

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: John Creighton
DATE/TIME July 22, 2024 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

☒ Creighton
☒ Heitkamp
☐ Trost

☒ Endress
☒ Heuerman

☒ Grizzoffi
☒ Holt

Others: Steve Keeffer, Mike Dittmar, Mark Goodwin, Ruth Foley, Steve Stadel,
Dave Fosler and four others who did not identify themselves.

MINUTES

1. Minutes

John Grizzoffi made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2024
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.

b. New Business

1. Scales Mound Township Altered Speed Zone

The committee reviewed information regarding a request from the Scales
Mound Township Board to lower the speed limit on Charles Mound Road.

The Scales Mound Township Supervisor, Steve Stadel, presented a resolution passed by the township board asking the speed limit to be lowered to 35 miles per hour on Charles Mound Road to allow for the use of Off Highway Vehicles (UTV's). This proposed route would offer UTV's from the State of Wisconsin access to the Village of Scales Mound. A speed study was conducted on the route that indicated the 85th percentile speed to be 55mph and the upper end of the 10mph pace to be 44mph. There was some information added by members of the audience and also some questions were asked. After some additional discussion, John Grizzofi made a motion to pass an ordinance lowering the speed limit to 35mph on Charles Mound Road, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Federal Aid Agreement and Resolution for Scout Camp Road

The committee reviewed an IDOT agreement and county resolution to allow the use of federal funding on a project on Scout Camp Road. The project is cold in place recycling of the existing asphalt surface of Scout Camp Road and a hot mix asphalt overlay from Stagecoach Trail, 8 miles southerly to a point south of Townsend Road. The project is estimated to cost \$2,160,000, of which \$153,000 will be Federal Covid funds, \$1,575,000 Federal STR funds and \$432,000 local Federal Aid Matching funds. After some additional discussion, Joe Heitkamp made a motion approve the agreement and resolution, Mike Holt seconded, and the motion carried. The committee asked Steve Keeffer to have Chris Allendorf review the resolution and agreement.

3. Unmarked State Route Maintenance Issues

The committee had a brief discussion on the possible options regarding the condition of unmarked state routes associated with the Apple River Canyon State Park. This item will continue to be discussed.

4. Citizens Comments

A question was asked about signage for the churches in Schapville. Existing signage has been removed and an inquiry was made about using more official white on blue signage that is used throughout the county for tourist related venues. The committee had no issues with white on blue signage for churches.

5. Board Member Concerns

Mike Holt asked about street lighting at intersections of county highways and state routes.

The meeting concluded 8:10 P.M.