

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Creighton
DATE/TIME: January 31, 2002: 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Berlage	<input type="checkbox"/> Lyons	<input type="checkbox"/> Schubert
<input type="checkbox"/> Bielenda	<input type="checkbox"/> Montelius	<input type="checkbox"/> Sisler
<input type="checkbox"/> Breckenridge	<input type="checkbox"/> Potter	<input type="checkbox"/> Stoffregen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carroll	<input type="checkbox"/> Powers	<input type="checkbox"/> Toepfer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Creighton	<input type="checkbox"/> Rosenthal	<input type="checkbox"/> Zillig
<input type="checkbox"/> Hasken	<input type="checkbox"/> Rutherford	

Others: Steve Keeffer
John Schonhoff

Subject: 50/50 Elizabeth Township Project, Mowing Tractor bids, Mower bids, Site Improvements, etc.

Steve Keeffer informed the committee of his findings on the Derinda Road Property. The adjoining property owners will be contacted in hopes to clarify the property title.

A petition from Elizabeth Township for the repair of a bridge on Georgetown Road was considered. This project was prompted after a county conducted biannual inspection showed severe deterioration in the bridge stringers. Due to the extensive problem, the bridge was repaired immediately. The estimated cost of the project is \$3,500. Jodi Carroll made the motion to approve the project, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

Steve Keeffer asked the committee if there was any interest in increasing the part time wage paid to 'snow birds' and summer help (currently \$10.00 per hour). The committee felt the current wage is adequate.

Bid tabs for a new mowing tractor were reviewed. The low bid was received from Peabody's North to Pecatonica, IL, for a New Holland TN 75 at a cost of \$23,750.00. Merri Berlage made the motion to approve the purchase of a New Holland TN 75 from Peabody's North, Jodi Carroll seconded, and the motion carried.

Bid tabs for a new disc mower were reviewed. The low bid was from Ritchie's Implement in Darlington Wisconsin on a Lely Optimo at a cost of \$3,850.00, versus \$4,100 for a New Idea 5406. The last two mowers have been New Idea 5406's, which have proven to be reliable, but there have been some complaints about grass and weeds plugging the mowers. John Schonhoff has spoken with La Crosse County in Wisconsin who uses the Lely Mowers. La Crosse County spoke highly of their mowers, saying that they are reliable and do not suffer from weed and grass plugging. Steve Keeffer suggested that it might be appropriate to look at the Lely mower and talk to some users before making a final selection. Merri Berlage made a motion to allow the County

Engineer to make the final mower decision, Jodi Carroll seconded, and the motion carried.

A citizen has recently raised a concern about the lack of a flagpole at the County Highway Building. After much discussion, the committee thought that the flagpole at the Courthouse was representative of the other county facilities, and that the funds for a flagpole could be better utilized elsewhere.

Steve Keeffer asked the committee to authorize up to \$5,000 for overhead tree trimming on trees in the Warren area, and Blackjack Road. Merri Berlage made a motion to pay for up to \$5,000 to Cole's Tree Service for a bucket truck, Jodi Carroll seconded, and the motion carried.

Steve Keeffer presented the committee with a request to dedicate the Elizabeth Scales Mound Road the Cleland Hickman Memorial Highway. Cleland (Herb) Hickman was a past Jo Daviess County Superintendent of Highway and was instrumental in the improvement of Elizabeth Scales Mound Road. Steve Keeffer was instructed to develop a resolution to dedicate the road for consideration at the next meeting.

Steve Keeffer submitted a Public Works Committee Meeting schedule for the 2002 year.

A discussion on alternate Internet hookup options was discussed. John Creighton has collected information on satellite service providers. Steve Keeffer will investigate further and report at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.