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## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

**COMMITTEE:** Public Works  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Randy Jobgen  
**DATE/TIME:** September 26, 2016 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petersburg
<input type="checkbox"/> Smith		

Others: Steve Keeffer, John Hay, Matt Grube, Rob Pearce, Carl Winter, Dean Williams, Cal Cain, Mike Einsweiler, Gerald Reed, Edwin Johnson, John Steele, Ron Winter, Ron Hammer, Jim Goken, Mark Goodwin, Ron Ehrler, Paul Girot, Kimball Willis

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Minutes**

Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve minutes from the August 29, 2016 meeting, Brad Petersburg seconded, and the motion carried.

#### **2. Citizens' Comments**

None

#### **3. Highway Department**

##### **a. Old Business**

##### **1. Snow Plowing Discussion**

The committee invited all the county's fire chiefs, township highway commissioners, and the State's Attorney to the meeting to discuss any concerns about winter plowing operations. There was a brief synopsis of discussions that have been held thus far on the subject. Several highway commissioners offered their thoughts on the issue. All the highway authorities expressed willingness to assist after hours if there was an emergency. There was also discussion about the difficulties and risks of plowing in blizzard conditions. John Hay explained the potential liability of plowing or not plowing in a blizzard and that there is exposure with any

potential action. Some of the fire department representatives thought that the status quo was working fine, while others suggested parking plows at fire houses during winter storms and having plow drivers stay at the fire house in case there is an emergency. There was no consensus on the fire house idea. After some more discussion no motions were made so the status quo will continue.

## **2. 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.

## **3. Committee Goals and Objectives**

The committee goals and objectives were reviewed.

## **4. County Board Retreat Items**

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

## **5. Security System for Hanover**

Steve Keeffer will speak to vendors and get pricing/options for a panic button system and a video surveillance/taping system to monitor office visitors.

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

The committee continued to discuss the challenges of finding applicants for the Staff Engineer position. Steve Keeffer is scheduled to attend the University of Wisconsin Platteville job fair September 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **b. New Business**

#### **1. Change of time for October Public Works Committee meeting**

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that he has a conflict with the October Public Works Committee meeting and asked if it could be held at an earlier time. Rick Dittmar made a motion to hold the next Public Works Committee meeting in Hanover on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M., Brad Petersburg seconded, the motion passed.

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**4. Citizens Comments**

None

**5. Board Member Concerns**

None

The meeting concluded at 8:25 P.M.

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