

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: LaDon Trost
DATE/TIME November 22, 2021 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

☒ Heuerman
☒ O'Connor

☒ Hill
☒ Korth

☐ McIntyre
☒ Trost

Others: Steve Keeffer and Scott Toot

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Don Hill made a motion to approve minutes from the September 27, 2021 Public Works meeting, John Korth seconded, and a roll call vote resulted in all ayes.

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. Dump/Plow Truck Bids

Steve Keeffer presented the committee with bid tabulations from the dump/plow truck chassis and body equipment bid letting that was held earlier in the day. There was only one chassis bid from Mack Trucks, and it did not meet the bid specifications, and they would not commit to a delivery date. Steve Keeffer called one of the truck dealers that did not participate in this year's bid that has been the low bidder for the last several years to inquire

about the status of the industry and to ask why he did not submit a bid. Steve Keeffer learned that all medium truck manufacturers are experiencing supply and labor issues that have led them to suspend dealers from submitting orders for new trucks. They simply cannot bid a truck because they cannot order a new truck. This dealer thought they would have a clearer picture of the situation in three to six months. Regardless, it will be impossible to get a new truck in the next calendar year. Steve Keeffer suggested that the committee take no action at this time and we can revisit the situation in a few months to determine if it is feasible to bid a truck chassis.

2. 1 Ton Truck Chassis Bids

Steve Keeffer presented the committee with bid tabulations from the 1 ton truck chassis bid letting that was held earlier in the day. Several bids for both gas and diesel powered trucks were received. The low bid was from Virtue Motors in Darlington, Wisconsin on a gas powered Ford F550 at a bid price of \$39,150.00. The diesel powered version of the same truck was approximately \$8,000 more. The county has had gas powered 1 ton trucks in the past and they have been adequate. After some discussion, Bob Heuerman made a motion to accept the bid from Virtue Motors from Darlington, Wisconsin on a gas powered Ford F550 at a cost of \$39,150.00, John Korth seconded and a roll count vote resulted in all ayes.

3. Savanna Army Depot Road Plowing

The committee reviewed a resolution to enter into an agreement with Ryan Raab to plow the Army Depot Roads for an annual cost of \$6,000. Mr. Raab plowed the roads in the former Army Depot last year at a rate of \$3,000. Last year was his first year of plowing these roads, prior to that they were plowed by Washington Township. After one year of plowing the roads, Mr. Raab has a better idea of the work involved and that is why the price was increased. The committee discussed different options including not plowing the roads in question, which are part of the county highway system. Steve Keeffer indicated that there may be opportunities to transfer jurisdiction of the roads in question in the future. After additional discussion, Bob O'Connor made a motion to approve the resolution, Don Hill seconded, and a roll count vote resulted in all ayes with John Korth abstaining.

4. Staff Engineer Position

Steve Keeffer asked the committee about setting the salary of the soon to be filled Staff Engineer position. It was determined that this is an item for the Executive Committee to discuss.

5. 2022 Meeting Dates

The committee reviewed a list of proposed meeting dates and times for 2022. The meetings will continue to be on the 4th Monday of the month at 6:00 pm. John Korth made a motion to approve the meeting schedule as listed, Bob O'Connor seconded, and the motion passed.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns

None

The meeting concluded 6:37 P.M.