

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: LaDon Trost
DATE/TIME: January 27, 2020 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Allendorf
 Korth
 Trost

Heuerman
 O'Connor

Hill
 Toot

Others: Steve Keeffer

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Bob O'Connor made a motion to approve minutes from the November 25, 2019 Public Works meeting, Bob Heuerman 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 discussed the committee objectives and goals from the recent county board retreat.

3. Disposition of Used Equipment

The committee continued to discuss the disposition of several pieces of used equipment. Said equipment was offered to the other county departments for the required 30 days and there was no interest. The fixed asset policy allows for Ebay to be used as a method to sell the equipment. Steve Keeffer is interested in using an online auction service, but is concerned that Ebay specifically may not be a good option since the items would have to be picked up on site. There are several online auction services that specialize in larger items/equipment and also municipalities. The committee consensus was that 'Ebay' would also include other online auction sites. Scott Toot made a motion to list the equipment with an online auction site, Don Hill seconded, and the motion passed.

b. New Business

1. Dump/Plow Truck Chassis Bids

Steve Keeffer presented the committee with the bid tabulations from the recently held dump/plow truck chassis bid. The low bid was for an International HV507 truck from Thompson Truck & Trailer of Dubuque, Iowa. Don Hill made a motion to purchase a 2020 International 7500 truck chassis from Thompson Truck & Trailer of Dubuque, Iowa at a cost of \$61,900 after trade, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Dump/Plow Snow and Ice Equipment Bids

Bid tabs for supplying and installing dump body equipment, hydraulic system, and snow and ice equipment were reviewed. The lowest bid was from Tri State Truck Equipment of Dubuque, Iowa for a Beau Roc dump body and Universal snow plow. Bob Heuerman made a motion to purchase a Beau Roc dump body and Universal snow plow equipment to be installed by Tri State Truck Equipment from Dubuque, Iowa at a low bid cost of \$61,879, Don Hill seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Uniform Rentals

Steve Keeffer explained struggles that continue with uniform rental services. The highway department has provided uniform rentals to its employees for many years. The cost of those services has risen considerably recently as uniform rental companies have merged/been acquired. The committee suggested that the Jo Daviess County Workshop may be a resource that could provide laundry services. Steve Keeffer will do some more research for further discussion.

4. Spring Road Postings

Annual spring road postings were discussed. A resolution was reviewed that allows the County Engineer to post the county roads at his discretion for not more than 90 days between the dates of February 12 to May 12. Scott Toot made a motion to approve the resolution, Don Hill seconded and the motion carried.

5. 2020 Sign Quotes

The committee reviewed quotations for highway signs that need to be replaced on the county system in 2020. There are approximately 200 signs that will need to be replaced because they will be 10 years old. The low quote was from MD Solutions from Plain City, Ohio as a cost of \$8,060.79. Bob O'Connor made a motion to approve the purchase of signs from MD Solutions from Plain City, Ohio at a cost of \$8,060.79, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

6. Nuclear Density Gauge

The committee discussed the county's nuclear density gauge. The current gauge is 26 years old. A new gauge is available that does not require the county to have a nuclear material license. There are annual costs associated with the current gauge/nuclear license that can also be eliminated (training, leak tests, radiation badges, etc.). This is a specialized piece of equipment and there are few companies manufacturing a gauge that does not require a nuclear license. Steve Keeffer has researched the situation and has concluded that the Troxler Egauge 4590 at a cost of \$15,290 (including disposal of the current gauge) is the best option for a non-licensed gauge. The other non-licensed gauge options use less proven technology/methods and are more difficult to use. This purchase was considered when the current budget was developed and the funding has been appropriated. Steve Allendorf made a motion to approve the purchase of a Troxler Egauge 4590 from Troxler Electronic Laboratories, Research Triangle Park, NC, at a cost of \$15,290, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

7. Supplemental Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Resolution

The committee reviewed a supplemental MFT maintenance resolution for the 2019 maintenance program. The resolution is for \$1,925.66 – the additional cost is a result of the actual quantities of the various commodities versus the estimates that were used to develop the original resolution. Don Hill made a motion to approve the resolution, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

8. Supplemental Motor Fuel Tax Resolution for the County Engineer's Salary

The committee reviewed a supplemental MFT resolution for the County Engineer's salary. The resolution is for \$820.73 – the additional cost is most likely a result of the timing of the pay period and the annual pay increase per the merit plan. Steve Allendorf made a motion to approve the resolution, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns

There was a brief discussion of concerns raised about recent tree trimming.

The meeting concluded at 6:47 P.M.