

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Randy Jobgen
DATE/TIME: March 28, 2016 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, Dan Reimer, Tammy Trebian, Merri Sevey, Terry McGovern, Judy Meyerhofer, Shellie Callan, Brett Haug, Mike Dittmar, Jeff Winders, Tracy Dangott, Katherine Walker

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve minutes from the February 22, 2016 meeting, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Citizens' Comments

None

3. Highway Department

a. New Business

1. 2016 Tour of Galena Bike Event

Tracy Dangott addressed the committee about the proposed 2016 Tour of Galena bike event. The City of Galena will not be hosting the event this year, so the event organizers would like to move the event to the Elizabeth area. As presented, bicycles will be on Apple River Road (Woodbine Township) Saturday morning; Shenandoah Drive and Brodrecht Road (Guilford Township) Saturday afternoon, and Bethel Road, Massbach Road, Albrecht Road, and Derinda Road (Jo Daviess County) on Sunday. Several residents of the Elizabeth area were in attendance including the Mayor and Chamber of

Commerce representatives. The Elizabeth residents all spoke in favor of the event. Township Highway Commissioners from Woodbine Township and Guilford Township were in attendance and expressed concerns with safety and traffic conflicts between cars and bikes since the roads are to remain open. Mr. Dangott explained that the event was insured and that all participants sign a liability waiver. After more discussion, Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the Tour of Galena event for the county highways (not the township roads), pending State's Attorney John Hay's review of the insurance and waiver forms that Mr. Dangott is to provide to him, Brad Petersburg seconded, and the motion carried.

b. 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.

2. Committee Goals and Objectives

The committee goals and objectives were reviewed. Steve Keeffer updated the committee regarding the Galena building project and the Hanover office update project.

3. County Board Retreat Items

The committee reviewed the items from the June 2015 county board retreat.

4. Security System for Hanover

No updates

5. Elizabeth Scales Mound Road Rock Quarry Discussion

Steve Keeffer has explained the quarry issue to State's Attorney John Hay. Randy Jobgen had spoken with the State's Attorney and the proposed installation of guardrail was not recommended. Other committee members asked if there were some type of quarry reclamation mandates from state or federal agencies that would require the quarry walls to be sloped. Dan Hughes made a motion to not install guardrail on the advice of the State's Attorney, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

c. More New Business

1. Hanover Office Space Rental Discussion

Merri Berlage advised the committee that TCEDA may be interested in renting some office space for their executive director. The Hanover facility would be a good location for area that TCEDA serves. Steve Keeffer indicated that the space where the Animal Control Office was located could be utilized by TCEDA. When the window/remodeling project begins a permanent office space for TCEDA could be created. The committee was in favor of the concept but was not sure what the fee/rent should be. Steve Keeffer was instructed to contact the Health Department to see how they calculated rent for their tenants.

2. Rotary Mower Bids

The committee reviewed bid tabs for a new 10' rotary 'batwing' mower. The low bid was for a Landpride mower from Roeder Implement in Dubuque, IA at a final cost of \$10,700. Brad Petersburg made a motion to purchase a Landpride mower from Roeder Implement of Dubuque IA at a cost of \$10,700, Brad Petersburg seconded, and the motion carried.

3. East Galena/Rawlins Township Request for County Aid for a Bridge Repair Project

The committee considered a petition from East Galena and Rawlins Township for county aid for a bridge repair project on Buckhill Road over the Galena River. The project will repair deck beam joints at an estimated cost of \$12,000. Dan Hughes made a motion to approve the request, Brad Petersburg seconded, and the motion carried.

4. Thompson Township Request for County Aid for a Culvert Project

The committee considered a petition from Thompson Township for county aid for a culvert replacement project on Apple Canyon Road. The project will replace a pipe culvert at an estimated cost of \$15,000. Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the request, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

5. Special Committee Meeting Discussion

The committee discussed the possibility of having a special committee meeting prior to the county board meeting to consider the annual general maintenance bid letting results. There were other meetings and hearings already scheduled. The consensus was to bring the bid results to the county board without a committee recommendation.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns

None

The meeting concluded at 9:07 P.M.