

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: LaDon Trost
DATE/TIME February 28, 2022 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

☒ Heuerman
☒ O'Connor

☒ Hill
☒ Korth

☒ McIntyre (Zoom)
☒ Trost

Others: Steve Keeffer and Scott Toot (Zoom)

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Bob O'Connor made a motion to approve minutes from the January 24, 2022 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. Sale of Hanover Property

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that he has talked to a real estate appraiser about the piece of property in Hanover that the neighbor would like to purchase to expand his business. The appraisal would need to be a commercial appraisal and will cost about \$2,000. The committee discussed who would be responsible to pay for the appraisal, and the general concern that the appraisal may cost as much as the property itself. It was suggested that a Broker Price Opinion may suffice and be a more economical solution.

Steve Keeffer agreed to consult with the State's Attorney about the Broker Price Opinion.

3. Solar Electricity Options at the Hanover Facility

Ryne Laity from Stateline Solar in Lena, Illinois, provided some additional information. Mr. Laity will also be providing a quote for a system that is sized for our current electricity usage including any available subsidies. Steve Keeffer will also seek quotations from other solar companies. This item will continue to be discussed at future committee meetings.

4. County Cemetery Discussion

The committee continued to discuss potential county cemeteries. There were questions on the ownership of the 'Miner Cemetery' on Temperly Lane and it will require further investigation. There is an additional cemetery that was part of the county 'poor farm', southeast of Galena that appears to be owned by the county. The committee will continue to discuss this item as more information is gathered.

b. New Business

1. Bids for a County Owned Tractor Mounted Snow Blower

The committee reviewed bids that were solicited to sell a tractor mounted snow blower. This used snow blower was purchased several years ago to mount on a county owned tractor. Since purchasing the snow blower, the county has acquired a truck mounted snow blower through the LESO program and this tractor mounted unit is no longer needed. After reviewing the bids, Steve McIntyre made a motion to approve the \$3,250 bid from John Curtis of Stockton Illinois, Don Hill seconded and a roll call vote resulted in all ayes.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns

Steve McIntyre asked some questions about road postings.

The meeting concluded 6:42 P.M.