

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Public Works  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Randy Jobgen  
**DATE/TIME:** August 29, 2016 7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:**

Berlage  
 Hughes  
 Smith

Dittmar  
 Jobgen

Heuerman  
 Petersburg

Others: Steve Keeffer, Dan Reimer, Scott Toot

### MINUTES

#### 1. Minutes

Merri Berlage made a motion to approve minutes from the July 26, 2016 meeting, Rick Dittmar seconded, and the motion carried.

#### 2. Citizens' Comments

None

#### 3. Highway Department

##### a. Old Business

##### 1. Project Schedule Update

Steve Keeffer prepared a map of the county with all active projects delineated. The committee discussed many of the projects and their progress/status.

##### 2. Committee Goals and Objectives

The committee goals and objectives were reviewed.

##### 3. County Board Retreat Items

The committee reviewed the items from the June 2015 county board retreat.

#### **4. Security System for Hanover**

The committee reviewed some information submitted by a security vendor who proposed locking all doors to the facility and having visitors allowed in via an electronic door lock after speaking to a receptionist on a video system. The committee consensus was that this type of system may not work well. The committee instructed Steve Keeffer to speak to the vendor and get pricing/options for a panic button system and a video surveillance/taping system to monitor office visitors.

#### **5. Discussion on the Staff Engineer Search**

The committee continued to discuss the challenges of finding applicants for the Staff Engineer position. Steve Keeffer is scheduled to attend the University of Wisconsin Platteville job fair in the fall. Steve Keeffer conveyed information he had gathered on another county's attempt to use an employment service.

#### **6. County Highway Winter Operations Discussion**

The committee considered the next steps regarding the ongoing discussion about winter plowing operations. Bob Heuerman made a motion to invite the Fire Chiefs, Township Highway Commissioners and the State's Attorney to the September 26<sup>th</sup> Public Works Committee meeting to discuss winter plowing operations, Rick Dittmar seconded, the motion passed with Brad Petersburg voting nay.

### **b. New Business**

#### **1. Rush Township Rush Town Road Engineering Agreement**

The committee reviewed an engineering agreement for the replacement of a closed bridge on Rush Town Road in Rush Township north of Stockton. After some discussion, Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the agreement with Willett Hofmann and Associates at a cost not to exceed \$64,835.24, Bob Heuerman seconded, the motion passed with Randy Jobgen voting nay.

#### **4. Citizens Comments**

None

## **5. Board Member Concerns**

A question was asked regarding any issues with pests/rodents at the Hanover facility. Steve Keeffer stated that he was not aware of any issues lately and that the removal of the grain from the fifth building seems to have solved the problem.

The meeting concluded at 8:44 P.M.