

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Public Works  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Randy Jobgen  
**DATE/TIME:** May 23, 2016 7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:**

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

Others: Steve Keeffer

### MINUTES

#### 1. Minutes

Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve minutes from the April 25, 2016 meeting, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

#### 2. Citizens' Comments

None

#### 3. Highway Department

##### a. 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.

### **3. County Board Retreat Items**

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

### **4. Security System for Hanover**

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that he was meeting with a security system vendor on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **5. Hanover Office Space Rental Discussion**

Steve Keeffer indicated to the committee that TCEDA is interested in renting the office space at the approved rental rate. The need for a lease was discussed. The committee instructed Steve Keeffer to draft a lease document for review by the State's Attorney's office. The committee agreed to hold future meetings in the Kitchen/Break area versus the entry way where the conference table was set up before.

### **6. County Highway Winter Operations Discussion**

Steve Keeffer and Randy Jobgen briefed the committee on the meeting with the Menominee Dunleith Fire Chief, Galena Fire Chief, and Scales Mound Fire Chief. Ron Smith was also at the meeting. The fire chiefs were concerned about county plows not being out on nights when there are blizzard conditions. These types of storms are rare and do not happen every winter. The fire chiefs asked about 'liability' and what legal repercussions could result if they were not able to make it to a fire call. The committee thought the State's Attorney John Hay should be consulted regarding that issue. Randy Jobgen and Steve Keeffer will seek an audience with the State's Attorney to discuss. Merri Berlage also offered to bring the subject up at an upcoming Mayor's meeting.

### **7. Discussion on the Staff Engineer Search**

The committee continued to discuss the challenges of finding applicants for the Staff Engineer position. The University of Wisconsin Platteville Placement Office has been contacted and they suggested that the county may want to attend their job fair in the fall.

**b. New Business**

**1. Soil Boring Quotes**

The committee reviewed quotes for soil borings at 4 bridge/culvert project locations throughout the county. The low bid was from Midwest Testing Services from Peru, Illinois at a cost of \$24,780. Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the quote for soil borings from Midwest Testing Services from Peru, Illinois at a cost of \$24,780, Brad Petersburg seconded, and the motion carried.

**2. Pleasant Valley Township Request for County Aid for a Culvert Project**

The committee considered a petition from Pleasant Valley Township for county aid for a culvert replacement project on Cahill Road. The project will replace a pipe culvert at an estimated cost of \$90,000. Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the request, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

**4. Citizens Comments**

None

**5. Board Member Concerns**

None

The meeting concluded at 8:31 P.M.