

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: LaDon Trost
DATE/TIME October 24, 2022 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

☒ Heuerman
☐ O'Connor

☒ Hill(Zoom)
☒ Korth

☒ McIntyre
☒ Trost

Others: John Schultz and Steve Keeffer

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Steve McIntyre made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 22, 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. Committee Objectives and Goals and the County Board Retreat

The committee discussed the committee objectives and goals from the most recent county board retreat.

3. Solar Electricity Options at the Hanover Facility

There was a brief discussion about solar energy systems. Steve Keeffer has spoken with John Scott from Jo Carroll Energy and was informed that recent state legislation has provisions for non-taxed entities to receive benefits for

installing solar systems. It was also suggested that Steve Keeffer may want to talk to the City of Galena about their experience with solar.

4. County Cemetery Discussion

This item was discussed briefly. A suggestion was made that the county may need to form a cemetery board at some point.

b. New Business

1. 2022 MFT Maintenance Resolution

A resolution to appropriate MFT funds for the 2023 annual maintenance program was presented. The amount of the resolution is the same as the amount of the maintenance line item in the MFT budget and is \$700,000. This resolution will appropriate MFT funds for the purchase of road maintenance materials. The immediate commodity needed is salt. Steve McIntyre made a motion to approve the annual MFT maintenance resolution appropriating \$700,000, Bob Heuerman seconded and the motion carried.

2. Winter Maintenance Staffing Concerns

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that due to ongoing health issues with maintenance workers and a maintenance worker leaving, there may be difficulties in having enough plow drivers this winter. Steve Keeffer will keep the committee apprised of the situation and options to mitigate.

5. Citizens Comments

None

6. Board Member Concerns

None

The meeting concluded 6:51 P.M.