

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: John Creighton
DATE/TIME June 24, 2024 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

☒ Creighton
☒ Heitkamp
☒ Trost

☒ Endress
☒ Heuerman

☒ Grizzoffi
☐ Holt

Others: Steve Keeffer

MINUTES

1. Minutes

John Grizzoffi made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2024 Public Works meeting, Steve Endress 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.

b. New Business

1. Pleasant Valley Township Culvert Bids

The committee reviewed bid tabulations for a culvert replacement project on Groezinger Road in Pleasant Valley Township. The low bid was from Law Excavation of Mt. Carroll, IL at a cost of \$105,456.00. The proposed project

is the replacement of a failing concrete box culvert with a reinforced concrete pipe with cast in place concrete end sections. After some additional discussion, Joe Heitkamp made a motion to approve the bid from Law Excavating of Mr. Carroll, IL at a cost of \$105,456.00, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Skid Steer Power Broom Discussion

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that he was considering the purchase of a power broom for a skid steer loader. The county currently has a self-propelled power broom, but there are times when an additional broom would be beneficial when multiple projects are ongoing that would benefit from brooming. Steve Keeffer will consider the options, including a broom to mount to the skid steer loader and report back the committee.

3. Altered Speed Zones

Steve Keeffer has been asked about the possibility of lowering the speed limit on select township roads to allow them to be used for Off Road Vehicles. A speed study is the first step in the process and ultimately it is a county board decision to alter speed limits on county and township roadways. Steve Keeffer will be conducting speed studies on the roads in question for further consideration.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns

Steve Endress commented on the new stop signs and flashing lights installed at Elizabeth Scales Mound Road and Stagecoach Trail.

The meeting concluded 7:33 P.M.