

**HANCOCK COUNTY HIGHWAY, ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE MEETING
May 27, 2021**

The Hancock County Highway, Road and Bridge Committee meeting was called to order by Ms. Davis on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. Committee members present were Patsy Davis, Wayne Bollin, Harry Douglas, Gary Stansbery and Randy Bergmeier. Absent were Pat Cramer and Mark Menn. Also present were County Board Chairman Delbert Kreps and County Engineer Elgin Berry.

Review and Approval of Claims and Expenditures

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

County Engineer's Report

The County Engineer notified the committee that the County Highway Fund is still awaiting payment in the amount of \$338,921.73 from IDOT for Day Labor work performed by Hancock County in 2020. Payment was requested on 9/23/2020 but has not yet been received. Mr. Berry suggested borrowing Rebuild Illinois funds from the County MFT account, if needed, to purchase materials for the 2021 Day Labor work. That will likely require a board resolution and IDOT approval, but since they're the reason this loan is necessary, it shouldn't be too hard to obtain.

The County Engineer requested guidance on how to communicate Highway Department information to the County Board and other office-holders. Now that all board members have a tablet and email account, it should be possible to send most of the paperwork electronically. Apparently there were some board members who didn't receive the April correspondence on their tablets. It was suggested that the engineer go back to printing and mailing the paperwork to all board members for another month or two, until the bugs are worked out. The 10 – 15 page Claims Reports will be scanned and emailed but will not be printed unless a board member specifically requests them.

Old Business

Mr. Bollin stated that the board will soon have to decide how to spend approximately \$3.5M in Covid funds. It is still unclear what restrictions will be attached to those funds, but when the time comes, the County Board will have to allocate them. Some of the possibilities that were mentioned include \$150,000 for the courthouse air conditioning, \$250,000 for the roof on the jail, prioritize public safety, rehabilitation of the Connable Road and other long-term infrastructure projects and replacement of some items at the health department. The Finance Committee will ask each department to present ideas so that the board can prioritize the needs of the county as a whole.

New Business

A special meeting was requested for June 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Board room to discuss an ambulance grant and purchase.

Adjournment

As no further business was brought before the Committee at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Stansbery to recess until Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. All committee members present voted 'Aye'. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

Respectfully
Submitted,
Peter Davis
6-22-21