

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Jody Carroll
DATE/TIME: April 27, 2009 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Berlage
 Carroll

Jackson
 Kent

Lorig
 Schultz

Others: Steve Keeffer and Dan Reimer

MINUTES

1. Citizen's Comments

None

2. Minutes

Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the March 23rd meeting minutes, Dane Jackson seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Highway Department

a. Project Schedule Update.

The committee reviewed a list of current projects, and discussed their progress and status.

b. Elizabeth Building/Site Improvements.

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that he had spoken with Jo Carroll about moving power lines and removing an easement to allow for the locating of the proposed building. Jo Carroll has offered to move the power lines and eliminate the easement in exchange for a transfer of a 40 foot wide strip of land from the Highway Department to Jo Carroll. The consensus of the committee was to proceed with the land swap concept. The committee instructed Steve Keeffer to have a legal description and plat of the strip of land created, and to work with State's Attorney Terry Kurt to craft an agreement to allow for transfer concept. Steve Keeffer will also continue to write specifications for the building, but will not solicit bids until the power line/easement situation is resolved.

c. County Road Spring Postings – Special Meeting.

After an engaging discussion, the committee decided that a special spring road posting meeting would most likely not produce worthwhile results, therefore, no meeting is planned.

d. Federal Agreement for the Stagecoach Trail McFadden Bridge.

The committee reviewed a federal participation agreement for the McFadden Bridge on Stagecoach Trail. This agreement is necessary to utilize federal funds for the project. The agreement outlines the funding amounts from federal (Major Bridge), and local (County Bridge Fund) sources. Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the agreement, Dane Jackson seconded, and the motion carried.

e. Statewide Capital Bill Support.

The committee reviewed information from the Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissioners (IACBMC) regarding a resolution that could be passed by the county board in support of a statewide capital bill that includes local government. The state legislature is currently debating the creation of a capital bill, but at this point, local government is not included as they have been in past capital bills. Marvin Schultz made a motion to forward the resolution to the County Board, Dane Jackson seconded, and the motion carried.

f. Berreman Township 50/50 Project.

The committee considered a petition from Berreman Township for Rip Rap ditch channel lining on Hairpin Road. The work consists of cleaning and stabilizing a roadside ditch that is eroding into the road. The estimated cost of the project is \$3,000. Dane Jackson made a motion to approve the request, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

g. Warren Village Fuel Tanks.

The committee reviewed a request from the Village of Warren for participation in the installation cost of a fueling facility. If the county were to share in the project cost, they would be able to purchase fuel from the facility. After reviewing the details, Dane Jackson made a motion to not participate in the project, Mike Lorig seconded, and the motion carried. Steve Keeffer will inform the Village of the decision.

h. North Road Widening Project.

The committee was updated on the progress of the project on the Elizabeth Scales Mound Road north of the Village of Scales Mound (the 'North Road'). The excavation work is essentially complete. Final grading with a crawler bull dozer will occur next, and then the project will be seeded.

4. Animal Control

a. Proposed Animal Control Legislation.

The issue remains tabled

5. Closed Session

The committee entered closed session at 9:05 P.M. subject to Personnel section 2(c)1. At 9:27 P.M. the committee returned to open session

6. Citizen's Comments

None

7. Board Member Concerns

None.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.