

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Randy Jobgen
DATE/TIME: June 27, 2016 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Berlage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dittmar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heuerman
<input type="checkbox"/> Hughes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jobgen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petersburg
<input type="checkbox"/> Smith		

Others: Steve Keeffer, Dan Reimer

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve minutes from the May 23, 2016 meeting, Brad Petersburg 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. Steve Keeffer expressed concern about a bridge on Stagecoach Trail between Warren and Apple River. Plans for a replacement culvert are being developed 'in house' to utilize federal funding but it takes time to navigate that process. Steve Keeffer would like to explore a short term solution to replace the bridge with a temporary culvert similar to what was done two years ago just west of Warren. The committee instructed Steve to gather some information to present at the next meeting.

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 updated the committee on the meeting he had with a security system vendor on May 26th.

5. County Highway Winter Operations Discussion

Steve Keeffer and Randy Jobgen briefed the committee on the meeting they had with the State's Attorney regarding liability related to plowing snow or not plowing snow. Merri Berlage indicated that she had a Mayor's meeting where overnight snow plowing was discussed. The committee consensus was to invite the Fire Chiefs to a committee meeting to further the discussion. Randy Jobgen agreed to facilitate that effort.

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 was also going to speak with other county engineers to see what they have done to hire technical staff.

b. New Business

1. Pleasant Valley Township Culvert Project Bid

The committee reviewed bids for a Pleasant Valley Township county aid culvert replacement project on Cahill Road. The project will replace a pipe culvert with a new poly coated corrugated steel pipe arch culvert, new cast in place concrete end sections, and necessary approach work. The low bid was from Vincent Earthmoving from Elizabeth at a cost of \$79,875.66. Rick Dittmar made a motion to award the bid from Vincent Earthmoving at a cost of \$79,785.66, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Vinegar Hill Township Request for County Aid for a Culvert Project

The committee considered a petition from Vinegar Hill Township for county aid for a culvert repair and replacement project on Rocky Road. This project will also involve Rawlins Township since Rocky Road is on the township line. The project will replace one pipe culvert and repair two other pipe culverts at an estimated cost of \$60,000. Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the request, Rick Dittmar seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Rush Township Request for County Aid for a Bridge Replacement Project

The committee considered a petition from Rush Township for county aid for a bridge replacement project on Rush Town Road. The project will replace a closed bridge at an estimated cost of \$200,000. State funding will be used for 80% of the construction cost. Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the request, Brad Petersburg seconded, and the motion carried.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns

A question was asked about the status of the Longhollow Road project and the assessment of late penalties. There was a brief discussion on poison hemlock and noxious weeds.

The meeting concluded at 8:24 P.M.