

MINUTES OF A HIGHWAY, ROAD, AND BRIDGE MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON MARCH 30, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Patsy Davis at 8:28 a.m. Members in attendance include Delbert Kreps, Dennis Castlebury, Pat Cramer, Tom Bergmeier, Wayne Bollin, Mark Menn, Harry Douglas, and Patsy Davis. Visitors included highway engineer Elgin Berry and Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take minutes of the meeting.

Motion to approve claims and expenditures was made by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mr. Castlebury. All members present voted "aye".

Mr. Berry presented the engineer's report. Bid lettings were held at the highway department conference room at 11 a.m. on March 24, 2022. They took the lowest bidder. W.L. Miller won the Hancock County bituminous materials bid for \$475,020. The bid for culverts was won by Metal Culverts, Inc., for group 1 was in the amount of \$32,794, and group 2 in the amount of \$15,903. Mr. Berry was recommending to reject group 3. He has come up with an alternative. Group 4 had no bids. Hancock County group 1 which includes 12 townships will have W.L. Miller Company apply the bituminous materials in the amount of \$1,532,577. Group 2 gets the materials and applies it themselves. This was won by W.L. Miller Company in the amount of \$905,090. As far as the Hancock County metal culverts for group 1 townships, Metal Culverts, Inc. won this bid in the amount of \$44,240, and group 2 townships was won by Metal Culverts, Inc. in the amount of \$40,113.60. There were no bids received for group 3. A motion to accept the bids was made by Mr. Cramer and seconded by Mr. Bollin. All members present voted "aye".

Mr. Berry is recommending approval for an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Warsaw to replace the bridge on Middle Road that crosses the Shuhart Creek Diversion Ditch. Mr. Menn asked how long will they be out. Mr. Berry stated they just started. There are no state funds available for this. Whatever is not covered by federal funds will be split 50/50 between the city and the county. Motion to approve the IGA was made by Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Bollin. All members present voted "aye".

Grout Scouts, Inc., out of Fort Madison is going to place a concrete floor in the bottom of the failed pipe to extend its life by about 20 years. The bid for doing this is \$22,570.12. Mr. Bollin asked how much would it cost to dig this culvert out, replace it with a new one, at least \$50,000. Mr. Berry stated yes. Motion to accept Grout Scouts, Inc, to place the floor in the culvert was made by Mr. Bergmeier and seconded by Mr. Cramer. All members present voted "aye".

Bid letting for precast concrete box culverts for the county and 2 townships will be held on April 26, 2022. The delivery dates will be extended past October. Mr. Douglas asked which 2 townships need these. Mr. Berry stated one was for the county near Stillwell and then one for Rock Creek and one for Wythe.

Carl Knight of La Prairie gave a bid of \$4800 to remove 3 large trees and several smaller ones along the Connable Road at the 1000E/2000N intersection. The county will provide traffic control as needed. The brush can be hauled to Mr. Berry's family farm. He stated they are more than happy to help any land owner who wants trees removed that are in the right of way.

Mr. Berry does not think he has much chance to win the Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program that could be used to help fund the Connable Road improvement. Ms. Davis stated she could take the grant to WIRC to look over the grant if Mr. Berry would like some help on it. Mr. Menn asked if it was possible to get this done in the timeframe, Mr. Berry stated yes. Mr. Menn wondered if Bellwether would be able to help with it. He stated they have always gotten grants when they went to a professional service but did not have much luck doing it themselves. Ms. Davis asked what needed to be done. Mr. Berry stated someone had mentioned Klingler. Mr. Menn recommended to find someone who can do this professionally. Mr. Berry thinks between him and WIRC they can get the grant written. It has to be submitted by May 23. Mr. Bollin stated he would get in touch with Bellwether and see if they know of someone in transportation that can write a grant. Mr. Berry stated he will reach out to Klingler. Mr. Bollin motioned for a resolution of intent to look into this grant. Mr. Cramer seconded. All members present voted "aye".

Mr. Berry stated he will keep in contact with everyone via email. Ms. Davis asked what does everyone prefer if we need a special meeting, evening or night. Mr. Bollin stated he prefers evening due to working but would work around it.

Mr. Menn asked what is being done on the Basco Road. Mr. Berry stated they are putting in storm sewers just west of the elevator driveway and goes all of the way to the west end of Basco so basically east and west Main Street of Basco.

Mr. Menn asked if there was any update on the Pontoosuc bridge. Mr. Berry stated they are slow. IDOT dropped the tonnage from 15 tons to 10 tons. Now the buses cannot cross it. Mr. Berry reached out to the city's engineer which is IMEG. There are more cracks in the beams. Safety is a priority. If the cracks get too big they will have to close the bridge.

Mr. Bollin informed Mr. Berry of the compliments he had received about the brush being cut on the Connable, especially the south end. He also asked if there were any updates about the CO2 pipeline. Mr. Berry knows very little else. They have to get permits to cross the road. He had given them guidelines of 7.5 feet of cover between the pipe and the lowest elevation of ditch