

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
July 9, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, July 9, 2009 at the Highway Office in Lancaster, Wisconsin. Chairman Donald Splinter called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M..

Members present besides the Chairman were Mark Stead, Vern Lewison, Eugene Bartels, Pat Schroeder, and Highway Commissioner David Lambert. Also present was Jon Knautz, Randy Franks, and County Board Chairman John Patcle.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Eugene Bartels, moved that we are in compliance with the open meeting law. Motion carried.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Eugene Bartels, moved to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2009 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to pay Vouchers #508 thru #649. Motion carried.

David began the Supervisors Reports. The CTH "C" Bridge replacement project is still eligible for funding at the previously approved level. Economic Recovery Funds will cover the local share of the construction for the bridge, except for the local funding of 350 feet of approaches. The construction will cost Grant County an estimated \$75,000., compared to the original estimate of \$174,000.. The stimulus program will save the County about \$100,000. on this project.

Mill Street in the Village of Bloomington and Chestnut Street in Platteville (road construction from Business 151 to Southwest Road) have also been approved for stimulus funding.

Painting has been completed and a new roof installed on the Tysver property. Janet's furnace & air conditioner will be installed this week. Travis has completed documents and will handle the exchange for the property on CTH "T".

Randy discussed the 2009 paving program. CTH "U" and CTH "A" were completed with nearly 10,000 ton of hot mix under estimate. This was due to laying the finish course thinner than the binder. The result is a smooth, well compacted, riding surface. The extra asphalt was used to finish CTH "VV" from the Cassville Power Plant to Closing Dam Road and CTH "V" from Glen Haven to just past CTH "VV" at Pride Road. County "X" is being milled from Wyalusing north to CTH "P".

Jon reported that Porter Bridge as well as Hwy 133 are on schedule. His crew is also working through the new Work Priorities sent to us from the State. Surveillance of all State Highways is completed by Jon choosing the route to the assigned work task for each patrolman on a daily basis. Mowing of the right of way has also been reduced.

Joyce Roling and David worked to settle the claim by the Department of Workforce Development against Grant County for failing to obtain a Prevailing Wage Determination for 2008 paving work on CTH "U" and CTH "A". The claim cost the Highway Department \$3,000. in additional wages paid to two truck drivers. Grant County is paying higher wages when we hire trucks to haul asphalt on CTH "A" and CTH "U" this season. Randy is working through the centerline painting under prevailing wage rules.

Under the Machinery & Equipment Reports, it was noted that no news has been received on the Diesel Emission Grant that was applied for.

Discussion on purchasing new section trucks now or at the end of the year, to come out of next years budget was hashed over with no direct action taken.

Travis gave the Engineering Report. Concrete Structures of Janesville will build the new bridge on CTH "0". Estimated starting date is still unknown.

At this time, Anita Kelley, Donna Bohnenkamp, Jeff Anderson, and Finance Director Nancy Scott joined the Committee. Nancy discussed the Accounting Software from Springbrook that she has been looking at. The current AS400 the County is using needs to be replaced. It is approximately ten years old. It will cost \$40,000. to update the whole AS400 or just \$1,000 to \$2,000. to update what is needed prior to the end of the year for W-2 forms. The Springbrook package would provide one integrated County wide system versus individual department systems. Currently some information is being keyed into the current system multiple times. Few computer systems have Highway Packages available.

The Springbrook software with the Highway Package would cost approximately \$200,000.. It is a PC Windows based program. A server and training could add \$50,000. to the cost. In addition, there could be a \$30,000. annual maintenance fee. The Highway portion of the cost would be \$32,000. for the Highway Software and \$17,000. for training personnel. Donna said that the State Auditor met with Springbrook regarding Juneau County. Juneau County is the first County in the State of Wisconsin to go with Springbrook and their Highway Package. They are scheduled to go on line later this fall. The Committee had many questions for Nancy and Jeff. In the end, the Committee thanked Nancy and Jeff for the information they provided. The Committee also agreed that the Highway Committee is not in a position to decide this issue for the County. The Finance Committee will have to look at the issue and the 2010 budget and make a recommendation for the full County Board to act on.

At this time, Gene Kussart from Donohue Engineering came before the Committee and stated that all though his firm has never done any work for the County in the past, he is hoping he can do some work for the County in the future. In our region, Donohue is currently doing work in Dane and Rock County.

iii Mark Stead, seconded by Eugene Bartels, moved to adjourn at 11:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary