

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Randy Jobgen
DATE/TIME: March 23, 2015 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, Ed Amstutz

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2015, meeting, Bob Heuerman seconded; Bob Heuerman made a motion to approve the minutes from February 10, 2015 meeting, Rick Dittmar seconded; Dan Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2015 meeting, Bob Heuerman seconded; all motions carried, Brad Petersburg abstained.

2. Citizens' Comments

None

3. 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. Tour of Galena Bike Race

Ed Amstutz addressed the committee about the 2015 Tour of Galena Bike Race. The tour is scheduled for the weekend of June 5th and has events on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The bike events utilize city, township, and county roads. Traffic control needs are coordinated with the City of Galena and the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Department. In the past, the county highway department has provided barricades and traffic cones. There was some discussion about insurance requirements. Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the usage of county roads for the Tour of Galena event, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Brush Mower Bids

The committee reviewed bids for a new 'bat wing' brush mower. Steve Keeffer explained that this is a different mower configuration than what has been purchased in the past. It is hoped that this mower will be more robust than disc mowers that are currently being used. After some discussion about the virtues of each mower brand, Brad Petersburg made a motion to purchase a Bush Hog 2810 mower at a cost of \$10,900 from Peabody's North of Pecatonica, IL, Rick Dittmar seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Pickup Truck Bids

The committee reviewed bids for a new ¾ ton pickup truck that will be used by the Assistant County Engineer. The existing pickup truck that is being used by the Assistant County Engineer will become the 'sign truck'. No trade in is being offered. After further discussion, Rick Dittmar made a motion to purchase a Ford F250SD at a cost of \$27,674.00 from Finnin Ford of Dubuque IA, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried. (Note: Since the March 23rd meeting, Finnin Ford has informed us that they can no longer order a 2015 truck – a new bid letting is scheduled for April 9th.)

4. Pickup Truck Service Body Bids

The committee reviewed quotes for a new Reading service body to be mounted on the new ¾ ton pickup truck that will be used by the Assistant County Engineer. Bob Heuerman made a motion to purchase a Reading service body at a cost of \$8,577.00 from Monroe Truck Equipment of Monroe WI, Brad Petersburg seconded, and the motion carried. (Note: A new quote may have to be considered based on the results of the new truck letting scheduled for April 9th.)

5. Dump Truck Chassis Bids

The committee reviewed bids for a Dump/Plow Truck chassis. After a brief discussion, Bob Heuerman made a motion to accept the bid from Truck Country of Iowa from Dubuque, IA for a Freightliner FT114SD at a final cost of \$55,848.00, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

6. Dump Truck Body Bids

The committee reviewed bids for the Dump/Plow Truck body equipment. After reviewing the bids, Dan Hughes made a motion to accept the bid from Tri-State Truck Equipment from Dubuque, IA for a Bear-Roc stainless steel dump box and Universal plow at a final cost of \$52,989.00, Brad Petersburg seconded, and the motion carried.

7. Up Coming Bids

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that there were some additional bids scheduled before the upcoming county board meeting that he would like to be considered at the county board meetings. Specifically, two bridge deck repair jobs and the annual MFT maintenance letting. The committee thought a meeting on April 13th before the county board meeting would be a wise idea.

4. Board Member Concerns

There was some discussion about the possible modification of the local share of state income tax and the recent train derailment.

5. Citizens Comments

None

The meeting concluded at 8:34 P.M.