

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: LaDon Trost
DATE/TIME December 27, 2021 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

☒ Heuerman
☒ O'Connor

☒ Hill
☒ Korth (Zoom)

☒ McIntyre (Zoom)
☒ Trost

Others: Steve Keeffer and Scott Toot

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Don Hill made a motion to approve minutes from the November 22, 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.

2. Adopt-A-Highway Program

The committee continued the discussion on the Adopt -A- Highway program. Steve Keeffer indicated that so far, there were six groups that expressed interest in adopting sections of roadways. The committee originally agreed to allow two additional groups to adopt roadway sections. After some discussion, Don Hill made a motion to allow up to ten groups to participate in the Adopt -A- Highway program, Bob O'Connor seconded, and the motion carried.

b. New Business

1. 1 Ton Truck Chassis Bids

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that the vendor that was awarded the bid for the 1 ton truck chassis, Virtue Motors from Darlington, Wisconsin, indicated that Ford raised the price of the truck \$1,250. The committee looked at the bid tabs from the original bid and discovered that even with the proposed price increase, the Virtue Motor bid was still the lowest bid. There was discussion about rebidding the truck, but the consensus was that rebidding would likely yield even higher prices. After some discussion, Steve McIntyre made a motion to pay the \$1,250 increase for the gas powered Ford F550 and to inform the vendor that any additional increases would result in a cancellation of the purchase, Bob Heuerman seconded and the motion carried with John Korth voting nay.

2. Pickup Truck Purchase

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that he intended to seek bids for a new extended cab pickup next month. This pick up will become the vehicle used by the County Engineer and the current truck being used by the county engineer will be used by the new Staff Engineer. Steve Keeffer indicated that the fleet of pickups being used by the maintenance crew was becoming dated and there is at least one truck in that fleet that needs to be permanently taken out of service. Since there would be additional funding in the budget that was earmarked for vehicles that will not be able to be expended because of the supply situation with the large dump truck, Steve Keeffer asked if a portion of that money could be used to purchase a new standard cab pickup for the maintenance crew. The committee consensus was to bid both an extended and standard cab pickup for consideration.

3. County Engineer Salary Resolution

A resolution to appropriate MFT funds for the county engineer's salary was considered. The amount of the county engineer's salary for 2022 will be \$112,805. Bob O'Connor made a motion to approve the county engineer salary resolution with a salary of \$112,805, Don Hill seconded and the motion carried.

4. County Engineer Insurance Incentive Resolution

A resolution to appropriate MFT funds for the county engineer's insurance incentive was considered. The amount of the insurance incentive program is \$1,700 and it can be paid from the MFT fund for the county engineer. Don Hill made a motion to approve the county engineer insurance incentive resolution at a cost of \$1,700, Bob O'Connor seconded and the motion carried.

5. County Engineer IMRF/FICA Resolution

A resolution to appropriate MFT funds to pay the county engineer's IMRF (pension) and FICA (social security and medicare) contributions was considered. The amount of these contributions is calculated to be \$20,000. Steve McIntyre made a motion to approve the county engineer IMRF/FICA resolution at a cost of \$20,000, Bob Heuerman seconded and the motion carried.

6. 2021 MFT Maintenance Resolution

A resolution to appropriate MFT funds for the 2022 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. Bob O'Connor made a motion to approve the annual MFT maintenance resolution appropriating \$700,000, Bob Heuerman seconded and the motion carried.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns

None

The meeting concluded 6:43 P.M.