

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Public Works  
**CHAIRPERSON:** LaDon Trost  
**DATE/TIME:** May 21, 2019 6:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:**

Allendorf  
 Korth  
 Trost

Heuerman  
 O'Connor

Hill  
 Toot

Others: Steve Keeffer and Dan Reimer

### MINUTES

#### 1. Minutes

Don Hill made a motion to approve minutes from the April 22, 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 discussed the committee objectives and goals from the recent county board retreat.

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

The discussion about the County Engineer Salary program was continued. The effects of participating in the County Engineer Salary program were reviewed. If the county were to participate in the program, funding could be transferred from the county's annual federal funding allotments into the County MFT fund. This would allow some of the county's federal funding to be used for additional work that is typically paid for with MFT funds such as chip seal or road salt. It was thought that the best time to implement a change in how the county engineer salary is funded would be in conjunction with the development of the annual budget. The committee also discussed that the county engineer position would have to be removed from the Jo Daviess County Position Classification Plan to adjust the salary to meet the requirements of the County Engineer Salary Program. Scott Toot made a motion to change to method of paying the County Engineer's salary as part of the 2020 budget process, Bob O'Connor seconded and the motion carried. Steve Allendorf made a motion to forward a request to the Executive Committee to remove the County Engineer from the Jo Daviess County Position Classification Plan to be considered at the July Executive Committee meeting, Scott Toot seconded, and the motion carried.

#### **b. New Business**

##### **1. Menominee Township Cost Share Project**

Menominee Township has requested county aid for a culvert project on Route 5 to replace three across the road culverts. The estimated cost of the project is \$15,000. Steve Allendorf made a motion to approve the cost share project, John Korth seconded, and the motion carried.

##### **2. Stagecoach Trail Bridge Approach Project**

The committee reviewed a quote for the installation of asphalt to repair a settled bridge approach pavement on Stagecoach Trail just east of Galena. Despite contacting several asphalt contractors, only one quote was submitted from Civil Constructors. The other vendors were either too busy or did not want to work in Illinois. Steve Allendorf made a motion to accept Civil Constructors quote of \$16,575 for the paving work, Bob O'Connor seconded, and the motion carried.

**4. Citizens Comments**

None

**5. Board Member Concerns**

None

The meeting concluded at 6:50 P.M.