

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Randy Jobgen
DATE/TIME: April 28, 2014 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

Others: Steve Keeffer, Dan Reimer, Erin Murphy, Brad Petersburg, and Beth Baranski

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2014 meeting, Rick Dittmar seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Citizens' Comments

None

3. Highway Department

a. New Business

1. Resolution in support of extending the Great River Trail to Galena

Brad Petersburg addressed the committee about a resolution that has been drafted in support of extending the Great River Trail to Galena. The trail currently terminates in Savanna. The concept is to run the trail through the former Army Depot and then along River Road to Aiken, where the existing Galena bike trail will terminate. There was considerable discussion about the various concepts. Mr. Petersburg provided several letters of support for the initiative from several area businesses and groups. It was pointed out that this was a goal specifically mentioned in the Greenways and Trails plan that was adopted by the County Board several years ago. Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the resolution, Bob Heuerman seconded. Merri Berlage made a motion to amend the original motion to make a change to the resolution language so it is verbatim with the language of the Greenways and

Trails plan, Dan Hughes seconded, and the motion carried. Then the original motion was voted on, the motion carried with Merri Berlage voting no.

2. Discussion on River Road

Related to the Great River Trail discussion was an additional committee discussion regarding a closed section of River Road. River Road is a Rice Township road and there is a portion of the road that is currently closed and has been for about 20 years. The portion of road was closed due to a reoccurring land slide. The township is unable to generate the funds needed to repair the problematic section of the road and is considering vacating it. Once vacated, the road will revert to the owners of the underlying fee and potentially be unavailable for use as a trail. The trail coalition is hoping there is a way to avoid vacating the road. No action was taken.

b. 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.

c. More New Business

1. MFT Maintenance Bid - Township

The annual MFT Maintenance Material Bid for the townships were reviewed. This bid letting is held every year for road maintenance materials to be purchased with MFT and local funds for both the Townships and the County. Many different materials are bid from many different vendors. All the information is compiled into bid tabulations where the low bids are highlighted. Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the Township bids as indicated, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.



2. MFT Maintenance Bid – Township – Bituminous Material

The annual Township MFT Maintenance Material Bid for bituminous material (prime oil and seal coat oil) was done as a separate proposal starting this year. Flint Hills from Dubuque was the only bidder for bituminous material. Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the Flint Hills bids as indicated on the bid tabs, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

3. MFT Maintenance Bid - County

The annual MFT Maintenance Material bids for the county were also reviewed. All the information is compiled into bid tabulations where the low bids are highlighted. Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the County bids as indicated, Rick Dittmar seconded, and the motion carried.

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5. Federal Agreement for Culvert Replacement Project on Longhollow Road

The committee revisited this issue. An agreement has already been approved, but needs to be changed because the county was fortunate enough to receive discretionary Major Bridge Funds for this project. Steve Keeffer presented the committee with a federal funding agreement for the culvert project on Longhollow and Brodrecht Roads in Elizabeth and Guilford Townships. This project is being funded by federal funds to replace two structures. Longhollow Road is currently closed. The agreement will allow for 80% of the project to be funded with federal funds (Major Bridge) and the remaining costs to be paid with county and township funds. Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the agreement, Rick Dittmar seconded, and the motion carried.



6. 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 Greenvale Road. The project was an emergency culvert replacement and has already been completed at a cost of \$3,000. There was discussion about funding projects that have already been completed. The general consensus was that since the existing culvert had failed, this course of action has merit. Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the request, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

7. Elizabeth Township Request for County aid for a Bridge Repair Project

The committee considered a petition from Elizabeth Township for county aid for a bridge repair project on Pleasant Hill Road. The project will repair four deteriorated piling. The project is estimated to cost \$25,000 with the county and township each paying half. Dan Hughes made a motion to approve the request, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

4. Closed Session

At 8:31 P.M. the committee entered closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) *“The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.”*

Topic of Discussion: Purchase of an additional building at the Hanover Highway Facility

At 9:06 P.M. to committee exited closed session.

5. Board Member Concerns

None

6. Citizens Comments

None

The meeting concluded at 9:25 P.M.