

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

July 8, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, July 8, 2010 at the Highway Office in Lancaster, Wisconsin. Chairman Margaret Ruf called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M..

Members present besides the Chairman were Donald Splinter, Mark Stead, Vern Lewison, Pat Schroeder, and Highway Commissioner David Lambert. Also present was Jon Knautz and Randy Franks.

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

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to approve the agenda as printed, but moving the first item-parking in Village of Mt. Hope-down closer to 9:30 to allow time for an attorney to arrive at the meeting. Motion carried.

Dick Lambert joined the meeting at this time.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2010 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to pay Vouchers #486 thru #616. Motion carried.

John Patcle joined the meeting at 9:07 A.M..

David started the Supervisors Reports. The Bridge Program applications have been submitted. Also the cost estimates for CTH "K" Road Project and Maple Ridge Road Bridge Project in Harrison Township have been updated.

For the first five months of 2010, Grant County was \$11,856.31 in the red for the maintenance work that we provided on the State Highway System. Total State requisitions for the first five months totaled \$777,318.71, including all labor, equipment, materials, and administration. This is right where we were targeted to be.

Nathan Barber, an attorney from Prairie du Chien, arrived at the meeting at 9:20 A.M., followed by Cindra Riemenapp at 9:25 A.M., and David Riemenapp at 9:34 A.M.. Mr. Barber began the discussion on the Riemenapp driveway issue in the Village of Mt. Hope. David Lambert responded to Mr. Barber with facts as he knows them based on conversations with Mr. Reimenapp and photos of the driveway area taken over the years. He noted that a permit is needed to asphalt an existing gravel driveway and that in this case one had not been requested. Mark Stead read from the minutes of the May 13, 2010 Highway Committee meeting, that the temporary driveway in question is to be removed by August 20, 2010. Mr. Barber and the Riemenapps left the meeting at this time, and no action was taken on the driveway issue. Dick Lambert left the meeting at this time also.

Randy gave an update on County Construction on CTH "C", CTH "F", CTH "X", Highland "Q", and the CTH "A" Bridges that are now complete.

Jon talked about State Maintenance Issues, that 3/4 of the mowing is done for the year, and that shouldering is yet to be done.

David said he would work with County Clerk Linda Gebhard in getting the Resolution concerning the segregated transportation fund that was recently approved by the full County Board placed on the November ballot.

David also reported on meeting with Scott Burbach and looking at property near Platteville as a possible site for a new Platteville Shop. The property is zoned Commercial, is approximately 3 acres in size, and has natural gas, electric, septic, shared water, and a smaller building currently on site. No action was taken.

David again reported on the negotiations with Truck Country regarding the patrol truck damaged in the accident on Hwy 151. We have an offer in the form of a Property Damage Release. It is based on the estimate of Truck Country. The Committee feels a conflict of interest exists, and that David is to contact Corporation Counsel to get involved.

Travis Kramer joined the Committee at 10:05 A.M..

David, Jon, and Randy, discussed a Hot Box Truck Insert. It is a heated truck bed used for patching that requires little maintenance, no propane, and would have a \$4.37 per hour rental rate.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to purchase a Hot Box Truck Insert and Lift for approximately \$8,000.00. Motion carried.

Travis Kramer gave the Engineering Report. The CTH "A" bridges are done. He talked about the Liberty bridge project. He also has the survey done on a 3/10 acre parcel for a County easement for the cemetery near Mt. Ida on Springville Road.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary