



Vernon County Highway Department

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Highway Committee Minutes Thursday, January 14, 2021

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

Others in attendance: Commissioner Phil Hewitt, Administrator Cari Reddington, Lonnie Muller, Roger Call, Ole Yttri

1. Call to order

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

2. Affirmation of proper public notice of meeting

The meeting was properly noticed.

3. Review and approve minutes of the December 10, 2020 meeting

Motion by Leis, seconded by Sullivan, to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Audience to visitors – none.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Possible Uses of Donated Funds From Buggy Use

Someone from the Amish community brought Hewitt a check for \$19,230 as a donation. Hewitt will work with the Town of Clinton to see if they'd like to consider doing construction on Irish Ridge Road and donate the money to the township or Hewitt could designate the funds for a county project in the area, possibly a shoulder project on the ridge near the community. Hewitt will talk to the Town of Clinton, no action.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Fort McCoy Painting Contract

Fort McCoy is working on a contract for painting 250 miles of centerline throughout their base.

7. Review/Approve bills for payment

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Goede to pay the bills. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Commissioner's Report – Phil Hewitt – Non-action items

- Stark driveway is completed and came in about \$30,000 under estimate
- Possible land sales – the old salt shed brings in \$1,600/year in rent so should be the first to sell, with the Desoto Hill property being the second to consider. The process would involve having it appraised, finding fair market value, segmenting it and giving the adjacent landowners first right of refusal
- Truck wash rate: Hewitt called the DOT and towns, haven't heard anything back
- Trainings: All trainings through spring have been cancelled
- FF Bridge is done except for erosion control & seeding
- DOT attenuator: will go together with neighboring counties to save on delivery fees
- Navistar rebate: dealers don't know anything about the "rebate". The new truck is in at Universal. We'll see it sometime between June and August
- WI Surplus auction: misc. shop items are live now, we'll do a big one next with vehicles



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9. Set next meeting date

- February 11, 2021

10. Dept Head Review

- The Chair may entertain a motion to enter into closed session:
19.85(1)(c) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Motion made by Sullivan, seconded by Goede to enter into closed session at 10:05. Motion carried.
- Reconvene in open session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(2). (Roll call vote if not unanimous.) Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Goede to re-enter open session at 11:25. Motion carried.
- May act on item discussed in closed session. No action taken.

11. Adjourn

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