

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Randy Jobgen
DATE/TIME: July 26, 2016 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petersburg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Smith		

Others: Steve Keeffer, Aric Ellsworth, Carl Winter, Kimball Willis, Paul Girot,
Ron Winter, Ron Hammer, Edwin Johnson

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Merri Berlage made a motion to approve minutes from the June 27, 2016 meeting, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Citizens' Comments

None

3. Highway Department

a. Old Business

1. County Highway Winter Operations Discussion

The committee invited all the county's fire chiefs to the meeting to discuss any concerns they have with county highway winter plowing operations. Carl Winter from the Scales Mound Fire District and Edwin Johnson from the Hanover Fire District attended the meeting. Steve Keeffer gave a brief synopsis of a discussion that was held a couple of months ago with Steve Keeffer, Randy Jobgen, Ron Smith, Randy Beadle (Galena Fire Chief), Cal Cain (Menominee Fire Chief), and Carl Winter. Steve Keeffer further explained that the Union Contract limits the hours worked in one day to 16 hours; however there is an exception if the employee is willing to work additional hours in an emergency situation. The different roadway

jurisdictions (state, county, municipal, township, and private) were discussed and who is able to plow the different roadways. The discussion focused on EMS calls during inclement weather during overnight hours when plows are not typically out and the ability for the various highway agencies to respond in a timely fashion. After much discussion, it was agreed that another meeting to further the discussion with more fire chiefs, representatives from township road districts and the States Attorney would be appropriate.

2. 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

Steve Keeffer briefly updated the committee on the meeting he had with a security system vendor on July 18th.

6. 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.

b. New Business

1. Fiedler Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project Bid

The committee reviewed bids for a bridge rehabilitation project for a bridge on Fiedler Road. The project will completely replace the concrete deck, repair beams, and encase abutment and wing wall pile in concrete. The low bid was from M&M Concrete from Stockton at a cost of \$349,999. Rick Dittmar made

a motion to award the bid from M&M Concrete at a cost of \$349,999, Bob Heurman seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Council Hill Road Bridge Timber Deck System Bid

The committee reviewed bids for a Timber Deck System to be delivered to a bridge on Council Hill Road west of Scales Mound. The only bid was from Wheeler Lumber from Bloomington MN at a cost of \$24,108. Brad Petersburg made a motion to approve the bid from Wheeler Lumber at a cost of \$24,108, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

3. FY 2017 Budget Discussion

Steve Keeffer briefed the committee on a couple of items he would like to put in the budget for 2017. Steve Keeffer would like to increase the hours of the office manager to 40 hours a week. This is due to increased work load from state and local requirements. After some discussion, Brad Petersburg made a motion to increase the office manager hours to 40 per week beginning December 1, 2016, Rick Dittmar seconded, and the motion carried. The other item that was discussed was to fund the possible purchase of a road reclaimer for FY2017. This piece of equipment will allow deteriorated seal coat roads to be rebuilt by county highway staff. Steve Keeffer indicated to the committee that there are some roads that are damaged to the point where seal coat is no longer a viable maintenance activity. These roads need to have the base rebuilt. There was some concern expressed about whether there would be enough employees or time to do the needed work. The committee instructed Steve Keeffer to put the funding in the budget and the purchase could be contemplated next year.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns

Ron Smith briefed the committee on some of the items discussed at the recent UCCI meeting at the Galena Territories. Merri Berlage shared information she received from US Representative Cheri Bustos at the Elizabeth Fair.

The meeting concluded at 9:35 P.M.