

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**COMMITTEE:** Public Works  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Jody Carroll  
**DATE/TIME:** July 24, 2008 7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:**

Berlage  
 Carroll

Jackson  
 Kent

Lorig  
 Schultz

Others: Steve Keeffer, Mike Moser

**MINUTES**

**1. Citizen's Comments**

None

**2. Minutes**

Mike Lorig made a motion to approve the June 23<sup>rd</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.

**b. Proposed Elizabeth Storage Building.**

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that Jo Carroll Energy had expressed interest in purchasing the Highway Department facility. Jo Carroll has inquired about a price for the facility. There was considerable discussion about how best to proceed. It was decided that the State's Attorney should be consulted before moving much further. Steve Keeffer was instructed to contact State's Attorney Terry Kurt for additional guidance.

**c. 2009 Budget.**

The committee discussed the 2009 budget. Steve Keeffer has completed drafts of the expenditure documents and informed the committee of a few items of interest. Moving the August Public Works Committee to Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at the courthouse was also discussed and approved

by committee consensus. Steve Keeffer will look into a few budget related items and report the results at the next meeting.

**d. Addressing Guide.**

Mike Moser from the Sheriff's Department addressed the committee to explain several limitations with the current addressing system he has experienced since taking over house numbering. Several items were discussed, and Mike Moser has prepared a draft addressing guide document. After much discussion, the committee asked that Mike Moser, Steve Keeffer, and Linda Delvaux work together to prepare a document for committee consideration.

**e. Vinegar Hill Township 50/50 Project.**

The committee considered a petition from Vinegar Hill Township for culvert work on State Line Road and Three Pines Road. The work entails the replacement of across the road culverts and approach roadway improvements. The estimated cost of both projects is \$10,000. Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the request, Alan Kent seconded, and the motion carried.

**4. Other Business**

Steve Keeffer informed the committee he has looked at recent flooding issues on Bethel Road and changes made to upstream property that may affect the road during a subsequent flooding event. The only change that could be made to the road that would eliminate the flooding problem would be to raise the road and force all the flood water to flow through the bridge and possibly construct additional culverts to add additional flow area. This will be a large and costly project. The committee did not want to pursue this type of project at this time. Steve Keeffer also informed the committee that he has been in discussion with the Jo Daviess Workshop about changes to the current cleaning contract, and the concept of using an hourly rate instead of a monthly fee. Dane Jackson made a motion to allow Steve Keeffer to use his discretion regarding the cleaning contract, Alan seconded, and the motion carried.

**5. Citizen's Comments**

None

**6. Board Member Concerns**

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 P.M.