

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Randy Jobgen
DATE/TIME: May 26, 2015 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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| <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 type="checkbox"/> Smith | | |

Others: Steve Keeffer

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve minutes from the April 13, 2015 and April 27, 2015 meetings, Bob Heuerman 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.

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. Pickup Truck Service Body Bids

The committee reviewed quotes for a new service body to be mounted on the new ¾ ton pickup truck that will be used by the Assistant County Engineer. Quotes for two different brands of service body were reviewed. A question was asked about the primer paint system used between the different brands. Dan Hughes made a motion to purchase a Knapheide service body at a cost of \$8,419.20 from Tri State Truck Equipment of Dubuque Iowa, Bob Heuerman seconded. Brad Petersburg made a motion to amend the motion to allow Steve Keeffer to purchase a Reading service body from Monroe Truck Equipment of Monroe Wisconsin at an additional cost of \$157.80, if he did not think the Knapheide primer system was equivalent, Merri Berlage seconded the amendment. Both the amendment and motion passed. (Note: After researching the primer system specifications from both suppliers, Steve Keeffer purchased the Knapheide service body.)

b. New Business

1. Apple River Township Request for County Aid for a Culvert Project

The committee considered a petition from Apple River Township for county aid for a culvert project on Watson Road. The project will replace an across the road culvert at an estimated cost of \$4,000. Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the request, Rick Dittmar seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Rice Township Request for County Aid for a Culvert Project

The committee considered a petition from Rice Township for county aid for a bridge joint repair project on River Road. The project will repair failing grout joints on a deck beam bridge at an estimated cost of \$6,000. Brad Petersburg made a motion to approve the request, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Part Time Carpenter Position

The committee discussed the possibility of filling the part time carpenter position. This position was created 3 years ago, but is not presently filled. The committee felt there was enough work needed at the highway department facilities to warrant filling the position. Merri Berlage made a motion to forward this item to the Executive Committee for consideration, Rick Dittmar seconded, and the motion carried.

4. Used Road Widener

The committee considered the purchase of a used road widener. A road widener is used to place shoulder stone on asphalt roads. The county currently has a road widener, but it is 40+ years old and has been problematic. The current road widener is also a smaller unit and has limited capacity. Steve Keeffer has located a used road widener in Burr Ridge, Illinois. This unit is newer, larger, and has an integral pavement broom. The proposed widener should provide a significant increase in production. Rick Dittmar made a motion to purchase the used Blaw Knox RW100 Road Widener from Finkbiner Equipment from Burr Ridge, IL at a cost of \$30,500 (including shipping), Bob Heuerman seconded and the motion carried.

5. Up Coming Bids

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that there is an upcoming bid for a box culvert in Guilford Township. The committee asked Steve Keeffer to schedule a brief Public Works Committee meeting to be held before the County Board meeting to review the bids.

6. June Public Works Committee

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that he has a conflict with the regularly scheduled June 22 Public Works Committee meeting. The committee instructed Steve to reschedule the meeting to June 29th.

4. Board Member Concerns

There was some discussion about intergovernmental agreements between agencies as it relates to enforcement of weight limits on township roads.

5. Citizens Comments

None

The meeting concluded at 8:30 P.M.