucks for winter. The State reimburses the Highway Department for having selected trucks ready for State roads. The crews have been putting up snow fence, and repairing guardrail.

The County crews are calibrating their sanders, and mounting the trucks with snow equipment. They are also working at the Patch Grove shop setting a pad for temporary salt storage.

The Mechanics are prepping tractors for winter use, they are also helping patrolman get their trucks equipped with hydraulics. The Shop Lead Worker discussed our 1990 semi has a problem with the rear axle. Mechanics are diffing into it.

Travis gave details on what has been completed on the Frontage Road project and what is left to do next Spring. A Public Involvement Meeting for the CTH "D" will be held on December 3rd, at the Youth & Ag building in Lancaster.

Jon said the recent repairs to the roof are working well, no problems from the recent rains.

Jon reported we are now using the Bagley shed for an additional salt location with a tractor located there. Bloomington Township has made a Commercial Offer to Purchase our Bloomington Shop; it has been signed by both the County and the Township. Closing date is November 15th.

Jon reported that we now have an Operator position open. They will be conducting interviews the week of November 18th.

The highway department held their annual Safety Training Day on October 31st. Dawn Mergen and Amy Budworth were here to discuss benefits, we had several stations including CPR, Force America, the Rodeo, and RT Vision review.

Lester Jantzen, seconded by Pat Schroeder, moved to adjourn to Thursday December 19, 2024, at 9:00 am. Motion Carried without a negative vote.

Diane Nelson
Secretary

Donna Bohnenkamp
Recorder