

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: LaDon Trost
DATE/TIME: February 25, 2019 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Allendorf
 Korth
 Trost

Heuerman
 O'Connor

Hill
 Toot

Others: Steve Keeffer and Dan Reimer

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Bob Heuerman made a motion to approve minutes from the February 4, 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 updated committee objectives and goals based on the latest county board retreat.

b. New Business

1. Purchase of a used Tractor Backhoe

The committee considered the purchase of a used Tractor Backhoe. This was a purchase that was put into the current budget at an amount of \$60,000. Randy Jobgen of Galena has a 2004 JCB 214 Backhoe for sale with approximately 4,000 hours of usage at an asking price of \$23,500. Steve Keeffer presented the committee with other similar machines found on the internet and the asking price is competitive. There was some concern about not looking for a John Deere machine since they are manufactured in Dubuque. The committee also asked Steve Keeffer to check with the state's attorney to see if there would be any issues buying a backhoe from a former county board member. Bob Heuerman made a motion to approve the resolution to buy the backhoe from Randy Jobgen at a price of \$23,500, John Korth seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Reappointment of the County Engineer

The current term for the county engineer expires on March 13, 2019. Reappointing the county engineer is a two-step process – first asking IDOT for permission to reappoint the current county engineer, then the actual reappointment. The resolution asking for permission to reappoint an incumbent has been sent to IDOT, but an official response is forthcoming. There was some discussion about the state salary program. The committee wanted to give that item some more thought. Bob O'Connor made a motion to approve the resolution reappointing the incumbent county engineer contingent on the IDOT approval with the salary to be discussed later, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns

Concerns were expressed about WalMart's recent decision to alter their greeter positions. The difficult winter was also discussed.

The meeting concluded at 7:22 P.M.