

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Merri Berlage
DATE/TIME: October 22, 2012 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Berlage
 Jackson

Dittmar
 Schultz

Hill
 Sheridan

Others: Steve Keeffer,

MINUTES

1. Citizens' Comments

None

2. Minutes

Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve minutes from the August 28th and September 24th meeting, Dane Jackson seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Highway Department

a. Project Schedule Update

The committee reviewed the list of current projects. There was additional discussion about the Longhollow Road bridge project. The project has been split into two phases and the only viable funding source for the first phase is the Federal Highway Bridge Fund. There are additional rules, policies, and procedures involved with utilizing federal funds.

b. Blackjack Road/Batey Hollow Road Intersection Discussion

Steve Keeffer informed the committee we are still waiting for the proper conditions to move the trees (after the first hard freeze – 20 degree low temperature).



c. Radio Narrow Banding

Steve Keeffer updated the committee on the narrow banding project. The equipment has been ordered and delivered, but not installed. They are still finalizing the programming of frequencies before installing the equipment.

d. I Fiber Equipment Housing Discussion

Steve Keeffer has been in contact with I Fibre representatives and informed them that the preference was for them to look into other facilities mainly because of the 24/7 access needs for I Fibre to their equipment. I Fibre countered by saying they could wait for a county representative to open the building for them if they needed access outside of normal working hours. The committee instructed Steve Keeffer to ask I Fiber if they would pay the overtime wages of an employee that had to come and open the building for them.

e. County Bridge Issues

The committee continued to discuss issues about county bridges. Steve Keeffer has been able to look at the older county maintained bridges to identify potential problems. There are several bridges that will require replacement and/or repair in the next few years. The committee reviewed several documents related to the issue. These documents included: a time line indicating the year of construction and general condition of each of the county's 38 bridges; a map indicating the locations and general conditions of the county bridges; a prioritized list with estimated construction costs of the county bridges; and a year by year cost analysis. The information indicates that there will be enough overall funding available to keep replacing the county bridges. There are several critical bridges that need to be replaced in the next two years. While there will be enough overall funding, it will involve reallocating funds that have typically been used for other maintenance activities like asphalt resurfacing. Steve Keeffer will continue to refine the information so the committee can evaluate the impacts to the entire county highway system.

f. Blackjack Road Bridge Repair Update

The committee discussed the Blackjack Road/Small Pox Bridge project. The project is underway and proceeding on schedule. Steve Keeffer informed the committee that there will be more patching than indicated in the plans and the project will go over the estimate.



g. Hanover Building Material Quotes

The committee reviewed quotes for various building materials for the Hanover floor project. Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the quote from Spahn and Rose Lumber from Stockton for 280 4x8 sheets of 2” Styrofoam at a price of \$6,921.60, Don Hill seconded, and the motion carried. Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the quote from Spahn and Rose Lumber of Stockton for 13 tons of ¾ inch rebar to be delivered at a price of \$11,307.66, Don Hill seconded, and the motion carried. Marvin Schultz made a motion to approve the quote from A Typical Concrete of Scales Mound for 184 cubic yards of concrete at a price of \$11,960, Dan Sheridan seconded, and the motion carried.

h. Amended Engineering Agreement for Schapville Road Bridge

The committee considered an amended engineering agreement from Willet Hoffman and Associates for a bridge on Schapville Road. The project scope has changed from the initial engineering agreement. The project started out as a relatively simple redecking project, but upon further analysis, the bridge opening had to be modified to meet current hydraulic policies. Additional work will have to be done to the existing bridge to make the project eligible for federal funding. The amended agreement is for an additional \$13,942.40. The original agreement was for \$38,142.20. Dan Sheridan made a motion to approve the amended engineering agreement, Dane Jackson seconded, and the motion carried.

i. Amended Engineering Agreement for Longhollow Road Bridge

The committee considered an amended engineering agreement from Willet Hoffman and Associates for the bridge on Longhollow Road. This project scope has also changed from the initial engineering agreement. The project started out as a state funded bridge replacement project, but after observing the effects of back to back significant floods the project scope changed to eliminate over the road flow requiring expanding the project limits. In addition more work will have to be done to make the project eligible for federal funding. The amended agreement is for an additional \$69,044.80. The original agreement was for \$63,080.44. Dane Jackson made a motion to approve the amended engineering agreement, Marvin Schultz seconded, and the motion carried.

j. Review Committee Goals and Objectives

The committee reviewed the list of goals and objectives.



4. Citizen Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.