

Regular Meeting of the Vernon County Highway Committee

March 10, 2016

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

Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Davig, to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2016 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Aaron Palmer of Westbrook Associated Engineers, Inc. was present to discuss the firm's interest in designing local bridge replacement projects.

Commissioner Hewitt presented bids for seal coat emulsion and chips. See attached. Motion by Davig, seconded by Brose, to accept the bid from Meigs for emulsion. Motion carried. There was discussion about the chip bids. Opelt bid a larger chip than was requested. Larger chips require using more oil during application, raising the cost per mile. Motion by Leis, seconded by Davig, to accept the chip bid from Fahrner. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt presented the 2016 Pavement Marking Agreement from the D.O.T. The amount of the contract is approximately \$300,000 which is an increase from the 2015. Motion by Davig, seconded by Sullivan, to approve the agreement. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt presented quotes for a used loader: a Case 621 for \$49,600; a 544 JD for \$79,000; and a 524 JD Loader for \$99,999. He would recommend the 524 JD because of the lower hours (1000) and 2 years left on the warranty. Motion by Brose, seconded by Leis, to purchase the 524 JD if it is still available, or a similar loader if it is not. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt informed the committee he would like to purchase snow removal attachments for a skid steer to clean sidewalk and lots at all county buildings. There was discussion about the best options for the Highway Department and other buildings in the county. Hewitt will have more information and prices at the next meeting.

Commissioner Hewitt presented quotes for a disc bine mower ranging from \$7,675 to \$9,380. He would prefer the Kuhn mower for \$7,675 from St. Joseph's Equipment. Motion by Leis, seconded by Davig, to purchase the Kuhn mower for \$7,675. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt discussed purchasing a compactor. He has not found one yet, but would like permission to purchase if they locate a unit in the \$40,000-50,000 price range. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Davig, to purchase a compactor up to \$50,000. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt would like to put a Work Zone Safety resolution in the paper in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department. Motion by Davig, seconded by Sullivan, to put something in the paper for Work Zone Safety Awareness. Motion carried.

Motion by Leis, seconded by Brose, to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85 (1)(c), to do the performance evaluation of the Highway Commissioner. Roll call vote. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Leis, seconded by Brose, to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote. All aye, motion carried.

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

The commissioner updated the committee on the following: the bridge shack was torn down this week after it was discovered it was not worth updating; the shop crane needs to be brought into compliance at a cost of \$10,000-\$15,000; the Financial Planning Committee has requested each department consider priority-based budgeting.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.

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

Minutes submitted by
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2016 Seal Coat Bids

Seal Coat Emulsion price per gallon

	CRS-2	CRS-2P
Flint Hills	No bid	No bid
Meigs	\$1.6804	\$2.0804

Seal Coat Chips 5/16" Quarry Granite Rock price per ton

	Price delivered	Price picked up
Fahrner	\$26.21	\$13.00
Kraemer	\$36.75	\$16.75
Opelt	\$26.00 *bid is for 7/16"	\$12.00 *bid is for 7/16"
Scott	\$27.00	No bid