

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: LaDon Trost
DATE/TIME August 22, 2022 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

☒ Heuerman
☐ O'Connor

☒ Hill
☐ Korth

☒ McIntyre
☒ Trost

Others: Steve Keeffer, Scott Toot, Dan Payette, Melisa Hammer (Zoom), Mindy Pratt (Zoom), Ryne Laity (Zoom)

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Steve McIntyre made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2022 Public Works meeting, Don Hill seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Citizens' Comments

None

3. Budget Review Session

a. Soil and Water Conservation District

1. Soil and Water Conservation District (001-44157)GF

Mindy Pratt presented the Soil and Water Conservation District budget. The District is requesting the same contribution from the County as the prior year - \$8,000. After some additional discussion, Steve McIntyre made a motion to provide \$8,000 to the Soil and Water Conservation District, Don Hill seconded, and the motion carried.

b. Highway

1. County Highway Fund (002) - SF

Steve Keeffer presented the County Highway Fund budget. After a review of the budget and some discussion, Don Hill made a motion to approve the

budget including the fund description, year end fund balance policy, anticipated revenues of \$1,668,695.00, and anticipated expenditures of \$1,902,724.52, Don Hill seconded, and the motion carried.

2. County Motor Fuel Tax Fund (006) - SF

Steve Keeffer presented the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund budget. After a review of the budget and some discussion, Steve McIntyre made a motion to approve the budget including the fund description, anticipated revenues of \$966,402.00, and anticipated expenditures of \$1,922,871.08, Don Hill seconded, and the motion carried.

3. County Federal Aid Matching Fund (008) - SF

Steve Keeffer presented the County Federal Aid Matching Fund budget. After a review of the budget and some discussion, Don Hill made a motion to approve the budget including the fund description, anticipated revenues of \$379,527.00, and anticipated expenditures of \$1,640,000.00, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

4. County Aid to Bridges Fund (011) - SF

Steve Keeffer presented the County Aid to Bridges budget. After a review of the budget and some discussion, Steve McIntyre made a motion to approve the budget including the fund description, anticipated revenues of \$874,574.00, and anticipated expenditures of \$890,000.00, Don Hill seconded, and the motion carried.

5. Highway Capital Investment Fund (059) - SF

Steve Keeffer presented the Highway Capital Investment Fund budget. Steve Keeffer advised the committee that he failed to include the proposed purchase of some used seal coat equipment from Whiteside County. This potential purchase was discussed at an earlier committee meeting and the consensus was to include funding for the equipment in the budget. Steve Keeffer would like to add an additional \$70,000 to the 'equipment' line item in this budget. Another concern was vehicle purchases that were approved in the current fiscal year that may not be fulfilled because of supply and price increase issues. The committee would like to add \$130,000 to the 'vehicle' line item of the FY23 budget so those purchases will be covered if the vehicles do not arrive in FY 22. After a review of the budget and some additional discussion, Steve McIntyre made a motion to approve the budget including the fund description, anticipated revenues of \$251,000.00, and anticipated expenditures of \$457,000.00, Don Hill seconded, and the motion carried.

4. 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

The committee reviewed some information that was provided by Stateline Solar. It is estimated that the cost of a solar energy system after incentives would be \$121,290.17 and it would take 13.17 years for payback. There was some discussion about whether the system components would have to be domestically sourced. Steve Keeffer also indicated that there have been some email threads recently regarding solar systems at county facilities and alternative ways to finance the systems. More information will be gathered and the discussion will continue.

3. County Cemetery Discussion

Scoot Toot provided a brief update on the Miner's Cemetery on Temperly Lane

b. New Business

1. Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan

Dan Payette from Blackhawk Hills RCD spoke to the committee about a proposed regional Safety Action Plan. The recently passed Federal Infrastructure bill included a program titled Safe Roads and Streets for All. The first step to be eligible for funding for projects is to have a Safety Action Plan. The development of the Action Plan is also eligible for funding. Blackhawk Hills is applying for a grant to facilitate the development of a Safety Action Plan for the region which will be more advantageous than individual county plans. Blackhawk Hills is asking each county to commit to contributing a share of the local match needed to fund the plan. This commitment will only be needed if Blackhawk Hills is successful in procuring the grant and the Jo Daviess portion of the local match is \$7,869.96. Blackhawk Hills developed a resolution for the county to consider effectuating the local match request. Steve McIntyre made a motion to approve the resolution pending a review by County Clerk Angie Kaiser and State's Attorney Chris Allendorf, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Pickup Truck Bid Price Increase

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that the price of two pickups that were bid and approved in January have increased by \$6,700 per truck. The Dealer indicated that he was unable to order 2022 model year trucks and the manufacturer incentives have gone down resulting in a price increase. After a brief discussion, Steve McIntyre made a motion to reject the current bids and rebid the pickup trucks, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

5. Citizens Comments

None

6. Board Member Concerns

None

The meeting concluded 7:39 P.M.