

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Randy Jobgen
DATE/TIME: April 27, 2015 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Berlage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dittmar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heuerman
<input type="checkbox"/> Hughes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jobgen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petersburg
<input type="checkbox"/> Smith		

Others: Steve Keeffer

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2015 meeting, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried

2. Citizens' Comments

None

3. Highway Department

a. Old Business

1. Project Schedule Update

The list of ongoing projects was reviewed and discussed.

2. Committee Goals and Objectives

The committee goals and objectives were reviewed.

3. County Board Retreat Items

The committee reviewed the county board retreat items.

b. New Business

1. Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for the Willow Road Cold in Place Recycling Project

Steve Keeffer presented the committee with a federal funding agreement for the cold in place recycling project on Willow Road. This project is being funded by federal funds and will grind the existing asphalt surface of the road, add more asphalt to the ground up pavement and relay and compact the recycled paving material. The agreement will allow for 80% of the project to be funded with federal funds (Surface Transportation Rural) and the remaining costs to be paid with county federal aid matching funds. The project is estimated to cost \$600,000 - \$480,000 federal funds and \$120,000 local funds. Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the agreement, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Resolution to Appropriate the Local Share of the Willow Cold in Place Recycling Project

The committee reviewed a resolution appropriating \$120,000 from the Federal Aid Matching Fund to pay the local share of the Willow Road Recycling Project. Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the resolution, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Altered Work Hours for Maintenance Crew

Steve Keeffer asked the committee if they would be willing to consider having the maintenance crew work 4 – 10 hour days over the summer season. The committee thought this was something that should be discussed during union negotiations.

4. Part Time Maintenance Worker Position

Steve Keeffer asked the committee if they were interested in adding an additional part time maintenance worker position. They did not want to pursue that option at this time, and possibly revisit it in the fall.

5. Nora Township Request for County aid for a Culvert Project

The committee considered a petition from Nora Township for county aid for a culvert project on Mammoser Road. The project will replace an across the road culvert at an estimated cost of \$4,000. Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the request, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

6. Up Coming Bids

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that there is an upcoming bid for a pickup truck. The committee asked Steve Keeffer to schedule a brief Public Works Committee meeting to be held before the County Board meeting to review the bids.

4. Board Member Concerns

There was some discussion about the vacant part time carpenter position. Steve Keeffer will investigate the process necessary to update the position with the current classification plan. There was also a brief discussion about a flyer sent in the mail regarding the recent fund sweeps of the MFT fund and Road Fund by the State of Illinois.

5. Citizens Comments

None

The meeting concluded at 8:12 P.M.