

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 10, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, September 10, 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, and Pat Schroeder, and Highway Commissioner David Lambert. Eugene Bartels arrived at 9:47 A.M. and Vern Lewison asked to be excused. Also present was County Board Chairman John Patcle, Randy Franks, and Jon Knautz.

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

John Patcle, seconded by Pat Schroeder, moved to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

John Patcle, seconded by Pat Schroeder, moved to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2009 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to pay Vouchers #797 thru #926. Motion carried.

Under the Supervisors Reports, David said that Juneau County installed the Springbrook Accounting Package back on January 1, 2009 and as of August 2009 are still not yet able to run their payroll.

All the work on the Janet Tysver property in Blue River is finished. The total cost was \$64,908.90. David mailed a letter to Bruce Ommen of Ayres Associates, with a request to be reimbursed for half of the total cost or \$32,454.45.

Randy updated the Committee on the work being done on Highland "Q". The dirt work for this season has been done and seeding is currently being done. The shoulders will be widened with the project expected to be done over a three year period.

WisDOT has informed us that they will not allow Counties to spend their Administrative Contingency Reserve, which amounts to 5% of our RMA budget, or about \$105,000.00. David has asked the WisDOT what the penalty would be for going beyond your assigned RMA budget, as there was no penalty in the past.

Jon reported that paving will begin on September 28 on Hwy 133, the beams are in place on Porter Bridge, the deck will be poured on September 17, and the Bridge project has a middle of October completion date.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to approve sending Randy, Jon, and Jeannie to the Supervisors Conference. Motion carried.

Under Machinery & Equipment Reports, 2 of the 3 new section trucks and snow equipment have been delivered. The Peterbilt semi tractor has been purchased from the Town of Winter. There was also discussion on purchasing the new section trucks now or at the end of the year, to come out of 2010 equipment budget.

Donna and Travis joined the Committee for discussion on the 2010 Highway Department Budget. The budget total for 2010 is \$4,078,301.00. This compares to \$4,076,901.00 for 2009.

There was considerable discussion regarding moving funds within individual highway accounts and carryovers.

Mark Stead, seconded by Pat Schroeder, moved to recommend to the Finance Committee for approval, allowing the Grant County Highway Department to transfer from its December 31, 2008 reserves: \$240,000.00 to Equipment Acquisition Account #53287, \$380,000.00 to Mats & Seals Account #53313, and \$212,180.62 to Winter Maintenance Account #53312. Motion carried.

The Engineering Report was given by Travis Kramer. The CTH "0" bridge project should take one and a half to two months. Estimated starting date is September 15. He also gave an overview of 2010 Construction Projects:

CTH "HHH" thru Kieler - Mill, pulverize, and repave
CTH "F" (Stitzer to Hwy 18) - Mill, and pave binder course
CTH "C" (Hwy 18 to new bridge at Winkers Lane) - Mill, and pave binder course
CTH "X" (CTH "P" to the Village of Wyalusing) - Pave surface course
CTH "G" Seal Coat (More seal coating will be done if oil & chips costs come in lower than estimated.)

Tom Boguszewski, from AECOM Engineering, came before the Committee and stated that his firm is interested in doing work in the County. He also indicated that he would like to make a formal presentation at a future meeting.

Mark Stead, seconded by Eugene Bartels, moved to adjourn at 11:06 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary