

Date: September 13, 2011
Highway Committee Meeting
Location: Highway office
Time: 1:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Chairman Vold at 1:07 pm.

Open meeting law requirements have been met.

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

Members absent: None

Other person's attending: Dave Lyga(Equipment & Building Discussions) Jamie Kabus(Personnel Discussions)

Minutes of August 9, 2011 meeting were presented as drafted. Motion to accept by John Aasen. Seconded by Rod Severson. Motion Carried.

Motion to accept agenda by Rod Severson, second by John Aasen. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of vouchers approved by audit committee – Vouchers #675 to #690 for \$96,769.28. Motion to pay by John Aasen second by Rod Severson. Motion carried.

Voucher # 691 thru #779 were audited in the amount of \$331,979.38. Motion to pay by Mike Nelson. Seconded by John Aasen. Motion Carried.

BUILDING and GROUNDS DISCUSSION

Dave Lyga presented information on estimated costs to repair the overhead door at the Strum shop. The estimates varied from \$1,550 to near \$3,000. Committee requested that Dave Lyga obtain more information on repairing door and cost to replace door. This information will be presented at the October meeting.

Three of the Salt sheds need to have shingles replaced. Would like to get the Arcadia Salt shed done this year. The other two buildings could be completed next year. Dave Lyga will bring more information with estimated cost to the October meeting.

The Highway Office had the siding washed and the stucco painted.

Highway Department discussed the possibility of working with the Village of Strum to place repeater on the water tower.

HIGHWAY VIEWING and MAINTENANCE DISCUSSION

Currently paving for the Town of Trempealeau.

Reclaiming for the Village of Trempealeau and City of Arcadia.

Will be trying a new warm mix on County "J" and "S".

Some culverts still need to be replaced.

Working with the Town of Lincoln to purchase Shale. County has 85% of the Centerline Painting completed. Some road maintenance needs to be completed before the balance of the centerline painting is done.

EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION/VIEWING/PURCHASE

One of the new trucks is near inspection stage at Universal Truck. The second truck should have equipment installation begin next week.

The three old trucks have been sold.

County has a John Deere 2755 Tractor for sale. The value is \$12,000 to \$14,000.

The committee reviewed the truck bids for a single axle truck and a tandem truck. The insurance company will pay for the replacement of a single axle truck. The Highway Department would need to pay for the difference between single axle and tandem to upgrade. Tom Bice made the motion to purchase the tandem axle truck from River States for \$85,580. Rod Severson seconded the motion . Motion Carried.

Committee reviewed the quotes for the equipment needed for the water truck. The insurance company will pay to replace a 20' bed with a hoist. The tandem truck will need a 22' bed so county would need to pay any difference. Quotes for the 22' bed were lower than the 20' with hoist. Mike Nelson made the motion to purchase the 22' bed from Universal Truck Products for \$16,883. Requested that Jamie Kabus work with the insurance company to pay the savings from the truck bed towards the tandem truck. John Aasen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Committee discussed the need for a new base radio at the shop and in the office.

John Aasen made the motion to purchase the two units and the cost of \$5,778 for new units. Tom Bice seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION

One employee off work for knee surgery(non-work related)

Jamie Kabus presented information on the grievances from employees related to the overtime hours pay. The grievance is at level two and Jamie Kabus has responded to the employees' grievance.

Committee asked that Commissioner Johnson speak with the employees about working a flex schedule. Tom Bice requested that the committee have a Closed Session at the October meeting to discuss adding part-time employees.

APPEARANCES: Rian Radtke(Corp. Council), Dan Schreiner(Emergency Management)

The Karlstad Tower and other possibilities were discussed in great detail. Dan Schreiner contacted the owners of the Karlstad land to discuss renewing the lease for the tower site. The Karlstad Tower actually is built on two different land owner's property.

NEW BUSINESS

Ernest Vold made the motion to move to Closed Session at 2:50 pm to discuss the tower lease and/or purchase. Mike Nelson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

John Aasen made the motion to reconvene to Open Session at 3:28 pm. Seconded by Tom Bice. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Mike Nelson to move to Closed Session to Consider Performance Evaluation at 3:55 pm. Seconded by Tom Bice. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Mike Nelson to reconvene to Open Session at 3:58 pm. Seconded by Tom Bice. Motion Carried.

Committee members received copy of 2012 Budget in the mail.

No action was taken to view roads during the meeting.

Next audit meeting will be held on October 11, 2011 at 9:00 am at the Highway Office in Whitehall.

**Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tom Bice. Seconded by John Aasen.
Motion Carried.**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

