

Date: March 13, 2012
Highway Committee Meeting
Location: Highway office
Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting called to order by Chairman Vold at 9:02 am.
Open meeting law requirements have been met.
Members present: Chrm. Ernest Vold, John Aasen, Mike Nelson, Tom Bice and Commissioner Johnson.
Members absent: Rodney Severson

Other persons attending: None

Minutes of February 14, 2012 meeting were presented as drafted. Motion to accept the minutes by Mike Nelson. Seconded by John Aasen. Motion Carried.

Motion to accept agenda by John Aasen, second by Tom Bice. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

AUDIT

Approval of 2011 vouchers approved by audit committee – Vouchers #1148 for \$243.00.
Approval of 2012 vouchers approved by audit committee – Vouchers #106 & #107 for \$77,147.71. Motion to pay by John Aasen, seconded by Tom Bice. Motion Carried.
Vouchers #108 thru #187 were audited in the amount of \$109,546.99 Motion to pay by John Aasen. Seconded by Mike Nelson. Motion Carried.

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS DISCUSSION

Committee discussed the tower located on the Karlstad property. There is a company interested in taking over the ownership of the tower.
The committee was informed that the Law Enforcement Committee approved to pay the back rent through March 31, 2012 from the remaining funds in the bond money.

HIGHWAY VIEWING and MAINTENANCE DISCUSSION

Bids for Oil, Rock and Culverts will be taken to review and/or approve at the April 10, 2012 Meeting.
Information will be obtained in regards to the bridge on County Road “O” and brought to the April meeting.

EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION/VIEWING/PURCHASE

No Discussion Necessary

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION

One employee off work with unknown return date. Could possibly be minimum of 6-9 months away from work.

One employee with injured shoulder-Work Related.

Commissioner Johnson informed the committee the Highway Union approved to work 4 Ten Hours days starting April 2, 2012.

Mike Nelson made the motion to allow the Highway Union and the Highway Office Personnel to work 4 Ten Hour days beginning April 2, 2012. Seconded by John Aasen. Motion Carried.

APPEARANCES: None

NEW BUSINESS

The committee reviewed the bid sheet summary presented by Commissioner Johnson. After discussing the bids and asking questions about each company, John Aasen made the motion to accept the bid from JEWEL Associates to do the bridge inspections. Tom Bice seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Johnson informed the committee of the two Discretionary Traffic Maintenance Agreements offered to Trempealeau County from the state. The first agreement is for the installation of steel signs for \$8526.00. The second agreement is for the installation of plywood base signs for \$2800.00.

Mike Nelson made the motion to accept both of the Traffic Maintenance Agreements. Tom Bice seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Mike Nelson made the motion to accept the LFA (Local Force Agreement) offer by the state for the sum of \$4800.00. Seconded by Tom Bice. Motion Carried.

Mike Nelson made the motion to support the Law Enforcement Committee's decision to pay the back rent through March 31, 2012 from the remaining funds available from the bond money. Seconded by Tom Bice. Motion Carried.

Ernest Vold made the motion to Recommend the Transfer of Ownership to the interested party for \$1.00. Mike Nelson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Borings have been done on County Road "T" to evaluate the road condition. There is a possibility of a sand mine being opened on this road.

Work is being done to develop an agreement between the County and Sand Mines to maintain the roads being traveled on by the heavy equipment and trucks.

Discussion of assessing 25 cents per ton of sand hauled to help maintain the road condition. There may also be the need for reconstruction if the road(s) are seriously damaged.

The next Audit Meeting will be held on April 10, 2012 at 9 am. The meeting will be held at the Highway Offices in Whitehall.

The Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Vold at 9:58 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Debra Haines
Recording Secretary
Trempealeau County Highway Department**

