

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Public Works  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Jody Carroll  
**DATE/TIME:** January 28, 2008 7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:**

Berlage  
 Carroll

Jackson  
 Kent

Lorig  
 Schultz

Others: Steve Keeffer, Dan Reimer, Mike Moser

### MINUTES

#### 1. Citizen's Comments

None

#### 2. Minutes

Mike Lorig made a motion to approve October 9<sup>th</sup>, November 26<sup>th</sup>, and December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, Alan Kent 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. Steve Keeffer also informed the committee that additional MFT funds have been used for winter maintenance operation than have been used in the past. Less available MFT funds and increasing prices may significantly reduce the summer maintenance program.

##### b. Private Road Naming.

Mike Moser from the Sheriff's Department attended the meeting to explain some issues he is having with addressing county parcels. Mr. Moser has recently taken over addressing from the county zoning office, and has some concerns and has identified potential problems. In the 35 years since house numbering began, several county offices have been responsible for issuing numbers, and everyone has done it a different way and mistakes have been made that exacerbate the problem as time passes and more addresses are issued. One of Mr. Moser's current issues could be solved if a private road could be named. Currently, there seems to be a moratorium on naming

private roads, but it has occurred in the past. The committee asked Mike Moser to work with the 911 board to identify the issues and solutions and return to the Public Works Committee so they can be acted on.

**c. County Farm Cemetery.**

Steve Keeffer has talked to former Supervisor of Assessments, Nancy Miller, who has done some research on the cemetery. Her research indicates that the cemetery was owned by the county at one time, but no longer is. The chain of deeds indicates that the cemetery is owned by a gentleman who passed away in 1912. The committee instructed Steve Keeffer to contact State's Attorney Terry Kurt to get his opinion on how to proceed.

**d. Village of Stockton 50/50 Request.**

Steve Keeffer updated the committee on the Stockton 50/50 request. Steve Keeffer and the village's consulting engineer have identified the items that are 'fundable'. The village has begun to levy at the appropriate rate, but will have to do so for two levy cycles to qualify. The earliest the village could qualify would be after they submit their levy request to the county in December 2008.

**e. LRA Request for Additional Roads at the Savanna Army Depot.**

The committee continued discussion on a request by the LRA asking Jo Daviess, and Carroll County to accept additional roads at the Army Depot. The committee was agreeable to considering this request when there is a need for the roads to be public highways. At this time, the industrial park is not developed, and public access is not required. Steve Keeffer will draft a letter explaining the Jo Daviess County position for the Public Works Committee to review at the next meeting.

**f. Willow Road TARP Funding Approval.**

The committee reviewed a letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation indicating that \$293,400 of Truck Access Route Program (TARP) funding has been approved for Willow Road. Willow Road will have to be resurfaced to an 80,000 pound standard to receive the funds, and cannot be spring posted when complete.

**g. Annual Spring Road Postings.**

The committee reviewed the annual spring road posting resolution. There was discussion about allowing higher axle weights for wide base (super single) tires. The committee thought these tires should be equivalent to dual tires. Steve Keeffer will change the resolution to reflect that change and will also change the rim size on the smaller tires – increase from 17” to 19”. Dane Jackson made a motion to approve the posting resolution with the proposed changes, Mike Lorig seconded, and the motion carried.

**h. 2008 Meeting Schedule.**

The committee reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for 2008. Per the schedule, the May meeting would occur on Memorial Day – May 20<sup>th</sup> was chosen as the May meeting date. Mike Lorig made a motion to approve the meeting schedule, Alan seconded and the motion carried.

**4. Other Business**

None

**5. Citizen’s Comments**

None

**6. Board Member Concerns**

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M.