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## Highway Committee Minutes Tuesday, September 11, 2018

**Members Present:** JoAnn Nickelatti, Glenda Sullivan, Michael Leis, Dave Williams,  
Lorn Goede

**Others in attendance:** Commissioner Phil Hewitt, Dennis Brault, Roger Call, Ole Yttri,  
Gail Muller, Lonnie Muller,

- 1. Call to order, JoAnn Nickelatti, Chair, presiding**  
The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Nickelatti.
- 2. Affirmation of proper public notice of meeting**  
The meeting was properly noticed.
- 3. Review and approve minutes of the August 9, 2018 meeting**  
Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Williams, to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.
- 4. Audience to visitors – None**
- 5. Discussion and possible action on ATV requests**  
Hewitt presented an ATV/UTV route request from the Town of Stark to designate the County Roads within the Town of Stark as ATV/UTV routes. Motion by Leis, seconded by Williams, to approve the request. Motion carried.
- 6. Discussion and possible action on payment for damages due to road hazards**  
Hewitt informed the committee that he authorized a payment to an individual for damage to his vehicle caused by dip in the road on CTH Y that was under construction. He said the policy has been not to pay for these types of claims. He said there was more damage than originally quoted and asked the committee if he should pay the additional cost. After discussion, it was the committee's consensus that the additional cost should not be paid. Brault suggested getting an opinion from Corporation Counsel about our liability in these matters.
- 7. Discussion and possible action on CTH JJ Bridge**  
Hewitt informed the Committee that a decision about whether to repair or replace the CTH JJ bridge. FEMA is offering to pay for the repair at 87.5%. Hewitt feels the repair will cost more than the estimate of \$120,000 to \$150,000. He estimates the cost to replace the bridge at approximately \$600,000. After discussion about the options, motion by Goede, seconded by Williams, to repair the bridge. All aye, motion carried.



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## **8. Discussion and possible action on Bridge Program funding**

Hewitt informed the committee he received four State Municipal Agreements (SMA's) for approval from the State. He stated the agreements include a maximum funding amount and the County would need to make up any overages unless approved by the State. The committee instructed Hewitt to sign the SMA's.

## **9. Review and approve vouchers for payment**

Motion by Leis, seconded by Williams, to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

## **10. Commissioner's Report – Phil Hewitt – Non-action items**

Hewitt updated the committee on the following: The finance committee lowered his budget by \$35,000; He updated the committee on the progress of flood repairs on State and County roads; he discussed the possibility of a short-term Wheel Tax option for additional funds.

## **11. Set next meeting date**

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

## **12. Adjourn**

Motion Goede, seconded by Williams, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Sue Conaway – Vernon County Highway Department