

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Jody Carroll
DATE/TIME: July 25, 2006 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Berlage
 Carroll

Jackson
 Kent

Schubert
 Toepfer

Others: Steve Keeffer, Dan Reimer, Kiley Niemeyer, Sharon Rische, Forrest Rische

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Dane Jackson made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes, Sally Toepfer seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Highway Department

a. Project Schedule Update.

Steve Keeffer presented the committee with a list of current projects, and their respective status. There was discussion about submitting this list with the meeting minutes to be included in the County Board packet. Steve Keeffer will enhance the current format to provide additional information, and begin submitting it for inclusion in the packet.

b. Elizabeth Township Rodden Road Bridge Engineering Agreement.

The committee considered an engineering agreement from Willett, Hoffman and Associates for engineering design services for a township bridge on Rodden Road in Elizabeth Township. Steve Keeffer explained that the design of this particular bridge project does not lend itself to the usage of 'Standard Plans'. When they can be used, Standard Plans allow the County Highway Department to produce bridge plans 'in house'. The field conditions for this particular project will require a unique structural design, which will have to be performed by a structural engineering firm. The county currently has established relationships with two firms. Steve Keeffer spoke to both firms, and has determined that Willett, Hoffman, and Associates are capable of doing the required design work at an economical cost. The cost of the design work for the project is not to exceed \$28,565.20 with the county and township each paying half. Dane Jackson made a motion to approve the agreement, Domer seconded, and the motion carried.

c. Route 5 Bid Schedule Update.

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that the bid letting for the Menominee Township Route 5 box culvert project is August 1st at 10:00 A.M. in Elizabeth. Steve Keeffer will bring bid tabs to the August County Board meeting for consideration.

d. Rentech Project Highway 20 Access.

The committee discussed the Rentech Coal Gasification Project, and possible access impacts. There will be increased traffic to the Rentech facility both during and after construction. Steve Keeffer has talked to the IDOT District 2 Access Engineer about the project, and he has requested additional information regarding the type and number of potential traffic to evaluate access needs. Steve Keeffer will contact Rentech representatives to collect more information, and continue the discussion with IDOT.

e. Krise Road Rename Request.

Sharon and Forrest Rische attended the meeting to discuss their request to rename Krise Road south of Stockton. They cited past incidents where visitors have had difficulties finding their residence due to confusion regarding the intersection of Krise Road and Willow Road and how Willow Road 'splits' Krise Road into two distinct sections. After several minutes of discussion, questions were raised about the ramifications of changing a road name, and people's addresses. Different options were discussed including changing the name of the section of Krise Road where no current addresses exist. The committee instructed Steve Keeffer to investigate possible problems with changing a road name relative to the 911 system, and the county's mapping. The committee will continue the discussion next meeting.

f. One Ton Truck Chassis Specifications.

The committee reviewed specifications for a one ton truck chassis. This purchase was included in the current budget to replace an existing 10 year old truck. Steve Keeffer is proposing to bid the chassis only, and to transfer the hydraulic dump body from the existing truck to the new chassis. The committee asked that the bid have an alternate for both a diesel and gas engine. Domer Schubert made a motion to approve the specifications for bidding, Dane Jackson seconded, and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.