

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Randy Jobgen
DATE/TIME: March 24, 2014 7:14 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 type="checkbox"/> Smith

Others: Steve Keeffer, Dan Reimer

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Dan Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2014 meeting, Rick Dittmar seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Citizens' Comments

None

3. Highway Department

a. Old Business

1. Project Schedule Update.

The list of ongoing projects was reviewed and discussed. Steve Keeffer informed the committee that the county was fortunate to receive Major Bridge Funding for the Longhollow Road culvert project. This change in funding will save the county approximately 1.6 million dollars that would have been spent from our regular federal funds. Steve Keeffer also told the committee about ongoing bridge issues and that two bridges between Apple River and Warren on Stagecoach Trail will have to be restricted to one lane until further notice. The latest bridge inspections have also uncovered some rather serious issues with some township bridges as well. Randy Jobgen suggested that we may want to send out some information to the townships on suggested bridge maintenance activities that may extend bridge life.

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.

4. County Highway Maintenance/Operations Plan

The ongoing maintenance/operations plan was discussed briefly.

5. Dump/Plow Truck Bids

The committee reviewed bids for Dump/Plow Truck chassis and body equipment. After a brief discussion, Rick Dittmar made a motion to accept the bid from Truck Country of Iowa from Dubuque, Iowa for a Freightliner FT114SD at a final cost of \$48,579.00, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried. Then Bob Heureman made a motion to accept the bid from Tri-State Truck Equipment from Dubuque, Iowa for a Swenson dump box and universal plow at a cost of \$48,000, Rick Dittmar seconded, and the motion carried.

6. Construction Engineering Fee

The committee discussed the fee charged for construction engineering services. A motion was made at the February meeting to change the fee schedule to a graduated scale based on final project cost. The committee consensus was to send the resolution for the fee changes to the finance committee for approval before consideration by the county board.

7. Administration of County Township cost share projects

This item was discussed briefly, no action was taken.

4. Board Member Concerns

There was a brief discussion on a proposal for a county wide trail coalition. There was also a brief discussion about the quarry drop off along Elizabeth Scales Mound Road south of Scales Mound.

5. Citizens Comments

None

The meeting concluded at 9:04 P.M.