

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

**September 8, 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 Leis, seconded by Erlandson, to accept the minutes of the August 11, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hewitt presented the 2017 Highway Budget for approval. The budget includes a 2½ percent decrease as requested by the Finance Committee. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Leis, to approve the budget.

Commissioner Hewitt discussed purchasing or leasing a new roller. He will present cost figures at a future meeting.

Commissioner Hewitt informed the committee he received an estimate of \$200,000 to refurbish the paint truck from EZ Liner last month. A representative from another company, MB Company, will be providing a quote also.

Commissioner Hewitt updated the committee on the purchase of land near De Soto for a salt shed. He made a verbal agreement with the landowner for \$4000/acre for 4½ to 5 acres. He also agreed the current land owner could use the new well. Motion by Erlandson, seconded by Skemp, to purchase the land. Motion carried. A resolution for the land purchase will be prepared for full County Board approval at the meeting on September 20, 2016.

Commissioner Hewitt informed the committee that there will be a vacancy in January for a patrol superintendent. He would like to start the replacement process now. He will post internally and hold interviews and tests for interested internal candidates. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Erlandson, to start the replacement process. Motion carried.

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

The commissioner updated the committee on the following: one of the pickups was hit and damaged by a patrol truck and he will be replacing the old box with a service body; he met with Carter from MSA about building options and will be meeting next week with farm planning committee to discuss; Vernon County will host a transportation town hall meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> in the County Board room as part of the state wide "Turnout for Transportation" meetings being held in each county.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.

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

Minutes submitted by  
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