

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Randy Jobgen
DATE/TIME: February 22, 2016 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

<input 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"/> Petersburg
<input type="checkbox"/> Smith		

Others: Steve Keeffer, Eric Helm, Francis Wachter, and Ron Distler

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve minutes from the January 25, 2016 meeting, Bob Heuerman 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. Steve Keeffer updated the committee regarding the Galena building project and the Hanover office update project.

3. County Board Retreat Items

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

4. Security System for Hanover

The committee inspected a recently acquired smoke detector that links to wifi and will call a cell phone if the alarm is activated. Steve Keeffer will also contact other alarm vendors to gather additional information on a panic alarm system.

b. New Business

1. Elizabeth Scales Mound Road Rock Quarry Discussion

The committee was addressed by Francis Wachter, Guilford Township Supervisor, regarding concerns with a rock quarry adjacent to Elizabeth Scales Mound Road, just north of the intersection of Mill Creek Road and Elizabeth Scales Mound Road. The concern is for the possibility that an errant vehicle traveling on Elizabeth Scales Mound Road could enter the quarry and fall off the quarry face wall. The suggested remedy would be to install a guardrail along Elizabeth Scales Mound Road at the quarry. Steve Keeffer explained that the situation does not meet the warrants for guardrail installation, per the IDOT Bureau of Local Road Manual, because the hazard (quarry wall) is 70' from the edge of the pavement. Ron Distler, who once owned the property the quarry is located on, and Eric Helm from Conmat, the quarry operators, were also in attendance to answer questions and discuss the situation. Dan Hughes made a motion to have Steve Keeffer contact the State's Attorney to get his advice on the best way to address the issue, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

2. 2015 Pollution Insurance Policy

The annual renewal of pollution insurance was discussed. This insurance is needed because of various highway department activities including the application of herbicides, chip sealing, and vehicle fueling. The price of the insurance has a moderate increase from last year. There was also some discussion regarding the need for the terrorism rider. The committee was not interested in the terrorism add on. Bob Heuerman made a motion to approve the insurance policy, Rick Dittmar seconded, and the motion carried.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns

Randy Jobgen informed the committee that the Finance Committee has been discussing the tracking of county assets such as tools and equipment.

The meeting concluded at 8:22 P.M.