

MINUTES OF A HIGHWAY, ROAD, AND BRIDGE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2023

The meeting was called to order by chairwoman Patsy Davis. Members in attendance included Mark Menn, Steve Lucie, Alex Blythe, Tom Rodgers, Mark Harrison, Patsy Davis, and Wayne Bollin. Dennis Castlebury was absent. Visitors included Elgin Berry, Travis Smith, Charles Gavillet, and Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Gavillet and Mr. Smith asked if any resolution had been taken care of regarding the bridge that had been closed previously. It was the understanding of the committee that they were to talk together and figure something out. Mr. Smith is going to do a creek forge for Mr. Gavillet to use.

Claims were gone over. Motion to approve the claims was made by Mr. Lucie and seconded by Mr. Blythe. All members present voted aye.

Bids will be accepted on March 9 for the Township bituminous products and March 23 for the County and township culvert materials.

The county was awarded \$414,000 for the TARP funds for the Connable Road. These funds can only be used to pay for construction. Klingner and Associates have submitted the pre-final plans for the Connable which will now be submitted to IDOT for their review and comments.

Mr. Berry has the legal descriptions and plat drawings for the 17 right-of-ways and 8 temporary easements for the Connable project. He would like to offer the landowners a fair price. Motion to approve the Land Acquisition Summary was made by Mr. Bollin, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All members present voted aye.

Brent Sparrow has not gotten back with Mr. Berry regarding the Niota Drainage District's storm sewer pipe that crosses a county road. Mr. Berry is willing to work with Mr. Sparrow to get this issue fixed.

Due to the mild winter there is a large amount of leftover salt. Different options for storage were discussed.

The gas and electric bills were discussed. Mr. Menn will speak with Mike Heisler of the building commission to see if the Highway Department could sign on when they get a utility agreement for the courthouse and sheriff's department.

Mr. Menn informed the committee that the email will run about \$1000 more than previously anticipated. Motion to authorize Ms. Wilde-Tillman to pay this was made by Mr. Blythe and seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All members present voted aye.

It was discussed to have an accountant come in and go over employee's W4's and make sure they are filled out correctly. Mr. Menn will ask Gray, Hunter, Stenn.

Motion to recess until March 30, 2023, was made by Mr. Blythe and seconded by Mr. Lucie. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Davis, Chairwoman