

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: LaDon Trost
DATE/TIME: September 23, 2019 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 July 22, 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. Maintenance Worker Retirement Discussion

The committee continued the discussion regarding the pending retirement of two maintenance workers. Steve Keeffer wanted to verify that there would not be any issues to fill the positions before the employees officially retire since they will both be using accrued vacation time and compensatory time and will not be working at the beginning of the winter season yet still employed. Steve Keeffer would like to hire two new maintenance workers before the winter season so they can get acclimated to the roadways and equipment before plowing snow. The committee concurred with this concept. The committee also continued to discuss the possibility of one of the retiring employees returning in a part time capacity to continue his work with the sign inventory and retroreflectivity requirements. The committee considered various options. Steve Keeffer and the County Administrator will collaborate to further evaluate the situation.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns

None

The meeting concluded at 7:10 P.M.