

Date: May 11, 2010
Highway Committee Meeting
Location: Highway office
Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting called to order by Chairman Vold at 9:05 am.

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, Shop Superintendent during Equipment Discussion

Minutes of May 3, 2010 meeting were presented as drafted. Motion to accept by Mike Nelson. Seconded by John Aasen. Motion Carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Voucher # 273 thru #356 were audited in the amount of \$158,350.75. Motion to pay by John Aasen. Seconded by Rodney Severson. Motion Carried.

Approval of vouchers approved by audit committee – Vouchers #272 for \$80.00. Motion to pay by John Aasen and second by Mike Nelson. Motion Carried.

BUILDING and GROUNDS DISCUSSION

Nothing new to report.

HIGHWAY VIEWING and MAINTENANCE DISCUSSION

Employees currently shouldering Hwy 53 from Blair to Whitehall. The state also hired the Highway Department to do shouldering work on Hwy 93 from Centerville to Eleva. Survey digs are nearly complete.

EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION/VIEWING/PURCHASE

Commissioner Johnson informed the committee that the previous Highway Committee gave him the authorization to purchase a used chip spreader. Dave Lyga located a used chip spreader in excellent condition on an auction to be held May 12, 2010. Dave Lyga has worked out a plan with Aring Equipment for Aring to bid by proxy on the online auction site. The auction is being held in Henderson, Colorado this causes the need to bid online. The committee discussed the need for and cost of a new chip spreader. Mike Nelson made the motion to allow Aring Equipment acting as the Trempealeau County Highway Department proxy to bid the maximum of \$126,600.00 for the chip spreader.

Motion was seconded by John Aasen. Motion Carried.

Dave Lyga informed the committee that our single axle plow truck should be delivered by Mid-August to have equipment installed on it.

The Highway Department also has a quad axle truck on order for a state section.

PERSONNEL

No employees off work at this time.

Rodney Severson made the motion to hire a paver operator from the applications received within the last 60 days if no one signs up for the in house posting.

Motion seconded by Mike Nelson. Motion Carried.

APPEARANCES

Mark Bartow from the C.A.P. ATV Club made a presentation to the committee. Mr. Bartow explained the need to have access to County Roads E and O to connect their Club's trails.

Rodney Severson made the motion to allow the club a one year trail basis usage of portions of County Rd E and County Rd O for ATV trail use. The stipulation also being the riders not exceed 25 MPH while on the roads. John Aasen seconded the motion. Chairman Vold called for a vote; 3 Yes and 2 No. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The committee discussed the possibility of changing the meeting time due to work conflicts.

The next audit meeting will be held on Monday, June 14, 2010 at 9 am at the Highway Office in Whitehall.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am by Chairman Vold.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

