

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: LaDon Trost
DATE/TIME February 22, 2021 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

☒ Heuerman
☐ O'Connor

☒ Hill (Zoom)
☒ Toot

☒ Korth
☒ Trost

Others: Steve Keeffer, Dan Reimer(Zoom), Tim Eden(Zoom)

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Bob Heuerman made a motion to approve minutes from the December 28, 2020 Public Works meeting, John Korth seconded, and a roll call vote resulted in all ayes.

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 Goals and Objectives

The committee went through the list of goals and objectives from the most recent County Board Retreat and provided an update for each list item.

b. New Business

1. Loran Road Culvert Replacement Project Bids

The committee reviewed bid tabulations for the Loran Road Culvert Project. This is a project that has been under discussion for about a year and was delayed when the pandemic hit and priorities were adjusted. The low bid for the project was from Gary Saam Construction from Scales Mound, Illinois at a bid price of \$112,135.80. The engineers estimate for the project was \$121,700. After some discussion, Bob Heuerman made a motion to approve the bid from Gary Saam Construction in the amount of \$112,135.80, Don Hill seconded, and a roll call vote resulted in all ayes.

2. Woodbine Township Apple River Bridge Right of Way Purchase

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that he has been negotiating the right of way purchases for the Woodbine Township Apple River Bridge project. There are four different property owners that the county needs to purchase right of way from, and reimburse for fencing. In order to have the project included in the April 23rd state letting, the right of way has to be acquired by March 10th. Steve Keeffer indicated that if we used the regular claims cycle, the payments would be too late. It was recommended to use the Emergency Purchase protocols. After some discussion, the following motions were made:

John Korth made a motion to purchase land from Randy Haas for \$3,364 and reimburse for fencing at \$9,950, Bob Heuerman seconded, and a roll call vote resulted in all ayes.

John Korth made a motion to purchase land from Shirley Fox and Linda Miller for \$1,000 and reimburse for fencing at \$4,842.50, Bob Heuerman seconded, and a roll call vote resulted in all ayes.

John Korth made a motion to purchase land from Elizabeth Pollizi for \$1,000 and reimburse for fencing at \$2,200, Bob Heuerman seconded, and a roll call vote resulted in all ayes.

John Korth made a motion to purchase land from DJL Farms LLC for \$1,000 and reimburse for fencing at \$960, Bob Heuerman seconded, and a roll call vote resulted in all ayes.

Bob Heuerman made a motion to purchase the property and reimburse for fencing as an Emergency Purchase in the total amount of \$24,316.50, John Korth seconded, and a roll call vote resulted in all ayes.

3. Skid Loader Purchase Update

Steve Keeffer told the committee that he thinks a viable skid loader has been located. \$30,000 was put in this year's budget for the purchase of a used skid loader. Several local implement dealers have been contacted and one has recently taken in a tracked John Deere skid steer on trade. Once the machine has been brought into the dealer, Steve Keeffer and mechanic, Paul Girot, will inspect the machine and report back to the committee.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns

Scott Toot indicated that the vaccination call center had opened in the Emergency Operation Center in Hanover and had a busy first day. The committee recognized the difficult winter and indicated that the Highway Department has been doing a good job.

The meeting concluded at 6:53 P.M.