

HANCOCK COUNTY HIGHWAY, ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 30, 2021

The Hancock County Highway, Road and Bridge Committee meeting was called to order by Ms. Davis on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. Committee members present were Patsy Davis, Wayne Bollin, Harry Douglas, Mark Menn, Gary Stansbery, Randy Bergmeier and Pat Cramer. Also present were County Board Chairman Delbert Kreps and County Engineer Elgin Berry. One visitor, Mr. Mitch Stice with Martin Tractor, Inc. was also present.

County Engineer's Report

Since there was a visitor present from Martin Tractor, the committee meeting started with a discussion of the new loader tractor letting that was held March 23, 2021, in the conference room at the Hancock County Highway Department. The County Engineer reported that one bid was received from Martin Tractor, Inc. for a John Deere 5100M tractor with a Worksaver rotary broom and Wallenstein backhoe and two bids were received from A.C. McCartney for a Kubota M6-111 tractor or a Massey-Ferguson 5711-D tractor, both with an Erskine rotary broom and a Woods backhoe. The County Engineer recommend purchasing the Massey-Ferguson tractor, Erskine broom and Woods backhoe combination from A.C. McCartney in the amount of \$99,753 as the best combined bid of value for Hancock County for the following reasons:

- a. 36 Month / 3000 Hour Engine Warranty
- b. 60 Month / 3000 Hour Emissions Warranty
- c. Full cab controls (Electro-hydraulic joystick) for all broom functions
- d. External hydraulic pump and reservoir will reduce wear on the tractor's hydraulic system.

Mr. Stice described the declutch button on the shift handle of the John Deere tractor and provided further details about the transmission. He also described how the broom controls work. The operator has to leave the cab to adjust the broom speed. Mr. Stice told the committee that the tractor hydraulic system would be sufficient to power the broom without the need for an external power pack.

The committee discussed which tractor would provide the best value to the Highway Department. Mr. Cramer asked about the engine warranty on the John Deere tractor and Mr. Berry stated that he understood it to be the same as the entire tractor warranty, which is 24 months / 2000 hours. Mr. Stansbery moved to recommend final action by the full County Board to accept the bid for the Massey-Ferguson 5711-D tractor with the Erskine rotary broom and Woods backhoe in the amount of \$99,753. Mr. Bollin seconded the motion. All committee members present voted 'Aye'.

Ms. Davis and several committee members thanked Mr. Stice for attending the meeting and clarifying his bid.

Review and Approval of Claims and Expenditures

Claims and expenditures for the month of March were presented to the committee for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Cramer to pay all bills as presented. All committee members present voted 'Aye'.

Continuation of the County Engineer's Report

Mr. Berry reported that two material lettings were held on March 25, 2021 in the conference room at the Hancock County Highway Department for County and Township bituminous (oil and chip) products. The following low bids were received:

- a. Section 21-00000-00-GM (County):
 - i. Group 1: Bituminous Materials, FOB Distributor Truck @ Hancock County
 - 1. Low Bid: \$493,696.00 by WL Miller Company of Hamilton IL
 - 2. (There were no other bids for Group 1 materials)
- b. Section 21-xx000-00-GM (Townships):
 - i. Group 1: Seal Coat Aggregate & Bituminous Materials, Spread on Road
 - 1. Low Bid: \$873,428.00 by WL Miller Company of Hamilton, IL
 - 2. (There were no other bids for Group 1 materials)
 - ii. Group 2: Bituminous Materials, FOB Distributor Truck @ Hancock County
 - 1. Low Bid: \$576,984.00 by WL Miller Company of Hamilton, IL
 - 2. (There were no other bids for Group 2 materials)
 - iii. Group 3: Bituminous Materials, FOB Terminal
 - 1. (There were no bids for Group 3 materials)

Mr. Cramer moved to recommend final action by the full county board to accept the low bids submitted by W.L. Miller Company for furnishing oil and chip products to the county and townships for 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bergmeier. All committee members present voted 'Aye'.

Mr. Berry reported that two more bid lettings for county and township culvert materials have been set for April 26, 2021 at 11:00 am in the Highway Department conference room.

Old Business

Mr. Bollin asked what could be done to improve the Connable Road. The pavement is narrow, the shoulders are always low and the culvert crossings are rough. Mr. Berry stated that widening the pavement would require complete reconstruction of the entire roadway, if state or federal funds are used. That would include wider shoulders, flatter ditch slopes and would ultimately require additional right-of-way. The other option is to improve the pavement surface using federal funds for pavement preservation work, but that option would not allow for any widening.

Ms. Davis asked if there are any plans to oil and chip the last two miles of the Burnside-North road between Burnside and IL Route 94. Mr. Berry said there are currently no plans to oil and chip that portion of the road, but there are plans to oil and chip the road north of Durham, from 2900N to the Henderson County line this year.

New Business

There was discussion about the County Board members new tablets. In the future, the agendas, minutes and other correspondence pertaining to the Highway Committee meetings and County Board business will be sent via email to all County Board members and the paper copies will be phased out.

Adjournment

As no further business was brought before the Committee at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Bollin to recess until Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. All committee members present voted 'Aye'. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

Submitted.
Patsy Davis
4-20-21