HANCOCK COUNTY HIGHWAY, ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 30, 2020

The Hancock County Highway, Road and Bridge Committee meeting was called to order by Mr. Bolton on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. Committee members present were Steve Bolton, Patsy Davis, Wayne Bollin, Mark Menn, Tom Scheetz, and Pat Cramer. Also present was County Engineer Elgin Berry. Absent was Harry Douglas.

Claims and expenditures for the month of July were presented to the committee for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mr. Bollin to pay all bills as presented. All committee members present voted ‘Aye’.

County Engineer’s Report:

The County Engineer reported that a maintenance crew employee started drawing Workman’s Comp insurance on 7/13/2020 due to a shoulder injury that occurred on the job. There is no word as to when he might be able to return to work, but if his doctor approves it, the county will accommodate a light work schedule and/or work restrictions.

The County Engineer updated the committee on the status of several current maintenance and construction projects.

The County Engineer informed the committee that the county has dropped its internet service with Mediacom and its phone service with Frontier. McDonough Telephone Cooperative (MTC) will now provide both fiber internet and phone service at the Highway Department. This change should save the county about $100 / month.

Old Business:

Ms. Davis stated that Charles Gavillet had contacted her for about two hours regarding the bridge near his house that was removed by Prairie Township.

Mr. Scheetz said that Mr. Gavillet had also contacted him regarding the county’s liability for the bridge being removed and also told him that his rights had been violated under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

The updates to the policy manual were discussed. Mr. Menn said that the Highway Department’s sick leave was in line with other county departments. Mr. Berry said that he had reached out to the county’s insurance company to make sure the requirements for safety equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) were current. Mr. Berry also suggested adopting the updated policy manual to be effective on December 1, 2020, to coincide with the start of the fiscal year.

New Business:

Mr. Scheetz stated that the county’s current insurance carrier and CIRMA were both contacted about re-bidding the insurance. A bid request will also be sent to Ramsey Solutions.

Adjournment:

As no further business was brought before the Committee at this time, a motion was made by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Cramer to recess until Friday, August 28, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. All committee members present voted ‘Aye’. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 A.M.