

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Randy Jobgen
DATE/TIME: December 26, 2012 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Berlage
 Hughes

Dittmar
 Jobgen

Heuerman
 Smith

Others: Steve Keeffer

MINUTES

1. Citizens' Comments

None

2. Minutes

Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve minutes from the November 26th meeting, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried (Heuerman, Hughes, and Jobgen abstained)

3. Highway Department

a. Project Schedule Update

The committee conducted a comprehensive review of the list of current projects and their status.

b. Blackjack Road/Batey Hollow Road Intersection Discussion

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that the 15 trees have been moved and watered several times.

c. Radio Narrow Banding

Steve Keeffer updated the committee on the narrow banding project. Most of the equipment has been installed, and is working. There are a few issues that still need to be resolved. The project should be completed soon.

d. Nora Township 50/50 Project

The committee considered a petition from Nora Township requesting 50/50 aid for a project on Baylor Road. The project consists of the placement of stone rip rap under and around a small structure that has been subjected to contraction scour the last two years from flooding. The project is estimated to cost \$5,000. Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the request, Bob Heurman seconded, and the motion carried (Dan Hughes abstained).

e. 2013 Meeting Schedule

The committee reviewed the proposed meeting date for 2013. The meetings are scheduled for the 4th Monday of the month with the exception of May 28th which is a Tuesday. Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the meeting schedule, Bob Heurman seconded, and the motion carried.

f. Galena Salt Pile Discussion

The committee continued the discussion on the Galena salt pile. Steve Keeffer is concerned that eliminating a supply of salt in Galena will cause hardship for the townships that utilize salt from that source. The committee instructed Steve Keeffer to contact the affected townships and invite them to the next Public Works Committee meeting to discuss the situation. Steve Keeffer will also contact the City of Galena and keep them up to date on our progress.

g. Funding Discussion

Steve Keeffer gave the committee a brief explanation of the different funds that are available/administered by the County Highway Department. The sources, amounts and uses of the various funds were discussed. There was also a brief discussion of the current and future issues that will need to be addressed.

h. Review Committee Goals and Objectives

The committee reviewed the list of goals and objectives.

i. Hanover Facility Tour

The committee took a quick tour of the Hanover facility.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M.