



# Vernon County Highway Department

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## Highway Committee Minutes Thursday, January 11, 2018

**Members Present:** JoAnn Nickelatti, Glenda Sullivan, Michael Leis and Sherman Erlandson

**Absent:** Dave Williams

**Others in attendance:** Commissioner Phil Hewitt, Lonnie Muller, Gail Muller, Angie Cina,  
Alicia Leinberger

**1. Call to order, JoAnn Nickelatti, Chair, presiding**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairperson Nickelatti.

**2. Affirmation of proper public notice of meeting**

The meeting was properly noticed.

**3. Review and approve minutes of the December 14, 2017 meeting**

Motion by Erlandson, seconded by Leis, to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

**4. Audience to visitors - None**

**5. Discussion and possible action on purchase of a new sander**

Hewitt informed the committee he tried a tailgate sander on a new county patrol truck and it is not working. He would like to order a new hopper sander for approximately \$14,000 and put the tailgate sander on a state patrol truck. Motion by Erlandson, seconded by Sullivan, to purchase a new sander. Motion carried.

**6. Discussion and possible action on ATV/UTV Ordinance**

Hewitt asked the committee if they would like him to put the proposed ATV/UTV ordinance on the February County Board agenda. The ordinance has been through the highway committee, the highway safety committee and the legal affairs committee. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Leis, to take the ordinance to the February County Board meeting. Motion carried.

**7. Discussion and possible action on changing supervisor positions to exempt status**

Hewitt and the committee discussed changing the status of the two patrol supervisors to salaried exempt status. Motion by Erlandson, seconded by Sullivan, to change the two patrol supervisors to salaried exempt status. Motion carried.



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- 8. Highway Commissioner Performance Evaluation: The Chair may entertain a motion to enter into a closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(c): “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.” (Roll call vote if motion is not unanimous)**
  - a. Enter into closed session if a motion is made and passed.** Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Leis, to enter into closed session. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
  - b. Reconvene in open session pursuant to Wis. Statutes Section 19.85(2). (Roll call vote if motion is not unanimous)** Motion by Leis, seconded by Sullivan, to reconvene into open session. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
  
- 9. May act on items discussed in closed session – No action taken**
  
- 10. Review and approve vouchers for payment**

Motion by Leis, seconded by Sullivan, to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.
  
- 11. Commissioner’s Report – Phil Hewitt – Non-action item**

Hewitt updated the committee on the following: He is still working with FEMA on the CTH JJ bridge repair/replacement; he will be attending the WCHA winter highway conference in the Dells next week; the brine truck will be setup soon; he is working with Fowler & Hammer and Barrientos on the plans for a new highway shop and hopes to have something ready for the County Board to vote on by March or April.
  
- 12. Set next meeting date**

Next regular meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
  
- 13. Adjourn**

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