



# Vernon County Highway Department

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## Highway Committee Minutes Thursday, February 11, 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, Darrel Clark

**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 January 14, 2021 meeting**

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

**4. Audience to visitors – none.**

**5. Discussion and Possible Action on Possible Action on Culvert Bids**

Price table attached. We've had some issues from both companies in the past, both have made things right. Metal Culverts is substantially less based off of last years' usage. Motion made by Leis, seconded by Sullivan to accept Metal Culverts' bid for 2021 culvert prices.

**6. Discussion and Possible Action on Fort McCoy Painting Contract**

There is still question of a "Quality of Work" issue/contract. Motion made by Williams, seconded by Goede to approve contract with Fort McCoy for painting. All in favor. Motion carried.

**7. Discussion and Possible Action on Sale of Highway Properties**

Vacant land by Desoto Hill site on highway 82 and old radio station salt shed site. Hewitt will ask Finance where the funds would go from sales and see about a resolution and how to move forward with the selling process. Motion by Goede, seconded by Leis to begin the process of selling properties that are no longer of use to the Highway Department. All in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Review/Approve bills for payment**

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

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

- Leadership Training - \$1,600 for 60 hours of online training available. Useful for engineers that need continuing education credits. Not sure if beneficial for Hewitt.
- Sherriff's Department towers are complete. To use the same system we'd need to upgrade for approximately \$25,000. Will put on next month's agenda.
- Auction – we did well on items sold.



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- Town of Clinton – There has been discussion with the Town and they will consider re-doing Irish Ridge Road.
- Condensation issue in the out-shop; they think they have it figured out
- Attenuator- The neighboring counties have decided to go with a Scorpion Trailer for \$25-30,000. Sauk County will be taking care of the bidding process next month.
- Pulled the trigger on a floor scrubber for the shop
- Hewitt is trying to figure out when we can draw from the \$5 million loan that was approved. New treasurer and clerk don't seem to know the answer.
- Hewitt has about 11 miles of road planned to pave and about \$300,000 of chip sealing for 2021. Will need to rent a roller (long-term lease).
- Should we come up with a permitting process for road bans this spring? Not right now.
- Hewitt has had interest from the public in running through the truck wash. Would need to enter into a lease agreement, signing a contract and only large trucks that can't fit through Kwik Trip's wash would be permitted. None of the committee members were a fan of this because of all of the issues it could create for the Highway Department.
- The second Thursday is a busy meeting day for the County; looking into rescheduling meeting dates and/or times to avoid conflicts with other committees.

## **10. Set next meeting date**

- March 11, 2021

## **11. Adjourn**

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



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## Culvert Bid Table - February 2021

| Culvert Size                                  | Gauge of Pipe | 2020 bid award | County usage last year | Contech Engineered Solutions |                   | Metal Culverts Inc. |                   |
|---|---------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Riveted Metal Culvert</b>                  |               |                |                        |                              |                   |                     |                   |
| 12"   | 16            | 8.77           | 660                    | 12.50                        | 8,250.00          | 10.68               | 7,048.80          |
| 15"   | 16            | 11.03          | 1636                   | 16.25                        | 26,585.00         | 13.44               | 21,987.84         |
| 18"   | 16            | 13.10          | 2148                   | 18.75                        | 40,275.00         | 15.96               | 34,282.08         |
| 21"   | 16            | 15.17          | 120                    | 22.50                        | 2,700.00          | 18.48               | 2,217.60          |
| 24"   | 16            | 17.53          | 1320                   | 23.75                        | 31,350.00         | 21.36               | 28,195.20         |
| 30"   | 14            | 26.81          | 120                    | 37.50                        | 4,500.00          | 32.73               | 3,927.60          |
| 36"   | 14            | 31.98          | 260                    | 45.00                        | 11,700.00         | 39.03               | 10,147.80         |
| 42"   | 12            | 52.01          | 0                      | 75.00                        | -                 | 63.60               | -                 |
| 48"   | 12            | 59.25          | 0                      | 85.00                        | -                 | 72.45               | -                 |
| 60"   | 10            | 94.04          | 0                      | 137.50                       | -                 | 115.74              | -                 |
| 72"   | 10            | 112.31         | 0                      | 165.00                       | -                 | 138.18              | -                 |
| 96"   | 8             | 184.51         | 0                      | 285.00                       | -                 | 227.01              | -                 |
| <b>Helically Corrugated Metal Culvert</b>     |               |                |                        |                              |                   |                     |                   |
| 12"   |               | 8.77           | 0                      | 11.00                        | -                 | 10.68               | -                 |
| 15"   |               | 11.03          | 20                     | 14.30                        | 286.00            | 13.44               | 268.80            |
| 18"   |               | 13.10          | 20                     | 16.50                        | 330.00            | 15.96               | 319.20            |
| 21"   |               | 15.17          | 0                      | 19.80                        | -                 | 18.48               | -                 |
| 24"   |               | 17.53          | 0                      | 21.90                        | -                 | 21.36               | -                 |
| 30"   |               | 26.81          | 0                      | 33.00                        | -                 | 32.73               | -                 |
| 36"   |               | 31.98          | 0                      | 39.60                        | -                 | 39.03               | -                 |
| <b>Bands</b>                                  |               |                |                        |                              |                   |                     |                   |
| 12" band - 1'                                 |               | 13.16          | 26                     | 16.00                        | 416.00            | 16.02               | 416.52            |
| 15" band - 1'                                 |               | 16.55          | 59                     | 20.00                        | 1,180.00          | 20.16               | 1,189.44          |
| 18" band - 1'                                 |               | 19.65          | 80                     | 23.00                        | 1,840.00          | 23.94               | 1,915.20          |
| 30" band - 1'                                 |               | 40.22          | 5                      | 45.00                        | 225.00            | 49.10               | 245.50            |
| 15" band - 2'                                 |               | 22.06          | 0                      | 32.00                        | -                 | 26.88               | -                 |
| 18" band - 2'                                 |               | 26.20          | 0                      | 37.00                        | -                 | 31.92               | -                 |
| 21" band - 2'                                 |               | 30.34          | 0                      | 45.00                        | -                 | 36.96               | -                 |
| 24" band - 2'                                 |               | 35.06          | 0                      | 46.00                        | -                 | 42.72               | -                 |
| 30" band - 2'                                 |               | 53.62          | 0                      | 75.00                        | -                 | 65.46               | -                 |
| 36" band - 2'                                 |               | 63.96          | 0                      | 90.00                        | -                 | 78.06               | -                 |
| <b>Aprons</b>                                 |               |                |                        |                              |                   |                     |                   |
| 12" apron                                     |               | 41.90          | 5                      | 48.00                        | 240.00            | 50.15               | 250.75            |
| 15" apron                                     |               | 53.25          | 21                     | 67.00                        | 1,407.00          | 63.75               | 1,338.75          |
| 18" apron                                     |               | 68.95          | 11                     | 86.00                        | 946.00            | 82.60               | 908.60            |
| 21" apron                                     |               | 83.00          | 0                      | 102.00                       | -                 | 99.40               | -                 |
| 24" apron                                     |               | 102.90         | 40                     | 129.00                       | 5,160.00          | 123.20              | 4,928.00          |
| 30" apron                                     |               | 176.25         | 3                      | 222.00                       | 666.00            | 211.00              | 633.00            |
| 36" apron                                     |               | 283.65         | 0                      |                              | -                 | 339.60              | -                 |
| <b>*total cost based on last year's usage</b> |               |                |                        |                              | <b>138,056.00</b> |                     | <b>120,220.68</b> |