

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Randy Jobgen
DATE/TIME: February 23, 2015 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"/> Petersburg
<input type="checkbox"/> Smith		

Others: Steve Keeffer, Dan Reimer

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2015, meeting, Dan Hughes 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. Equipment Purchased for 2015

Steve Keeffer sought guidance from the committee on equipment purchases for 2015. The current budget was crafted to allow for the purchase of a used motor grader in lieu of a new plow truck. Steve Keeffer informed the committee that the plow truck fleet has been very unreliable as of late – especially the newer trucks. Most of the issues seem to be related to emission controls. At least one truck has been at the dealer for warranty work for the entire winter season. Steve Keeffer is concerned that keeping trucks longer than the current 10 years is not a good idea. After further discussion, Bob Heuerman made a motion to purchase a new plow truck this year instead of a motor grader, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

4. Noxious Weeds

a. Old Business

1. Appointment of a Weed Commissioner

The committee continued the discussion on the weed commissioner position. Randy Jobgen has met with Linda Delvaux to discuss the possibility of the weed commissioner duties being assumed by the Code Enforcement Officer in the Building and Zoning Department. The committee discussed having Carlson and Dettman review a revised job description with the weed commissioner duties added to see if a wage adjustment would be warranted. After further discussion, Rick Dittmar made a motion to incorporate the duties of the Jo Daviess County Weed Superintendant position into the Jo Daviess County Code Enforcement Officer position and to pay the \$250 fee for a position reclassification study of the County Code Enforcement Officer position to be conducted by Carlson and Dettman from the Weed Commissioner line item in the Miscellaneous Budget of the General Fund, Dan Hughes seconded, and the motion carried.

5. Board Member Concerns

Merri Berlage expressed some concern over the usage of county vehicles. Merri Berlage also asked some questions about a road weight posting bill (HB 1524).

6. Citizens Comments

None

The meeting concluded at 8:30 P.M.