

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Public Works  
**CHAIRPERSON:** LaDon Trost  
**DATE/TIME:** April 22, 2019 6:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Allendorf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heuerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hill
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Korth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> O'Connor	<input type="checkbox"/> Toot
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trost		

Others: Steve Keeffer and Dan Reimer

### MINUTES

#### 1. Minutes

John Korth made a motion to approve minutes from the February 25, 2019 Public Works meeting, Bob O'Connor seconded. The minutes were approved.

#### 2. Citizens' Comments

None

#### 3. Highway Department

##### a. Old Business

##### 1. Project Schedule Update

Steve Keeffer prepared a map of the county with all active projects delineated. The committee discussed many of the projects and their progress/status.

##### 2. Committee Objectives and Goals and the County Board Retreat

The committee reviewed the committee objectives and goals from the last county board retreat. The status of each goal was discussed and noted to be submitted for the upcoming county board retreat.

### **3. County Engineer Salary**

There was a brief discussion about the County Engineer Salary program. The committee consensus was to wait until the next meeting when more committee members would be present to discuss further.

## **b. New Business**

### **1. Purchase of a used Smooth Drum Roller**

The committee considered the purchase of a used Smooth Drum Roller. This was a purchase that was put into the current budget at an amount of \$30,000. Bryan Heavy Equipment of Oelwein, Iowa has a 2005 Caterpillar 663E Steel Drum Roller for sale with approximately 4,000 hours of usage at an asking price of \$54,000. Steve Keeffer presented the committee with other similar machines found on the internet and the asking price is competitive. There was substantial savings from the recent purchase of a used tractor backhoe so the equipment purchase budget line item will not be exceeded. Don Hill made a motion to approve the resolution to buy the roller from Bryan Heavy Equipment at a price of \$54,000, Bob Heurman seconded, and the motion carried.

### **2. Nora Township Cost Share Project**

Nora Township has requested county aid for a culvert project on Mammoser Road at the intersection of Greenvale Road and Mammoser Road and a riprap project at the intersection of Mammoser Road and Howardsville Road. The estimated cost of these projects is \$15,000. Don Hill made a motion to approve the cost share project, Bob Heurman seconded, and the motion carried.

### **3. Siding Materials for the Galena Storage Building**

The committee reviewed quotes for siding material for the Galena storage building. The proposed siding material is LP Smart Side to be installed in a board and batten fashion. The material will be painted and has a 50 year warranty. The low quote was from Spahn and Rose in Warren, Illinois, at a cost of \$7,417.07. Bob Heurman made a motion to purchase the siding from Spahn and Rose in Warren, Illinois, Don Hill seconded, and the motion carried.

#### **4. Road Sign Purchase**

The committee reviewed quotes for a significant quantity of highway signs. Due to retroreflectivity requirements, all highway signs need to be replaced once they are 10 years old. The low quote was from Newman Signs in Jamestown, North Dakota, at a cost of \$9,293.35. Bob Heuerman made a motion to purchase the signs from Newman Signs in Jamestown, North Dakota, Don Hill seconded, and the motion carried.

#### **5. Letter Regarding Proposed Roadway User Fee Revenue Increase**

There has been some earnest discussion in the state legislature regarding a possible increase in highway user fees. Some of the statewide county organizations have encouraged counties to contact their legislators regarding this issue. The committee reviewed a letter format provided by the Illinois Association of County Board Members. After some discussion, the committee instructed Steve Keeffer to alter the letter to make it more relevant to our local situation. Don Hill made a motion to submit the final letter to Andrew Chesney and Brian Stewart, Bob O'Connor seconded, and the motion carried.

#### **6. Usage of American Made Equipment on County Projects**

There was a brief discussion about the usage of American made construction equipment on county projects. It was decided not to pursue any formal policy regarding this issue. American companies have some of their equipment manufactured in foreign countries and some foreign companies have their equipment manufactured in the United States.

#### **4. Citizens Comments**

None

#### **5. Board Member Concerns**

None

The meeting concluded at 7:52 P.M.