

Date: October 12, 2010
Highway Committee Meeting
Location: Highway office
Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman John Aasen at 9:05 am.

Open meeting law requirements have been met.

Members present: John Aasen, Rodney Severson, Mike Nelson, Tom Bice and Commissioner Johnson.

Members absent: Ernest Vold

Other person's attending: Dave Lyga during Buildings and Equipment Discussions

Minutes of September 14, 2010 meeting were presented as drafted. Motion to accept by Mike Nelson. Seconded by Rod Severson. Motion Carried.

Motion to accept agenda by Rod Severson, second by Mike Nelson. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of vouchers approved by audit committee – Vouchers #723 to #727 for \$36,324.98. Motion to pay by Mike Nelson second by Tom Bice. Motion carried.

Voucher #728 thru #816 were audited in the amount of \$290,123.40. Motion to pay by Tom Bice. Seconded by Rod Severson. Motion Carried.

BULDING and GROUNDS DISCUSSION

The roof on the Strum shop has been repaired.

The Wisconsin Department of Commerce has issued a letter for the conditional use of the Salt Shed in Galesville. The county can only enter the building while operating an enclosed loader. LaVern Michalak is currently seeking legal means to clear the building for unconditional use.

HIGHWAY VIEWING and MAINTENANCE DISCUSSION

County has some paving to complete for some municipalities.

The paving on the County "J" Project should be completed today.

Commissioner Johnson will be placing his order for salt at state prices within the next couple of weeks.

The painting crew has some work to do for Jackson County, the State, and some within the county yet this season.

EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION/VIEWING/PURCHASE

The Highway Committee reviewed information presented regarding a new truck scale. Mike Nelson made the motion to purchase the Rice Lake Scale from Tri-State Scale for \$29,000.00. Seconded by Tom Bice. Motion Carried.

The 2 trucks have been delivered to Universal Truck to have equipment installed.

The Sign Machine has been delivered. Our employee(s) will do some training with Eau Claire County who has the same machine.

Shop Superintendent, Dave Lyga, has located a used chip spreader. The spreader will be re-conditioned with a 60 day warranty. We can delay the beginning of the warranty time until we actually start using the machine(approximately July 2011). Tom Bice made the motion to grant Commissioner Johnson the approval to purchase the chip spreader for \$90,000.00 after he inspects the unit. Mike Nelson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION

The employee who was on 10 hours a week medical leave has returned back to work full time. One employee will begin medical leave for non-work related reasons. The truck drivers grievance is now at the Level 2 in the proceedings. Jamie Kabus has informed Commissioner Johnson that she will be denying the grievance at this point.

APPEARANCES

The Ayres Associated Representatives were unable to attend the meeting. Don Greenwood from Jewell addressed the committee and presented a framed picture of the newly constructed bridge on County "G".

NEW BUSINESS

The Highway Committee reviewed the ATV Ordinance Resolution. Rod Severson made the motion to accept the Resolution with the amendment of time of operation being one half hour before sunrise until one half hour after sunset. Tom Bice seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Johnson informed the committee that the Highway Department has estimate costs of \$141,000.00 damages from the recent flooding to repair roads.

Commissioner Johnson informed the committee of the need for the Highway Department to obtain a credit card. The department often times can purchase needed items by phone at reduced costs or time needs but can not do so without a credit card. The department is finding it difficult to make reservations for meetings and conferences without a credit card to reserve rooms and registrations. The committee has Commissioner Johnson to get information on fees/costs for a credit card for next meeting.

Mike Nelson made the motion to allow the committee members and Commissioner Johnson to attend the Fall Regional Commissioners and Committee Meeting on October 22, 2010. Seconded by Tom Bice. Motion Carried.

The next Highway Committee meeting was set for November 8, 2010 at 9am at the Highway Office in Whitehall.

Vice-Chairman John Aasen adjourned the meeting at 11:34 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

