

Date: September 14, 2010
Highway Committee Meeting
Location: Highway office
Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Aasen at 9:05 am
Open meeting law requirements have been met.
Members present: John Aasen, Mike Nelson, Tom Bice and Commissioner Johnson.
Members absent: Ernest Vold and Rodney Severson
Other persons attending: Jamie Kabus arrived at approximately 10:00 am

Minutes of August 10, 2010 meeting were presented as drafted. Motion to accept by Mike Nelson and seconded by Tom Bice. Motion Carried.

Motion to accept agenda by Tom Bice, second by Mike Nelson. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of vouchers approved by audit committee – Vouchers #639 to #646 for \$111,321.38. Motion to pay by Mike Nelson second by Tom Bice. Motion carried.

Voucher #638 for \$34,000.00 was audited and motion to pay by Tom Bice. Seconded by Mike Nelson. Motion Carried.

Voucher #647 thru #720 were audited in the amount of \$537,345.57. Motion to pay by Tom Bice. Seconded by Mike Nelson. Motion Carried.

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS DISCUSSION

Whitehall shop has been painted after the work was completed on the side walls.

HIGHWAY VIEWING and MAINTENANCE DISCUSSION

County will be putting on a second layer of pavement on County “J”.
The CHIP Project on County “J” is currently in progress.
Eau Claire county has some of our trucks hired to help them on a project.
The painting crew is currently painting in Jackson County.
The state has more Centerline painting that needs to be done on state roads.
A new bridge will be constructed on River Valley Road in the Town of Arcadia.

EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION/VIEWING/PURCHASE

County received three more bids for a new truck scale. Commissioner Johnson informed the committee that there is more information needed from the bidding companies before an informed decision can be made. Mike Nelson made the motion to table the purchase of the truck scale until the October meeting. Seconded by Tom Bice. Motion Carried.

The plow truck and the quad axle truck are both at Universal. Universal should get the trucks in next week to have equipment installed.

The Highway Committee had the opportunity to view the road widener that they recently purchased.

The sign machine has been delivered. Commissioner Johnson is searching for a company or county that is more local to help us with training and setup.

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION

One employee has the medical need to work only 6 hours per day(non-work related).

One recent hire resigned his position. Commissioner Johnson informed the committee that he felt this position would first need to be filled again in Spring.

A grievance has been filed by the truck drivers. The drivers filed a grievance over the employees that worked during a storm emergency situation. Commissioner Johnson denied the grievance. If there is any further information about the grievance, the Highway Committee will be informed at the October meeting.

APPEARANCES: None

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Bice made the motion to move to a Closed Session at 10:00AM. Seconded by Mike Nelson. Motion Carried.

Mike Nelson made the motion to reconvene into Open Session at 10:56 AM. Tom Bice seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Johnson informed the committee of the CHEMS Training that will be offered in October. Tom Bice made the motion to allow two office personnel to attend the training. Mike Nelson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The Highway Committee discussed the Hiring Resolution in great detail. After reviewing the Resolution and making some wording changes, Tom Bice made the motion to approve and send the revised Resolution directly to the County Board. Mike Nelson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The committee had a teleconference with LaVerne Michalak about the ATV Trails Ordinance. The dates of operation will be changed to state to begin April 15 and to end November 15 of each season. The limited hours of operation was removed from the ordinance. The Ordinance will be reviewed on a yearly basis by the Highway Department. LaVerne Michalak will prepare the Ordinance with the recommended changes.

The next Audit Meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2010 at 9:00 am at the Highway Office in Whitehall.

Mike Nelson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Tom Bice. Meeting adjourned at 11:52 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Rodney Severson, Secretary
Trempealeau County Highway Department**

