

# **Regular Meeting of the Vernon County Highway Committee**

**June 11, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Chairperson Nickelatti. Members present were Nickelatti, Cade, Brose, and Davig. Also present was Commissioner Hewitt.

Motion by Davig, seconded by Brose, to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2014 regular meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt presented bid results for gravel for the CTH P & D paving project. There was only one bid received. See attached. Motion by Brose, seconded by Cade, to accept the bid from Kraemer. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt presented bid results for asphalt milling (pulverizing) for the CTH P & D paving project. There was only one bid received. See attached. Motion by Cade, seconded by Brose, to accept the bid from Kraemer. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt informed the committee he had received three proposals for insulating the back room of the shop with foam insulation. The proposals range from \$20,050 to \$22,680. One of the companies suggested there may be a code requirement to use fire retardant which would increase the cost by about \$18,500. The committee discussed whether it was a good idea to put that much money into the building. Motion by Cade, seconded by Davig, to table the back room insulation until the next meeting so Commissioner Hewitt could verify the requirements. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt presented information on two used loaders at the May meeting. See attached table. After discussion at the May meetings, it was decided that there would need to be more research done before making a decision. Commissioner Hewitt and the mechanics looked at both loaders and decided the John Deere would best suit the County's needs at this time. Hewitt would also like to purchase forks and an additional warranty on the loader. Motion by Davig, seconded by Brose, to purchase the John Deere from Brooks Tractor with the forks and the additional warranty for a total cost of \$115,313. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt informed the committee he would like to purchase a trailer-type fuel tank. He would like to use it for hauling fuel to job sites and then park it at the Coon Valley shop during the winter months because there is no longer a fuel tank there. Hewitt will bring more information to the next meeting regarding size, cost and possible hazmat licensing that may be needed for haulers.

Commissioner Hewitt informed the committee that some repairs are needed to the fuel tank at the Viroqua shop. The parts would be around \$1,200. To have METCO do the repairs would be about \$5,160. There was also discussion about whether a new concrete pad will be needed in the future and how much longer the underground tank will last. The cost of a new, above ground tank would be at least \$50,000. With the possibility of relocating the shop in the future, there was discussion about where to put a new tank. It was decided this will need to be an ongoing discussion. Commissioner Hewitt will bring more information to the next meeting.

Commissioner Hewitt presented information from Verizon about plans and equipment he feels may be beneficial. He is looking into phones for on-call employees, push to talk capability phones, GPS locators for equipment and fleet maintenance equipment and plans. Hewitt said that radio band widths are going to be narrowed making it more difficult to communicate by radio. He asked the committee to set a budget to stay within for this type of equipment. Hewitt estimated needing from \$5,000 to \$10,000. There was discussion about possible grants that may be available. Hewitt said he would check into it. Motion by Brose, seconded by Davig, to approve \$7,500. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt informed the committee he would like to purchase a disc bine mower. He will get proposals for the next meeting.

Commissioner Hewitt updated the committee on the following: Sealcoating should begin at the end of this month; he is still looking for property for a De Soto Shop; he has not been able to locate a used tack truck.

Commissioner Hewitt presented the bills. Motion by Cade, seconded by Brose, to approve the bills. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion by Brose, seconded by Cade, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Sue Conaway – Vernon County Highway Department

**GRAVEL BIDS – 2014  
CTH P & D**

|                | <b>Price picked up<br/>(price per cubic yard)</b> | <b>Quarry</b>      | <b>Price delivered/tailgate spread<br/>(price per cubic yard)</b> |
|----------------|---|--------------------|---|
| <b>Gerke</b>   |   |                    |   |
| <b>Kraemer</b> | \$6.95  | Dell or Clockmaker | \$8.95  |
| <b>Yahara</b>  |   |                    |   |

**ASPHALT MILLING- 2014  
CTH P & D**

|                               | <b>Total Cost</b> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Kraemer Co.</b>            | \$3,885.00/mile   |
| <b>Mathy Construction Co.</b> |                   |

**USED LOADERS – May 2014**

| <b>Dealer</b>          | <b>Model</b>         | <b>Trade price for<br/>grader</b> | <b>Price with trade</b> |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Brooks Tractor</b>  | 2013 John Deere 544K | \$30,000                          | \$110,950               |
|                        | 167 HP, 200 hours    |                                   |                         |
|                        | 28,600 lbs           |                                   |                         |
| <b>Titan Machinery</b> | 2013 Case 721        | \$27,120                          | \$132,875               |
|                        | 179 HP, 260 hours    |                                   |                         |
|                        | 32,000 lbs           |                                   |                         |