

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Jody Carroll
DATE/TIME: October 27, 2003

PRESENT:

Berlage
 Carroll

Cooper
 Creighton

Schubert
 Toepfer

Other Board members:

Others: Steve Keeffer, Glen Weber

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Bill Cooper made a motion to approve the September 22nd meeting minutes, Domer Schubert seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Highway Department

a. Derinda Property Update

Glen Weber attended the meeting to discuss a proposal for resolving the Derinda Road property issue. Glen Weber has prepared a document that could be passed by a ¾ majority vote of the County Board that would dissolve any interest the county has in the property in question. Steve Keeffer informed the committee that he has spoken with Mr. Melton and asked him what he wanted to resolve the issue, and he indicated that he wanted \$5,000. A discussion ensued about how effective Glen's proposal is, and whether or not it would stand up in court. Another thought was to have a court issue a 'declaratory judgment' to decide what interest the county has in the property, and perhaps reoccupy the site. Glen Weber agreed to investigate these options further and render an opinion on the likelihood of success. Jody Carroll will further the discussion at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

b. Capital Planning

Steve Keeffer presented the committee with a final draft of the capital plan. The committee reviewed and discussed the plan. Domer Schubert made a motion to declare the plan acceptable to be distributed to the county board, Bill Cooper seconded, and the motion carried.

c. Pleasant Valley 50/50 Project.

Pleasant Valley Township has presented a petition for aid in the replacement of a culvert on Block Road. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$3,000

with half being paid by the county and half being paid by the township. Bill Cooper made a motion to approve the project, Domer Schubert seconded, and the motion carried.

d. Elizabeth Scales Mound Road Quarry

Jody Carroll had been asked what could be done to protect traffic from a drop off at a quarry face along Elizabeth Scales Mound Road. Steve Keeffer has looked at the pertinent statutes, and surveyed the site in question. It appears that the statutes do not require the quarry operator to rectify the situation. Steve Keeffer has asked IDOT for their interpretation of the statutes, and whether or not anything could be done. The committee will wait to hear back from IDOT before taking further action.

3. Change of Meeting Time

A request to change the Public Works Committee Meeting time to avoid overlapping committee meetings was discussed. After a short discussion, it was quite apparent that there were no other evening times available to meet. The only viable option is to meet during the day. It was decided to meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 8:00 A.M. beginning December 23rd. The November meeting will be held on the 25th at 2:00 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.