

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: LaDon Trost
DATE/TIME April 26, 2021 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

☒ Heuerman
☒ O'Connor

☒ Hill
☒ Korth

☒ Trost

Others: Steve Keeffer, Scott Toot, Hendrica Regez, and Dan Reimer(Zoom)

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Bob O'Connor made a motion to approve minutes from the March 22, 2021 Public Works meeting, Don Hill seconded, and a roll call vote resulted in all ayes.

2. Citizens' Comments

Hendrica Regez made a few comments about reviving the Adopt-A-Highway program.

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. UTV Usage of County Roads

The committee had a brief discussion regarding UTV usage of public roads. The House Bill that was discussed last month has been sent back to the Rules Committee which would indicate that it will not be considered. The committee consensus was to not leave this item on future agendas.

b. New Business

1. Liquid Base Stabilizer

The committee reviewed a quote for Base 1 liquid base stabilizer to be used for full depth recycling of Blackjack Road. This product has been used in the past and has been performing well. It is a proprietary product only sold by the manufacturer so there is only one quote to consider. The price has not changed from last year. The quote from Team Lab for the product is \$19,800 delivered to Hanover. Bob Heuerman made a motion to approve the purchase, John Korth seconded, and a roll call vote resulted in all ayes.

2. Federal Participation Agreement for the Woodbine Township Apple River Road Project

Steve Keeffer presented the committee with a Federal Participation Agreement for the Woodbine Township Apple River Road bridge project. This agreement will allow the project to be funded with Federal Bridge Funds. The project construction cost is estimated to be \$1,350,000 and 80% will be paid for with federal funds. The remaining 20% will be paid by the county and township. Don Hill made a motion to approve the Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for the Woodbine Township Apple River Road Bridge Project, Bob Heuerman seconded, and a roll call vote resulted in all ayes.

3. Local Contribution Resolution for the Woodbine Township Apple River Road Project

The committee reviewed a resolution for the local contribution for the Woodbine Township Apple River Road bridge project. This resolution will allocate local funds to be used with the Federal Bridge Funds. The project construction cost is estimated to be \$1,350,000 and 20% (\$270,000) will be paid by the county and township. Bob Heuerman made a motion to approve the Local Contribution Resolution for the Woodbine Township Apple River Road Bridge Project, Bob O'Connor seconded, and a roll call vote resulted in all ayes.

4. Nora Township Cost Share Project Request

Nora Township is requesting 50/50 aid for the replacement of a culvert on Canyon Road. The estimated cost of the work is \$15,000, with the county and township each paying half. Don Hill made a motion to approve the request at a cost not to exceed \$15,000, Bob Heuerman seconded, and a roll call vote resulted in all ayes.

5. East Galena Township Cost Share Project Request

East Galena Township is requesting 50/50 aid for the repair of a bridge on Irish Hollow Road. The bridge in question has steel piling which are rusting at the water line. The repair plan will require plan sheets prepared by a Structural Engineer per IDOT. The estimated cost of the work is \$40,000, with the county and township each paying half. John Korth made a motion to approve the request at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, Bob Heuerman seconded, and a roll call vote resulted in all ayes.

6. East Galena Township Project Engineering Agreement

An engineering agreement for the East Galena Township bridge repair project on Irish Hollow Road was reviewed. The agreement is from Willett Hoffman to provide Structural Engineer stamped repair plans for the bridge piling. The cost of the work is \$6,117 with the county and township each paying half. Bob Heuerman made a motion to approve the agreement at a cost of \$6,117, John Korth seconded, and a roll call vote resulted in all ayes.

7. Adopt-A-Highway Program

Hendrica Regez attended the meeting to discuss the Adopt-A-Highway program for county roads. Steve Keeffer presented his recollection of the history of the program which started 20 plus years ago. For the most part, the program is currently dormant and has been for at least 10 years. There is one group in the Warren area that does pick up on Stagecoach Trail. The committee asked about the cost of the program monetarily and administratively. The committee instructed Steve Keeffer to reach out to State's Attorney Allendorf for his opinion on the potential liability of the program and asked Steve Keeffer to create a cost estimate of the program.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns

Bob Heuerman asked about the correct address for a house in his neighborhood. Bob O'Connor asked about an opportunity to inspect some of the county's recently acquired equipment.

The meeting concluded at 7:09 P.M.