

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: John Creighton
DATE/TIME February 26, 2023 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

☒ Creighton
☒ Heitkamp
☒ Trost

☒ Endress
☒ Heuerman

☒ Grizzoffi
☒ Holt

Others: Steve Keeffer, Scott Toot

MINUTES

1. Minutes

John Grizzoffi made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 27, 2023 Public Works meeting, Bob Heuerman 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. Solar Electricity Options at the Hanover Facility

No updates.

3. County Cemetery Discussion

The committee discussed options and obligations regarding the Miner Cemetery in East Galena Township.

4. County Accident Map

Steve Keeffer will update the map with the latest data from the State of Illinois and the map will continue to be reviewed.

b. New Business

1. New Plow Truck Purchase Through Sourcewell

An opportunity has finally arrived to purchase a new plow truck through Sourcewell from Bonnell Industries in Dixon, Illinois. There are three chassis manufacturers with opportunities to place orders. The most economical chassis option is a Freightliner. The County currently has four Freightliner trucks that have been satisfactory. The body equipment (dump box, plows, spreader, and hydraulic system) will be installed by Bonnell. The lowest price option (Freightliner Chassis) is \$276,098.55. The last truck the county was able to procure was an International purchased in 2021 at a price of \$166,214. It is anticipated that it will take about 1 year for the complete truck to be delivered. There was concern that the price may change before delivery of the vehicle. The committee asked Steve Keeffer to see if there may be prepay options to lock the price. Mike Holt made a motion to approve the purchase of a Freightliner plow truck at a price of \$276,098.55 from Bonnell Industries in Dixon Illinois, La Don Trost seconded and the motion carried.

Note: After a conversation with Bonnell Industries Steve Keeffer has learned that there is no prepay option for the chassis to hold the price. He was advised that the price should be held if the order is made soon. There is a possibility that the chassis may be delivered in calendar year 2023 and payment for that component would be expected at that time. The body equipment (the Bonnell component) could be prepaid to hold the pricing.

2. Roller Hydraulic Component Repairs

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that a hydraulic drive motor from a Hypac rubber-tired roller and a hydraulic pump from a Caterpillar smooth drum roller have been sent to a reputable repair shop in Spring Green Wisconsin and the issues were diagnosed. The drive motor repairs are estimated to be \$18,000 to \$19,000 and the pump repairs are estimated to be \$16,000 to \$17,000. After some additional discussion, John Grizzoffi made a

motion to pay up to \$20,000 to Hydro House in Spring Green Wisconsin for repairs to a Hypac hydraulic drive motor, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried. John Grizzoffi made another motion to pay up to \$20,000 to Hydro House in Spring Green Wisconsin for repairs to a Caterpillar hydraulic pump, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Google Maps and Closed Structures

The committee was made aware of a recent issue with an Elizabeth Ambulance District call where a closed bridge on Apple River Road delayed their response. The bridge in question is over the Apple River and has been closed for several years with no plans to replace it. Online mapping still indicates that the road is open which may have led to this issue. The committee asked Steve Keeffer to contact the GIS Department to see if there is a way to have online mapping sites update their information.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns

A question was asked if something could be done to improve safety at the intersection of Stagecoach Trail and the Elizabeth Scales Mound Road. Steve Keeffer indicated that solar powered flashing lights have been purchased and will be installed soon. The location of the north bound Stop sign was also mentioned. Steve Keeffer will see if the sign location can be adjusted.

The meeting concluded 7:03 P.M.