

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Jody Carroll
DATE/TIME: May 22,2003

PRESENT:

Berlage
 Carroll

Cooper
 Creighton

Schubert
 Toepfer

Other Board members:

Others: Steve Keeffer

MINUTES

The committee discussed the Derinda Road property issue. Mr. Melton had stopped in and told Steve Keeffer that he was currently having some health problems, and his lawyer son had not had time to review information that was sent to him last month. The committee would like to resolve this issue as quickly as possible, and instructed Steve Keeffer to consult with Glen Weber, and see if he could send a letter that Mr. Melton could simply sign to agree to take the property once it is vacated.

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that guardrail spraying had begun. The vendor from last year has agreed to perform the services at the same rate as last year.

The committee talked about township seal coated roads. Concern has been expressed over poor performance of chip and seal surfaces on some township roads. It has been suggested that the county take an active role in determining if a township road is ready to be seal coated. This would entail coring the road to determine the condition and thickness of the base, the proper grading of the surface, proper compaction, etc. The question was asked if the county had that type of authority over townships. The committee instructed Steve Keeffer to find out how much authority the county has, and to distribute some educational material to the townships regarding preparing roads for seal coat.

Steve Keeffer asked the committee about the possibility of hiring some part time technical help for the summer. A local engineering student has recently become available, but hiring one was not anticipated earlier in the year. There will be enough funding in the part time line item to hire someone for part of the summer. The committee thought that since hiring part time technical help was not planned for, and given the financial situation of the county, it would be best not to hire anyone.

Charges for the Weed Superintendent were discussed. The committee wants the scouting efforts to be concentrated on the northern tier of townships, and to investigate any complaints. The committee also requested that letters be written to county board members, township highway commissioners, and township supervisors to let them know who the superintendent is and where to forward complaints.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.