

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: LaDon Trost
DATE/TIME: June 24, 2019 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Allendorf
 Korth
 Trost

Heuerman
 O'Connor

Hill
 Toot

Others: Steve Keeffer and Dan Reimer

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Bob O'Connor made a motion to approve minutes from the May 21, 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.

b. New Business

1. Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for the Woodbine Township Apple River Road Bridge Project

Steve Keeffer presented the committee with a federal funding agreement for the bridge replacement project on Apple River Road in Woodbine Township. This project is being funded by federal funds to an existing bridge that was damaged from flooding in 2017 and has been closed since. The agreement will allow for 80% of the project to be funded with federal funds (Surface Transportation Program - Bridge) and the remaining costs to be paid with county federal aid matching funds. The project is estimated to cost \$1,000,000 - \$800,000 federal funds and \$200,000 local funds. Bob Heuerman made a motion to approve the agreement and supporting resolution allocating the local match, Don Hill seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Maintenance Worker Retirement Discussion

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that two maintenance workers are planning to retire within the next year. These individuals have accrued vacation and comp time that will need to be expended which will in effect keep them 'on the payroll' although they will no longer be working. Steve Keeffer is concerned that this will occur during the winter season and would like to hire new employees so they have some time to be trained on using snow equipment and to be available to plow snow. There will be some payroll overlap that was not included in the current budget. The committee was in favor of filling open positions before the winter season and making appropriate line item adjustments if needed.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns

None

The meeting concluded at 6:27 P.M.