

**HANCOCK COUNTY HIGHWAY, ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**November 29, 2021**

The Hancock County Highway, Road and Bridge Committee meeting was called to order by Ms. Davis on Monday, November 29, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. Committee members present were Patsy Davis, Randy Bergmeier, Wayne Bollin, Harry Douglas, Gary Stansbery, Mark Menn and Pat Cramer. Also present were County Board Chairman Delbert Kreps, County Engineer Elgin Berry and County Clerk Holly Wilde-Tillman.

Visitor

Ms. Wilde-Tillman told the committee that the Hancock County Economic Development needs to have a claim of \$5,000.00 paid before November 30, 2021 but the claim was not available until very recently. Ms. Davis moved to pay the claim. The motion was seconded by Mr. Menn. All committee members present voted 'Aye'.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman told the committee that the Sheriff's new cars are ready to be picked up but a claim has not been submitted. The Sheriff intends to pick up both cars after December 1, 2021, which is the new fiscal year. Mr. Bollin stated that some of the funds for the cars are to be paid with remaining FY 2021 funds and the remainder is to be paid with FY 2022 funds. Mr. Menn said that the line item for Sheriff's Department equipment will go over the budget if it's paid entirely with FY 2022 funds. Mr. Bollin made a motion to use the remaining FY 2021 funds to pay for part of the car(s) and to pay the rest out of FY 2022 funds. The motion was seconded by Mr. Douglas. All committee members present voted 'Aye'.

Review and Approval of Claims and Expenditures

Claims and expenditures for the month of November 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:

✖ Mr. Berry recommended the approval of a Resolution to Establish Temporary Weight Restrictions of 4 Tons per axle on Township and County Highways in Hancock County Illinois for up to 90 Calendar Days during the spring thaw in 2022. Mr. Bollin made a motion to recommend final action by the full County Board to adopt a resolution to establish Temporary Weight Restrictions on Township and County roads for up to 90 days. Mr. Menn seconded the motion and all committee members present voted "Aye".

Mr. Berry recommended accepting the quotations submitted by all producers for all products quoted on the Hancock County Aggregate Materials (Quarry Products) letting held November 23, 2021 at 11:00 am. Products will be obtained as needed from various locations in and near Hancock County from all producers based on the lowest on-road (hailed) cost.

Mr. Berry recommended accepting the quotations submitted by all producers for all products quoted on the Various Townships Aggregate Materials (Quarry Products) letting held November

23, 2021 at 11:00 am. Products will be obtained as needed from various locations in and near Hancock County from all producers based on the lowest on-road (hailed) cost.

Mr. Berry recommended accepting the lowest-cost quotations submitted by various trucking companies to haul quarry products to certain townships from designated quarries. The trucking companies will be selected by certain township road commissioners to haul materials from the various quarries to their townships based on the lowest on-road (hailed) cost.

✧ With regard to the above three recommendations, Mr. Stansbery made a motion to recommend final action by the full County Board to accept all quotations from all plants, quarries and haulers based on the lowest on-road cost for furnishing materials to the county and the various townships. Mr. Cramer seconded the motion and all committee members present voted "Aye".

Mr. Berry reported that a new entry-level Engineering Technician, Emery Ferguson, has been hired to assist with upcoming construction engineering projects. He will also help with design and mapping projects in the office and will accompany Derek on bridge inspections whenever possible. He has a Class B CDL and will be available on a limited basis to help the maintenance crew. His first day of work will be Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

#### Old Business

Mr. Berry stated that the market prices for fuel are highly volatile and change daily. When local fuel suppliers submit a price to provide fuel, it is only good for that day. The current practice is to contact three or four local fuel providers (FS, Neal Oil, Logan Agri-Services and Holcomb Trucking) as early as possible on the day when fuel is needed. The quotes are obtained by 9:00 am and the fuel is ordered from the company that quoted the lowest price.

Mr. Bollin said that lower prices might be obtained if the Highway Department obtained long term contracts for fuel. He said some school districts contract for fuel by pre-paying for a certain quantity, which can save a few cents per gallon, or by agreeing to pay upon delivery of a certain quantity. He said that school districts typically contract for a full year, but shorter term contracts of three to four months would also be possible.

Mr. Berry said that long term contracts would generally lead to higher prices because the bidders would have to factor in the risk of price increases or the cost of storing fuel until it's needed. In addition, custom orders for blended diesel fuel can be placed as needed on the day that it's ordered.

Ms. Davis asked for an update on the Connable Road pavement testing. Mr. Berry stated that the Falling Weight Deflectometer testing has been completed and ten core samples have been obtained. Applied Research Associates (ARA) will be working on the pavement design and should have their report and recommendations on pavement thickness finished in about a month. The pavement design that they recommend will be incorporated into the overall roadway design plans from Klingner and Associates.

#### New Business

Mr. Bollin asked if the county has received any notification about any increase in infrastructure funds from the Rebuild America act that was passed by Congress recently. Mr. Berry said that he expects an increase in the county's annual allocation from the State of Illinois, but nothing has been published yet.

Mr. Menn asked if an application has been submitted yet to widen and resurface the north end of the Connable Road. Mr. Berry said there is a competitive federal grant that is administered through IDOT for improving regional transportation. The application window is currently closed but it is an annual grant and it will probably be available again next year. Mr. Menn said that the county should start pursuing that grant as soon as possible.

#### Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Davis  
Chairman