

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Randy Jobgen
DATE/TIME: March 26, 2018 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Allendorf
 Hill
 Winkelhake

Dittmar
 Jobgen

Heuerman
 Trost

Others: Steve Keeffer and Tim Eden

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Bob Heuerman made a motion to approve minutes from the February 26, 2018 Public Works meeting, Steve Allendorf seconded, and the motion carried.

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. New Copier Quote

The committee reviewed quotations received for a new copier. The copier purchase was included in the current budget. The low quote that met specifications was from Midwest Business Products from Dubuque Iowa at a cost of \$7,323.00. After a brief discussion, Rick Dittmar made a motion to purchase the copier from Midwest Business Products at a cost not to exceed \$7,323.00, Bob Heurman seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Purchase of a used semi-tractor and flatbed trailer

The committee reviewed information on a used semi-tractor and used flatbed trailer. The purchase of these items was included in the current budget. They will be used to transport Highway Department equipment throughout the county including the recently purchased road recycler. The units that have been located are at a dealer in Galva, Illinois at a cost \$47,500, which is more than the \$40,000 that was originally proposed for this purchase. However, savings on the new dump/plow truck that was approved earlier in the year offset the extra costs of these units and the budget line item will not be exceeded. Steve Keeffer indicated that the search for acceptable units has been ongoing but it has been difficult to find ones that will meet the requirements at the proposed price point. In addition, many purchasing options (craigslist/ebay/auctions) do not work well with governmental purchasing realities - used equipment dealers work best. There was some concern with the age and mileage of the semi-tractor. Steve Keeffer explained that older trucks with mechanical engine management, verses electronic engine management are more reliable, easier to maintain, and easier to repair. There was also discussion about the fact that this unit would not travel great distances or many miles in a years' time. LaDon Trost made a motion to approve the purchase of a used Kenworth T800 semi-tractor, serial number 1AJ541998GL and a used Talbert 50 Ton trailer, serial number 40FW05137W1017121 from Appel Auto Sales, Galva, Illinois at a cost of \$47,500, Bob Heurman seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Highway Department Staffing

The committee held a brief discussion about current and proposed highway department staffing levels and the potential impacts of proposed changes.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns

There was a brief discussion about county owned cemeteries.

The meeting concluded at 8:13 P.M.