

Regular Meeting of the Vernon County Highway Committee

November 12, 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 were Commissioner Hewitt and Lonnie Muller.

Motion by Davig, seconded by Brose, to accept the minutes of the October 10, 2014 regular meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Representatives from Westbrook, MSA, Jewell, S.E.H., Ayres, and IIW P.C. presented their qualifications for designing local bridge replacement projects.

Commissioner Hewitt presented the 2015 Routine Maintenance Agreement from the D.O.T. for approval. Motion by Brose, seconded by Davig, to approve the agreement. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt presented the Annual Election to Use Composite Rates for Winter Maintenance Equipment from the D.O.T. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Cade, to use composite rates. Motion carried.

Commissioner informed the committee he has found a used ¾ ton pick-up truck at Sleepy Hollow he would like to purchase for \$12,400. Motion by Brose, seconded by Sullivan, to purchase the pick-up. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt updated the committee on the purchase of property for a De Soto shop. He offered to purchase the entire property, but that was not successful. After some discussion, the committee agreed that the purchase of property for a shop near De Soto would be put on hold for now.

Commissioner Hewitt updated the committee about a mowing tractor and boom mower that are in need of major repairs. He has been looking into costs to replace and different options for buying or leasing.

Commissioner Hewitt informed the committee he would like to convert an old utility truck by adding a wet kit and dump box. He has estimated the cost to be around \$15,000.

Commissioner Hewitt informed the committee that he will be using night shift patrolworkers for state winter maintenance again this year. He will need to add more on call drivers because one was hired full time last year and another is no longer interested.

Commissioner Hewitt informed the committee he would like to hire another mechanic to work a night shift. He would like to hire someone with a CDL. Motion by Davig, seconded by Sullivan, to start the process of adding this new position. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Hewitt updated the committee on the following: The back room insulation has been completed; he is still looking into GPS systems; he has listed seven items on the Wisconsin Surplus auction site; he will be bidding on a used excavator on the Wisconsin Surplus site.

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

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

Minutes submitted by Sue Conaway – Vernon County Highway Department