

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 12, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, February 12, 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, Randy Franks, and Jon Knautz.

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

Vern Lewison, seconded by Eugene Bartels, moved to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2009 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to pay Vouchers #1 thru #35. Motion carried.

David began the discussion of the Operator II position vacancy. Pat Schroeder, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to post an Operator II position opening internally. Motion carried.

Under the Supervisors Reports, David gave a Stimulus Package Update. The DOT is doing its best to put Wisconsin in the position to take advantage of any opportunities available through this program. We have one application submitted and plan to submit three more projects.

The Public Property Committee will tour Grant County Facilities on 2/26/09. David gave a report on future Highway Department Building Plans.

David recommended a motion be made to honor a verbal agreement made years ago between the Grant County Highway Department and the Town of Watterstown. The agreement was that Grant County would build an access road to the cemetery located at the intersection of CTH "T" and CTH "M". Once the access road is completed, the Town of Watterstown will maintain the access road and also maintain the 600-foot stub road that provides access to the old Louis Cerney farm.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Eugene Bartels, moved to recommend we proceed with the jurisdictional transfer of approximately a 600 foot portion of old CTH "T" in exchange for providing access thru County Property to Belleauwallin Cemetery. Motion carried.

Travis has agreed to help with the initial survey and cost estimate on the CTH "HHH" project.

The new waste oil burner has been installed and is up and running.

Mark Stead, seconded by Pat Schroeder, moved to sign the Traffic Maintenance Agreement with WisDOT for signing on State Highways in Grant County. The allocation is for approximately \$16,000.. Motion carried.

Porters Bridge will be closed in June 2009 for approximately two and a half months while it is replaced with a new structure.

At 10:00 A.M. the bids for the British Hollow Bridge & Approaches on CTH "0" in the Town of Harrison were opened. Attending this portion of the meeting were Bill Ryan from Concrete Structures, Inc. in Janesville; Steve and Kristal Steiner from Steiner Construction LLC in Prairie du Chien; Curt Pheifer from Radtke Contractors, Inc in Winneconne, WI; and Mike Hanson from Lunda Construction Company in Black River Falls, WI. The bids were as follows:

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| Ruzic Construction Co., Inc. | \$217,009.34 |
| Concrete Structures, Inc. | \$195,382.90 |
| Radtke Contractors, Inc. | \$226,411.31 |
| Lunda Construction Company | \$208,267.15 |
| Steiner Construction LLC | \$199,633.00 |

Donald Splinter, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to award the British Hollow Bridge & Approaches on CTH "0" project to Concrete Structures of Janesville for the low bid of \$195,382.90. Motion carried.

Tricor Insurance has indicated that the Grant County Highway Engineer is required to purchase a errors and omissions insurance policy to do work on the Town System in the County. Such a policy will cost \$1,600. per year.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Mark Stead, moved that the Highway Department reimburse the Highway Engineer for 75% of the \$1,600. cost of an Errors and Omissions Insurance Policy that he needs for work he does for municipalities in Grant County. Motion carried. It was noted that approximately 75% of the work the Engineer does on the Town System is in Grant County with the balance in Crawford County.

Randy reported that due to new State rules, approximately 5000 - 6000 signs on the County System need to be replaced by 2013. The new equipment needed to make the signs to be compliant will cost \$15,000.00.

A hoist for the shop area was discussed. Randy will gather more information.

Randy opened the bids he received for new pick-up trucks. They were as follows:

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| Fillback Boscobel | 2009 F250 | \$15,937.00 |
| Pioneer Ford Platteville | 2009 F250 | \$19,098.00 |
| Lancaster Ford | 2009 F250 | \$18,500.00 |
| Les Mack Lancaster Chev. | 2009 3/4 ton | \$21,558.00 |
| Ubersox Platteville Dodge | 2009 3/4 ton | \$19,599.00 |

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to verify the Fillback bid, and if correct, go with the low bid from Fillback and purchase two trucks. Motion carried.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Mark Stead, moved to adjourn at 11:15 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary