

**Regular Meeting of the Vernon County Highway Committee/
Joint Meeting with Buildings & Facilities Committee**

August 11, 2016

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

Motion by Erlandson, seconded by Leis, to accept the minutes of the July 12, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt informed the committee he received an estimate of \$200,000 to refurbish the paint truck. Hewitt will get more definite figures from the EZ Liner representative for refurbishing or replacing the truck for the next meeting.

Commissioner Hewitt informed the committee that the D.O.T. approached him and said they have funding for a salt shed near De Soto. He said there is some land he is interested in that would be between \$4000 and \$5000 per acre. The committee agreed there needs to be more information about how much money the D.O.T. would contribute before purchasing the land.

Commissioner Hewitt provided the committee with information on a fuel island for all county departments. The committee agreed he should do more research on the costs involved.

Commissioner Hewitt informed the committee of an employee retirement from the Hillsboro shop. He has started the advertising process for the position. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Leis, to fill the vacant position at the Hillsboro shop. Motion carried. Hewitt updated the committee on the other vacancy saying that he has been unable to reach the candidate discussed at the last meeting.

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

Commissioner Hewitt informed the committee he has received complaints about him using his County vehicle for personal use. He explained a time he was accused of using the vehicle for personal use. He asked the committee if they would like him to turn in his keys and said he would also turn in his cell phone. The committee did not want him to turn in his keys.

The commissioner updated the committee on the following: sealcoating should be done next week; Mathy plans to start paving in early September.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.

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

Minutes submitted by
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