

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Randy Jobgen
DATE/TIME: June 29, 2015 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Berlage

Hughes

Smith

Dittmar

Jobgen

Heuerman

Petersburg

Others: Steve Keeffer

MINUTES

1. Citizens' Comments

None

2. 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. Hanover Township Request for County Aid for a Culvert Project

The committee considered a petition from Hanover Township for county aid for a culvert project on Steele Road. The project will replace a pair of failing across the road culverts with a cast in place reinforced concrete box culvert at an estimated cost of \$80,000. Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the request, Brad Peterson seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Engineering Agreement for Design of Repairs for Bridges on Fiedler Road

The committee considered an engineering agreement for design services for repairs to two bridges on Fiedler Road. Both of these county bridges were built in the mid 1950's and have issues with the decks, beams and abutments. Bedrock is at the stream bed level for both bridges which offer repair options that are not possible on other structures. While the proposed repairs are extensive, they should increase the expected life of both bridges another 30 years. The agreement for engineering services is from Willett Hofmann and Associates and is at a not to exceed cost of \$82,939.16. Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the agreement with Willett Hofmann and Associates at a not to exceed cost of \$82,939.16, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Engineering Agreement for Structural Design of a Culvert on Greenvale Road

The committee considered an engineering agreement for design services for the structural design of a box culvert on Greenvale Road in Nora Township. This agreement for providing structural sheets for plans being prepared 'in house' by county highway staff for a culvert replacement project. The agreement for engineering services is from Willett Hofmann and Associates and is at a not to exceed cost of \$10,959.60. Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the agreement with Willett Hofmann and Associates at a not to exceed cost of \$10,959.60, Rick Dittmar seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Animal Control

b. New Business

1. Transfer of the Animal Control Department

The committee discussed the possibility of transferring the Animal Control Department. Committee consensus was that the Health Department would be the best option for transfer since the Animal Control Department's main charges are public health related. Initial conversations with the Health Department indicate they support the concept.

4. Board Member Concerns

There was a general discussion about engineering fees and what could be done to reduce them.

There was a discussion about noxious weed laws and the notification requirements.

Ron Smith informed the committee that he had recently attended a meeting with BNSF representatives and he reminded them that there were township and county roads that still needed to be repaired from damage caused by the derailment response.

5. Citizens Comments

None

The meeting concluded at 8:30 P.M.