

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

August 13, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, August 13, 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 County Board Chairman John Patcle and Randy Franks.

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

Eugene Bartels, seconded by John Patcle, moved to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2009 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to pay Vouchers #650 thru #796. Motion carried.

David began by saying that Travis is still working on the descriptions and documents for the transfer regarding the Tysver property. Everything else regarding the transfer is complete.

David updated the Committee on the stimulus project in Platteville. David met with the City, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, and IIW. They are scaling down the project to something that is more reasonable for the County. The goal is to construct the project using only ARRA funds, with no County, City, or UW funding, and no funding from STP-Urban, STP-Rural, or Bridge Program dollars.

David reported on comments made by Joe Olsen, Regional Director with the DOT, on the Hwy 61 plans from Dickeyville to Lancaster. There will be no improvements to intersections or truck lanes, and exactly what the new surface will be is still up in the air.

The Freightliner Semi Truck is in need of replacement. Mike Stelpflug looked at a used truck that the Town of Winter has for sale. It is a 1990 Peterbilt with 40,000 miles on a rebuilt engine and transmission, aluminum rims, shifts good, radiator good, and a Caterpillar engine. Pat Schroeder, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to purchase the Peterbilt semi tractor from the Town of Winter for a maximum purchase price of \$9,000.00. Motion carried.

At this time, Finance Director Nancy Scott, Travis Kramer, and Donna Bohnenkamp joined the Committee for discussion on the 2010 budget for the Highway Department. Travis went over the budget, and handed out a detailed summary of the 2009 County Construction Projects (36.83 miles - estimated construction costs \$2,490,400.00) and the projected 2010 County Construction Projects (27.98 miles - estimated construction costs \$1,977,200.00). Discussion followed with no action taken. The proposed 2010 budget will be presented to the Committee for approval/action at the September 10, 2009 meeting.

The Committee was informed that the Wisconsin County Highway Association Winter Conference will be held January 11, 12, and 13, 2010 at the Wisconsin Dells.

The State Routine Maintenance Account was discussed. For the first six months of 2009, we are in the black by \$125,925.16.

The improvements to Hwy 133 from Cassville to Burton "N" and replacement of Porter Bridge are all on schedule.

Randy gave an update on County Construction. Paving is done and seal coating is underway. There is still dirt work to do yet on Highland "Q".

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to adjourn at 11:18 A.M..
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary