

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Randy Jobgen
DATE/TIME: June 23, 2014 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Berlage
 Hughes

Dittmar
 Jobgen

Heurman
 Smith

Others: Steve Keeffer, Dan Reimer, Jim Boho, Tom Stafford, David Shelow, Sara Fisher, John Martinson, Jerry Johnson, John Schultz, Steve Barg, Brad Pertersburg, and Phil Jackman.

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2014 meeting, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Citizens' Comments

John Martinson from Galena asked for a status update on the new shop/salt storage building to be built at Galena. He was advised that it is still planned to be built this year.

Jim Boho from Rice Township spoke about the proposed bike trail on River Road. He stated that bikers with expensive 'road bikes' would not be likely to ride on River Road. He also stated that he thought Rice Township supported a bike trail, but perhaps not one on River Road.

David Shelow from Rice Township offered comments regarding the bike trail. He felt that Blackjack Road would be a better alternative for a bike trail.

Jerry Johnson, a Rice Township Trustee, stated that the township is waiting to hear back from legal counsel regarding the bike trail. He is concerned that the township is taking on additional liability and may need additional insurance.

Phil Jackman from Rice Township stated that he lives on River Road and is not opposed to the idea of a bike trail on River Road. He is not in favor of a bike trail on Blackjack Road. He has ridden his bike on River Road in the past and had no problems.



Steve Barg from Galena and from the Jo Daviess County Conservation Foundation indicated that he has spoken with Jo Daviess County State's Attorney, John Hay, about the bike trail. He stated that he does not want the township's liability to increase.

Brad Petersburg, a Rice Township Resident, stated that he would like the interested parties to take a tour of the proposed bike trail route. He is not expecting any county board action regarding the bike trail at this time. He does not want the township to incur any additional cost or liability. He hopes that the county will offer a letter of support for the bike trail.

Tom Stafford from Rice Township expressed his concern that the bike trail coalition indicated that they were not in a hurry, yet they have hired their own surveyor and are requesting a letter of support.

3. Highway Department

a. Old Business

1. River Road Bike Trail Discussion.

The committee discussed the proposed River Road bike trail. There was concern that the committee did not want Rice Township to assume any additional burden or liability as a result of the trail. The committee understands that State's Attorney John Hay is looking into the issue. Randy Jobgen wrote down several questions that he will ask the State's Attorney about. Rick Dittmar made a motion to delay taking any action until a response is received from legal counsel, Bob Heuermen seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Project Schedule Update.

The list of ongoing projects was reviewed and discussed. The committee continued the discussion about the bridges between Warren and Apple River on Stagecoach Trail. Steve Keeffer indicated that he had just received the results of the IDOT inspection on the structures and the state requested that the bridge closest to Warren either be closed to traffic or restricted to one lane with a significant load restriction. Reducing the bridge to one lane would require the installation of traffic signals at an estimated cost of \$60,000. If the bridge were closed, traffic using Stagecoach as a through route, the assumed local detour (Route 78 to Wisconsin County W to Wisconsin County P

through Apple River back to Stagecoach Trail), adds 2 minutes and 1 mile to a trip. Steve Keeffer indicated that it would take at least 1 year to replace the structure. The committee discussed the time it would take emergency services to reach properties west of the bridge if it were closed. The committee also discussed that the weight restriction on the bridge would most likely not allow fire trucks and the ambulance to cross it. The committee was concerned about the cost of signals and potential costs of all the other bridge issues that are being addressed with the county's aging infrastructure. Rick Dittmar made a motion to close the bridge, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Committee Goals and Objectives.

The committee goals and objectives were reviewed.

4. County Board Retreat Items

The committee reviewed the county board retreat items. It was noted that the fifth building at Hanover has been acquired. There was a brief discussion about the best way to utilize the building and how to clean out the Galena building so it can be razed.

b. New Business

1. Pleasant Hill Road Bridge Repairs

The committee reviewed bid tabs for the pile repair project for a bridge on Pleasant Hill Road south of Elizabeth. The bridge has 4 corroded steel piles and is currently restricted to one lane. The proposed project will remove and replace the corroded sections of pile. Louie's Trenching from Galena was the only bidder at a bid price of \$25,000. Louie's did a similar project on Massbach Road last year with good results. Dan Hughes made a motion to accept the bid from Louie's Trenching, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Schapville Road Dittmar Bridge Deck Repairs

The committee reviewed bid tabs for a deck repair project for a bridge on Schapville Road. The bridge has had 2 full depth failures this year which are currently covered with steel plates. The proposed project will remove additional deck concrete and replace it with new concrete. M&M concrete from Stockton was the only bidder at a bid price of \$17,999. Merri Berlage made a motion to accept the bid from M&M, Rick Dittmar seconded, and the motion carried.



3. Hybrid Robotic and GPS Survey Equipment Bids

Steve Keeffer indicated that he did not receive any bids for the survey equipment. He will re bid the equipment for consideration next month.

4. Menominee Township Request for County aid for Bridge Repair Projects

The committee considered a petition from Menominee Township for county aid for bridge repair projects on High Ridge Road and Chetlain Lane. The project on High Ridge Road is partial depth concrete deck patches on a 50 year old bridge. The project on Chetlain Lane is for the removal of replacement of grout used between the deck beams on a 30 year old bridge. The projects are estimated to cost \$15,000 with the county and township each paying 50 percent of the cost. Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the request, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

5. Woodbine Township Request for County aid for a Culvert Replacement Project

The committee considered a petition from Woodbine Township for county aid for a culvert replacement project on Krohmer Road. The project will replace two failing culverts and all necessary approach work. The project is estimated to cost \$7,000 with the county and township each paying 50 percent of the cost. Dan Hughes made a motion to approve the request, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried, Rick Dittmar abstained.

6. East Galena Township Request for County aid for a Culvert Replacement Project

The committee considered a petition from East Galena Township for county aid for a culvert replacement project on Mt. Hope Road. The project will replace a triple across the road culvert, with failing stone masonry headwalls, with new culverts, with cast in place concrete end sections, and all necessary approach work. The project is estimated to cost \$30,000 with the county and township each paying 50 percent of the cost. Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the request, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.



7. Supplemental MFT Maintenance Resolution for 2011

The committee reviewed a supplemental MFT Maintenance Resolution for the 2011 construction season. This supplemental resolution authorizes the obligation of an additional \$86,610.07 of MFT funds for the 2011 maintenance program. The work is already complete and paid for with MFT funds. This action is a result of the latest IDOT audit. Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the resolution, Bob Heurman seconded, and the motion carried.

4. Board Member Concerns

There were concerns expressed about the lack of a weed commissioner

5. Citizens Comments

None

The meeting concluded at 9:40 P.M.