

Regular Meeting of the Vernon County Highway Committee

July 10, 2014

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

Motion by Davig, seconded by Brose, to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2014 regular meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt updated the committee on the Town of Wheatland TRI-D project on Will Kumlin Road.

Commissioner Hewitt informed the committee that Crawford County has a used paver available for around \$15,000-\$20,000. He will bring more information to the next meeting.

Commissioner Hewitt informed the committee he would like to purchase a new disc mower. A five disc mower is around \$8300 and a six disk mower about \$9200. He would like to purchase a New Holland because it doesn't have a continuous oil reservoir. Motion by Cade, seconded by Sullivan, to purchase a six disc mower. Motion carried. Commissioner Hewitt stated he will get quotes for the next meeting.

Commissioner Hewitt updated the committee on insulating the back room of the shop. He found out that it is a requirement to spray fire retardant which adds additional cost to the project. We can spray the fire retardant ourselves with the materials costing around \$6200. He would like to hold off on the project until E3 Coalition can find out if there is grant money available.

Commissioner Hewitt updated the committee on the fueling station. He checked on the cost of using cards at Kwik Trip. The price per gallon is about \$.20 more at the pump than buying in bulk. The cost to fix the existing fuel pump ranges from around \$5,100 to \$12,000. The cost of a new above ground tank could cost \$80,000. After discussion about the options, motion by Cade, seconded by Davig, to start with the least expensive fix to the existing pump (\$5160). Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt updated the committee on purchasing a trailer-type fuel tank. The cost ranges from around \$5,000 to \$6,500 depending on the size and features. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Brose, to get quotes for the next meeting. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt updated the committee on the following: He has been testing equipment from Verizon, and will likely be ordering push-to-talk phones and GPS units for equipment and vehicles; he attended a Town of Christiana meeting where they voted to allow ATV's on town roads – he does not agree with this.

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

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

Minutes submitted by Sue Conaway – Vernon County Highway Department