

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

December 10, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, December 10, 2009 at the Highway Office in Lancaster, Wisconsin. Secretary Mark Stead called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M..

Members present besides the Secretary were Vern Lewison, Highway Commissioner David Lambert, and Eugene Bartels via a telephone conference call. Pat Schroeder and Donald Splinter asked to be excused. Also present was County Board Chairman John Patcle, Randy Franks, and Jon Knautz.

John Patcle, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved that the meeting is in compliance with the open meeting law. Motion carried.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Eugene Bartels, moved to approve the amended agenda and to move the Relocation Order and Highway Employees Giving Blood line items up to the beginning of the meeting. Motion carried.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Eugene Bartels, moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2009, November 12, 2009, and November 17, 2009 meetings as printed. Motion carried.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Eugene Bartels, moved to pay Vouchers #1202 thru #1296. Motion carried.

David discussed the Chestnut Street bridge and road project in Platteville. There will need to be easements signed and 8/10 of an acre of land acquired for the project. Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to approve the Relocation Order and Right-of-Way Plat for the Chestnut Street (CTH "D") Bridge & Road Project. Motion carried.

David asked the Committee if employees could be allowed a maximum of 1.5 hours up to twice per year to donate blood by paying his wage while he is actually giving the blood. Currently employees use their own discretionary/vacation time to donate blood. After discussion, it was suggested that David check with the Personnel Director regarding County wide policy on such requests and report the findings back at a future meeting.

Donna Bohnenkamp joined the Committee to discuss alternatives to solve the outdated AS400 problem. Purchasing a new AS400, how many years will it work for the Dept., will updates be available down the road, and will Springbrook get their system up and running and problems resolved were all discussed at length. John reported that the Finance Committee is scheduled to make a long term decision in March 2010 and make a recommendation to the full County Board for approval.

David met with Union Reps and discussed an upcoming issue with the Winter Call-Out Policy. The Union offered the alternative of asking the employee who is requesting the time-off to find his own replacement.

Randy, Jon, and Jeannie attended the Supervisor's Conference in October. The DOT has always paid for the State Patrol Superintendent to attend while Grant County paid for the other two. On December 1st, the DOT emailed Donna and informed her that the State would not pay for the cost for Jon to attend last October or in the future.

Preliminary November State requisitions have been calculated. At the end of the first eleven months of 2009, we were \$77,551.31 in the black for the maintenance work that Grant County provides on the State Highway System.

David reported meeting with the Strategic Planning Committee on 12/3/09 where alternatives for building a new Highway Shop/Office were presented. The two most viable options presented were to relocate at either the Lippert/FS location or at the Orchard Manor/County Farm property. Strategic Planning would like a recommendation from the Highway Committee.

Under the Machinery & Equipment Report, it was noted that the two Peterbilt Chassis have been delivered to Burke Equipment to be outfitted with snow equipment. We will pay for the chassis today.

Dave gave the Engineering Report. He noted that the CTH "O" Bridge Project, CTH "C" Bridge Project, STH 35 - Porter Bridge Project, Lost Hollow Road Bridge Project - Town of Mt. Hope, and STH 133 Highway Reconstruction Project are all complete.

Marv Ruland from MSA Professional Services came before the Committee and gave a brief overview of where his firm is at on projects they are working on for Grant County.

Jon and Randy also gave reports on the recent storm the employees encountered. It was reported that all employees participated in the storm and that we are currently behind in salt usage compared to last year on the County System.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to adjourn at 10:30 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary