

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Carroll
DATE/TIME: January 27, 2003: 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alexander | <input type="checkbox"/> Hasken | <input type="checkbox"/> Schultz |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Berlage | <input type="checkbox"/> Jackson | <input type="checkbox"/> Sisler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bielenda | <input type="checkbox"/> Lyons | <input type="checkbox"/> Stoffregen |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carroll | <input type="checkbox"/> Montelius | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toepfer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Creighton | <input type="checkbox"/> Potter | <input type="checkbox"/> Zillig |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooper | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schubert | |

Others: Steve Keeffer
Glen Weber
Bill Melton

Subject: Spring Postings, Derinda Road Property, Animal Control Truck, Township 50/50 projects

Bill Melton attended the meeting to discuss the disposition of the property on Derinda Road. Mr. Melton indicated that he may be interested in the building, but did not like the color. Mr. Melton was going to inspect the building and discuss further with Steve Keeffer.

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that it would be time to post the roads soon. Domer Schubert made a motion to pass a resolution authorizing the County Engineer to post the roads at his discretion, Bill Cooper seconded, and the motion carried.

The committee reviewed bid tabs from the recently held letting for a new disc mower. Steve Keeffer informed the committee that the 'shaft drive' mowers have been much more reliable than the 'gear drive' mowers. For that reason, Steve Keeffer suggested that the shaft drive New Idea 5406 would be a better choice than the gear driven John Deere 240 (the John Deere bid was \$18 less than the New Idea). John Creighton made a motion to purchase a New Idea 5406 from Scott Implement for \$3,890, Sally Toepfer seconded, and the motion carried.

Steve Keeffer informed the committee of the County MFT Maintenance Program plans for this year.

The committee was made aware of two pending Guilford Township MFT projects that will be bid in the next month. The county has to award these projects, but the funds are all township MFT.

The committee considered a request from Guilford Township to fund a 50/50 project on Rawlins and Guilford Road for the replacement of several culverts at an estimated cost of \$50,000. A discussion ensued about whether it was appropriate to fund this project as a 50/50 project. The enabling state statutes were reviewed, and the committee was concerned that the language suggested that these projects be for a single structure, not a stretch of roads with culverts. Another committee concern is that the statutes require the projects to be county projects, and in the past, Guilford Township has been the lead agency for these projects. The committee instructed Steve Keeffer to ensure that these projects are constructed per the statutes. Bill Cooper made a motion to approve the request, John Creighton seconded, and the motion carried.

A request from Wards Grove Township for a culvert repair on Tiger Whip Road was reviewed. This proposed project is for a plastic culvert liner to be installed in an existing culvert at an estimated cost of \$2,000. The work will be done by county and township employees. John Creighton made a motion to approve the request, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

Steve Keeffer asked the committee to consider spending up to \$5,000 for hiring a bucket truck for tree trimming. John Creighton made a motion to spend up to \$5,000 for tree trimming, Domer Schubert seconded, and the motion carried.

The committee was updated on the status of the River Ridge School Turn Lane project. A draft agreement has been received from IDOT. This agreement contained language that concerned the committee. Some sections of the agreement would allow the state to pull funding on the project, potentially making the county responsible for some of the funds. Steve Keeffer has spoken with IDOT personnel about the concerning language, and he has been told that this language is in all IDOT agreements, and is part of the state's administrative code, and cannot be changed. IDOT has assured Steve Keeffer that the funds are in place for the project, and they will not be pulled. John Creighton made a motion to send the agreement to the full board for their approval, Bill Cooper seconded. Domer Schubert amended the motion to acquire a copy of the contract between River Ridge School and Hoffman Group to see if Hoffman Group has some responsibility, John Creighton seconded the amendment, the amendment passed, and the motion passed.

The committee discussed the cleaning service cost for the Highway Department Building. It was decided that bids for cleaning services will be publicly requested when the current contract expires in May.

Bid tabs for a new Animal Control Truck were reviewed. John Creighton made a motion to approve the bid from McNett Motors in Stockton for a Chevy S-10 pickup at a cost of \$9,731, Domer Schubert seconded, and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.