

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Randy Jobgen
DATE/TIME: May 19, 2014 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

Others: Steve Keeffer, Dan Reimer, and Jim Goken

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 28, 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. There was some discussion about two bridges between Warren and Apple River on Stagecoach Trail that have been restricted to 1 lane because of deteriorated outside steel beams. The one lane traffic is currently being controlled with yield signs, but it appears that some drivers may not be abiding to the signage. Traffic signals may be required. The consensus was to wait until the IDOT inspectors look at the bridge and see what they recommend.

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. It was noted that the fifth building at Hanover would soon be acquired which was one of the items from the retreat. There was a brief discussion about the best way to utilize the building.

b. New Business

1. Mower Bid

The committee reviewed quotes for a mower to be used to mow road sides. The quotes were for both a 3 point mounted disc mower and a 3 point mounted flail mower. Steve Keeffer explained that the county has had success with shaft driven disc mowers, but the preferred mower (Agco 4 disc) is no longer being manufactured. The only other manufacturer making a shaft driven mower is New Holland. There was also a quote for a flail mower being marketed as a roadside mower. There was some discussion about why there were not quotes from other manufacturers. Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the quote from Scott Implement from Cuba City for a New Holland H6730 mower at a cost of \$7,580, Dan Hughes seconded, the motion carried with Merri Berlage voting no.

2. Nora Township Request for County aid for a Culvert Project

The committee considered a petition from Nora Township for county aid for a culvert project on Chelsea Road. The project will repair a culvert with a rusted bottom by either installing a plastic culvert liner or concrete blankets. The estimated cost is \$30,000 with the county and township each paying half. Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the request, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Guilford Township Request for County aid for a Bridge Replacement Project

The committee considered a petition from Guilford Township for state and county aid for a bridge replacement project on Guilford Road. The project will replace a deteriorating bridge. The project is estimated to cost \$800,000 with the state paying 80 percent of construction cost and the county and township each paying 10 percent of construction cost. Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the request, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.



4. Derinda Township Request for County aid for a Bridge Replacement Project

The committee considered a petition from Derinda Township for state and county aid for a bridge replacement project on Creek Road. The project will replace a deteriorating bridge. The project is estimated to cost \$350,000 with the state paying 80 percent of construction cost and the county and township each paying 10 percent of construction cost. Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the request, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

4. Board Member Concerns

None

5. Citizens Comments

None

The meeting concluded at 8:40 P.M.