

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: LaDon Trost
DATE/TIME November 28, 2022 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

☒ Heuerman
☐ O'Connor

☒ Hill
☐ Korth

☒ McIntyre
☒ Trost

Others: Scott Toot and Steve Keeffer

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Don Hill made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 28, 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. Solar Electricity Options at the Hanover Facility

There was continuing discussion about solar energy systems. After some discussion, the committee consensus was to monitor new state funding programs for tax free agencies to install solar systems.

3. County Cemetery Discussion

This item was discussed briefly. Scott Toot has talked to other counties that have cemeteries. The next step may be for the county to form a cemetery board.

4. Sale of Hanover Property

Steve Keeffer updated the committee on the status of the possible sale of property in Hanover that the neighbor would like to purchase to expand his business. A motion was made to offer the property at a price of \$5,000 plus the buyer pays all closing costs at the May Public Works Committee meeting. The neighbor has accepted that offer via a recently submitted letter. After some additional discussion, Steve McIntyre made a motion to approve the land sale of 0.26 acres (Tract 2 on the submitted plat) to KD Welding at a price of \$5,000, Don Hill seconded, and the motion carried.

b. New Business

1. County Engineer Salary Resolution

A resolution to appropriate MFT funds for the county engineer's salary was considered. The amount appropriated for the county engineer's salary for 2023 is \$116,182.35, with an additional \$35,168.73 for IMRF, Health Insurance, and FICA. Steve McIntyre made a motion to approve the county engineer salary resolution with the appropriate amounts, Bob Heureman seconded and the motion carried.

2. Pick-up Truck Purchase

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that he attempted to bid two new pickup trucks once again and did not receive a single bid. Two used pickup trucks with low miles that meet the county specifications have been located at Barkau Automotive in Freeport Illinois. While these trucks are 10 years old, they both have less than 35,000 miles and are priced approximately \$10,000 less than new trucks. After some discussion, the committee consensus was to acquire these trucks and use emergency purchasing authority to purchase them before they get sold to another customer. Bob Heureman made a motion to purchase both trucks from Barkau Automotive in Freeport, IL at a cost not to exceed \$65,000 via emergency purchase, Steve McIntyre seconded and the motion carried

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 the same rate. After some discussion, Steve McIntyre made a motion to approve the resolution, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion passed.

5. Citizens Comments

None

6. Board Member Concerns

None

The meeting concluded 6:52 P.M.