

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Randy Jobgen
DATE/TIME: November 23, 2015 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Berlage
 Hughes
 Smith

Dittmar
 Jobgen

Heuerman
 Petersburg

Others: Steve Keeffer, Neil Bailey

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Bob Heuerman made a motion to approve minutes from the October 27, 2015 meeting, Brad Petersburg seconded, and the motion carried

2. Citizens' Comments

Neil Bailey shared his concerns about a bank slide on Elizabeth Scales Mound Road near his residence. The slide occurred after the major rain events in 2010 and 2011. Steve Keeffer indicated that repairing the slides has been on the list but there have been other priorities. The committee assured Mr. Bailey that the slide would be repaired next year.

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. Steve Keeffer mentioned that a property in Galena has recently come on the real estate market that may be a good location for a Galena salt building. Steve Keeffer and a couple of committee members may look into the situation a little deeper and report back to the committee.

3. County Board Retreat Items

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

4. Security System for Hanover

The committee reviewed information regarding a fire alarm system for the Highway Department facility in Hanover. The proposed system would include sensors throughout the facility. There was additional discussion about the fire and security system. Steve Keeffer will continue to gather more details about the proposed system and talk to other vendors.

5. Council Hill Road Bridge Discussion

Steve Keeffer has talked to the consultant and will try to have a final scope of services for the project. After some discussion, the committee concluded that this may be too large of a project to work on 'in house'. The committee instructed Steve Keeffer to have the consultant prepare an engineering agreement with them doing all the design work.

6. Rename Old Road in Nora Township

Steve Keeffer has talked to the township highway commissioner and asked him for some official indication from Nora Township that they are in favor of the name change. Steve Keeffer has also talked to Mike Moser with the Sheriff's Department to gather opinions from the affected emergency service agencies – so far all responses have been positive.

7. Fuel Bid Procedures for 2015

The committee discussed the 2015 fuel bid. There will be a special meeting held before the December 8th County Board meeting to consider the bids.

b. New Business

1. Savanna Army Depot Road Maintenance Agreement

An intergovernmental agreement identical to the one used last year was reviewed by the committee. This agreement is between Jo Daviess County and Washington Township for the winter maintenance (snow plowing) of 1.6 miles of Jo Daviess County highways in the former Savanna Army Depot. For a cost of \$2,250, Washington Township will maintain our section of road in the depot. This has been done since the roads were accepted by the county. Merri Berlage made a motion to accept the agreement, Rick Dittmar seconded, and the motion carried.

2. 2016 Meeting Schedule

The committee reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2016. The meetings are scheduled for the 4th Monday of the month. After reviewing a 2016 calendar and subsequent adjustment of the dates, Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the meeting schedule, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Motor Fuel Tax Resolution for the County Engineer's Salary

The committee reviewed a resolution for \$84,036.16 for the County Engineer's salary for FY2016. Brad Petersburg made a motion to approve the resolution, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns

Merri Berlage mentioned some erosion issues she observed on a bridge on the state maintained East Canyon Road. Steve Keeffer will look at the bridge and advise the state.

There were questions asked about the lack of activity at the Amicold facility in East Dubuque.

The meeting concluded at 8:50 P.M.