

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Randy Jobgen
DATE/TIME: January 25, 2016 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

(x) Berlage	(x) Dittmar	(x) Heuerman
() Hughes	(x) Jobgen	(x) Petersburg
(x) Smith		

Others: Steve Keeffer, Dan Reimer, Paul Girot

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve minutes from the November 23, 2015 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 to give the committee a better understanding of system needs. The map format was well received and the committee made a few suggestions on how to further develop the map.

2. Committee Goals and Objectives

The committee goals and objectives were reviewed. Steve Keeffer sought some guidance from 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

Steve Keeffer had done some research regarding smoke/carbon monoxide detectors and will order an example for evaluation. Steve Keeffer will also

contact other vendors for the panic alarm system.

5. Council Hill Road Bridge Discussion

Per the committee instructions last month, Steve Keeffer presented an engineering agreement for the Council Hill Bridge with the consultant doing all the design work prepare plans to replace the deck and repair the substructure. After some discussion, Merri made a motion to approve the engineering agreement with Willett Hoffman and Associates of Dixon Illinois, at a cost not to exceed \$71,802.16, Brad Petersburg seconded, and the motion carried.

6. Rename Old Road in Nora Township

The committee reviewed all the comments received regarding the proposed name change of Old Road in Nora Township to E. Pinney Road. All the comments were positive and Nora Township also sent a letter of support. Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve a resolution to effectuate the name change, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

b. New Business

1. Spring Road Postings

Annual spring road postings were discussed. A resolution was reviewed that allows the County Engineer to post the county roads at his discretion for not more than 90 days between the dates of February 10 to May 10. Brad Petersburg made a motion to approve the resolution, Bob Heurman seconded and the motion carried.

2. Motor Fuel Tax Resolution for the 2015 Maintenance Program.

Steve Keeffer presented the committee with a resolution to authorize MFT funds for the entire 2016 maintenance program. This resolution includes all the MFT funds that were appropriated in the budget for FY 2016 (\$500,000). Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the resolution, Rick Dittmar seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Supplemental Motor Fuel Tax Resolution for the County Engineer's Salary

The committee reviewed a supplemental MFT resolution for the County Engineer's salary. The resolution is for \$2,377.61 — the additional cost is most likely a result of the timing of the pay period and the annual pay increase per the merit plan. Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the resolution, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

4. Dump Truck Chassis Bids

The committee reviewed bids for a Dump/Plow Truck chassis. The low bid was for an International 7400 truck. Steve Keeffer and mechanic, Paul Girot,

explained past issues with International trucks to the committee. The county's International trucks have had a number of breakdowns resulting in over \$5,000 worth of tow bills in the past two years. Thus far, the county's Freightliner trucks have been dependable. After more discussion, Brad Petersburg made a motion to accept the bid from Truck Country of Iowa from Dubuque, IA for a Freightliner FT114SD at a final cost of \$56,131.00, citing the reliability issues with past International trucks, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

5. Dump Truck Body Bids

The committee reviewed bids for the Dump/Plow Truck body equipment. After reviewing the bids, Rick Dittmar made a motion to accept the bid from Monroe Truck Equipment from Monroe, WI, for a Crysteel stainless steel dump box and Monroe plow at a final cost of \$53,683.00, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns: Ron Smith mentioned that he had been asked question from the county MABIS group about county snow plowing procedures and liability issues if a road is not plowed/salted for an EMS call.

The meeting concluded at 8:53 P.M