

**MINUTES OF AN COUNTY HIGHWAY, ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD IN
THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON THE 29TH of
DECEMBER 2021**

Patsy Davis	Harry Douglas
Gary Stansbery	Thomas Bergmeier
Wayne Bollin	Delbert Kreps
Elgin Berry	

Absent members were Mark Menn and Pat Cramer.

Kayla Kazukauskas was in attendance to take minutes

There were no visitors present for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Davis at 8:27 a.m. at the Hancock County Courthouse, Boardroom.

A motion was made by Mr. Douglas to approve the expenditures from the various funds by the Highway Department, it was seconded by Mr. Bollin. All members present were in favor.

Mr. Berry provided each member with a County Engineer report. Mr. Berry highlighted points of his report.

He recommended approval of a resolution to expend federal Surface Transportation (Bridge) Program funds to pay for the replacement of a Hancock County Bridge, Structure Number 034-3122 over Mallard Creek, located on the Bluff Road approximately 5 miles south of Warsaw, Illinois and the appropriation of \$175,000 from the County Bridge fund and \$10,000 from the County Engineering and Administration fund to pay for the Hancock County share of construction and engineering expenses not covered by the federal funds.

Mr. Berry also recommended approval of a resolution to expend federal Surface Transportation (Rural) Program funds to pay for Day Labor pavement preservation work the Burnside-Durham road and the Burnside-LaCrosse Road in 2022 and the appropriation of \$65,000 from the County Highway fund to pay for construction and engineering expenses not covered by federal funds.

A recommendation by Mr. Berry was made for the approval of a resolution to expend federal Surface Transportation (Bridge) Program funds to pay for safety inspections of county, township, and municipal bridges throughout Hancock County in the 2023 and 2024 calendar years and the appropriation of \$15,000 from the County Bridge fund to pay for construction and engineering expenses not covered by federal funds.

A motion was made by Gary Stansbury to move these three resolutions on to full board and it was seconded by Mr. Bollin. All members present were in favor.

Mr. Berry requested a revision to the Hancock County FY 2022 budget for expenditures from the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund. The line items that are needed to pay for consultant engineering and other expenses associated with the Connable Road improvements were not included in the final budget that was approved by the board in November. Mr. Bollin is going to reach out to Bellwether to see what needs to be done.

Mr. Berry recommended purchasing a 2022 F-150 four-wheel drive pickup from Carson Motors, Inc. for \$29,990. The new truck will be equipped with an extended cab and 6 ½ foot bed, a 5.0L V-8 engine, tow package, running boards, cruise control and power windows, locks and mirrors. The price includes the government concession and the trade-in value of 2004 Escape. There was discussion on the vehicle being traded and it was stated that it had 200,000 miles on it. Mr. Bollin made the motion to take this recommendation to full board and it was seconded by Mr. Douglas. All members were in favor.

Mr. Bollin asked Mr. Berry if he had heard anything regarding a new pipeline proposal? Mr. Berry only knows what he has read in the paper.

Regarding the ARPA funds money transferred back into general fund stated Mr. Bollin. Mr. Berry stated pavement designs establish the thickness and he said in March he will have a better estimate on cost for Connable.

A motion was made by Mr. Bergmeier to adopt the Highway Committee Meeting Schedule for 2022 calendar year, it was seconded by Mr. Bollin. All members were in favor.

Ms. Davis asked about any speculation on Connable. Mr. Berry stated they will be ready for construction in Spring of 2023. The process might be slowed down if they need Right of Ways.

Mr. Bollin mentioned 2 trees that need to be removed on the Connable. One property being owned by the Kerr's. Mr. Bollin mentioned when you are in a large truck the view is blocked. He also mentioned road payment drop off on the east side of the road 2000 N/ 1900 N, would need fixed before snow hits.

Ms. Davis passed out emails from Ms. Wilde-Tillman and Ms. Mast regarding moving a polling place. Mr. Douglas asked about the disruptions during an Election. Mr. Berry state there is not enough insulation to keep the noise out when judges are talking, and the doors being opened and closed. It can be very distracting. Mr. Bergmeier stated that one Election Day is a holiday and they would not be open, would it be possible for the employee to use a laptop and work from home? The disruption would only be one day. Mr. Berry found this to be an opening and possible opportunity to have the polling place moved permanently to a new location. Mr. Bollin said let's see how it goes in the Spring. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Douglas to adjourn the meeting until January 28th, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. It was seconded by Mr. Stansbury, and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Holly A. Wilde-Tillman
Hancock County Clerk and Recorder



Respectfully Submitted .
Patricia Davis