

Road and Bridge Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 8th, 2024

Date and Time of meeting: Monday July 8th, 2024 4:30 pm

Location of Meeting: Shelby County Highway Department
1590 State Highway 16
Shelbyville, Illinois 62565

Roll Call: Tim Brown, Clay Hardy (arrived at 4:33), Mitchell Shuff, Brent Wallace, Mark Bennett (arrived at 4:41) All present

Public Body Comment – None

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting – June 10, 2024 Motion by Brent Wallace, Seconded by Mitchell Shuff, Passes unanimously

Maintenance Department Update – Tim Baumgarten reported the maintenance department has been patching holes, delivering culverts townships, worked on ditch on Greezy Road and hauled the dirt off, hauling rock for our stockpiles for oiling, reworked the ditch at the Highway Department, put culverts in on the Findlay Road, spraying for weeds by the guardrails, mowing the road sides, put down one tanker south of Trowbridge, stacking up rock at the rock piles, put down two tankers on the Tower Hill road, repairing a lot of downed signs, tore up Findlay road getting it ready for oiling, put in a 50/50 project for Lakewood Township, repairing, welding and patching on a dump truck bed, serviced our portable welder, repaired an air cylinder on a dump truck, cleaned oil off trucks. They were planning on oiling Findlay Road tomorrow but had to cancel due to the weather. Clay Hardy asked how far will a tanker get you. Tim Baumgarten replied about a mile or a mile and a half. Brent Wallace questioned if we could find out who's hitting all the signs and ask them to stop or be more careful. Tim Baumgarten said they have people driving through the oil every time they are oiling too even though they have signs put up that road is closed. He talked to the deputies to see if there was anything they could do to help stop that. Not much can be done.

Engineers report – Michael Tappendorf gave report.

Pay Estimate for Herborn Bridge – He explained to the Committee there would be a large claim for work already completed to the Hebron Bridge.

County Engineer Salary – He explained there would be some paperwork that needs to be filled out for STR to payback our local funds for his salary.

Update Findlay Road – He explained our guys have laid down blade mix and then will come back and oil and chip it. The reconstruction of that road will not happen this year but is still possible it may happen next year. We are putting a band aid on it until reconstruction can occur.

He stated there have been a few equipment breakdowns lately, dump trucks. The guys do a good job of maintaining them but they are just getting old. So, new dump trucks will be items that they will need sooner than what we thought.

- Front Office Team – Construction/Inspection Season
 - Oconee Bridge Inspection
 - Prairie Township Bridge/Culvert inspection
 - Continued ICC Coordination for Multiple RR Xings in County.
 - Continued Planning on Multiple Drainage issues around County.
 - Preliminary planning on Pavement Preservation Plan

He stated we were doing well concerning personnel. He tried reaching out to the person that was interested in temporarily helping out back, but he hasn't been very responsive.

- County Highway 5 Reconstruction
 - Project came in at \$1,494,484.30, \$20k+/- under the Engineering estimate.
- Union Pacific Railroad Crossings.
 - Todd's Point RR Crossing. Reconstruction on 2250N starting up in a month
 - Gonzalez RR Crossings – 3 North of Shelbyville. Consultant is pursuing design.
 - 6 Union Pacific Crossings from County Line to Findlay. Estimates are at ICC for approval.
- County Highway 3
 - Programming for the year has been released. We will not be reconstructing the road this year. It is slated to be oil/chipped next weather permitting day. This will help to make the road manageable till full reconstruction occurs. I am still pressing forward to get it reconstructed as soon as possible. Mark Bennett asked what kind of money it would take to repair Findlay Road. Michael said \$2.6 million. Michael has reached out to politicians to see if they can help get some funds released.
- Prairie Bridge
 - Project is near completion in the next week or two. Waiting on guardrails.
- Oconee Township Bridges – 2 Separate Projects
 - Section 19-11120-00-BR, Federal Bridge project.
 - Project is progressing and near completion. Bridge and Backwalls completed. Approach work will be next to be completed. All beams set. Two to three weeks out for total completion.
 - Section 21-11120-00-BR, Rebuild IL Bridge Project.
 - We are waiting on the other bridge to be constructed and operational.
- Bridge Inspections are complete until this Fall. There are several bridges that need replacement.
 - We have set other bridges in motion to be replaced. Two on the south side of the County, and one south of Lakewood
- QBC Coming next month
 - Bridge on CH 40/Greezy Road requires Qualification Based Selection procedures for choosing engineering firms. He asked the R & B Committee to help in grading the engineering firms for selection. There are 5 candidates, and they will narrow it down to 2 or 3 and then Michael will interview them to choose the firm. This must be done because we are using Federal funds.
- Equipment Wish List from Labor Force.
 - The County Highway Department Is appreciative of the support from the R/B committee and County Board. For the next few months, we do not anticipate any large purchases. But will be focused on maintenance of the roads. The dump trucks and other equipment are getting some age and hope to help purchase some new equipment with money earned

from the railroad day labor jobs. Mark Bennett asked if we had any GPS equipment. Highway Department doesn't have but hopes to purchase some in the future.

- Discussed funding in each one of our accounts. All accounts are healthy.
- Tim Brown asked if Michael had been communicating with the guy at the marina regarding the work they are doing on the Findlay Road. Michael stated he hasn't but would do so. Tim Brown asked for coordinates to Greezy Road. Michael explained there was a claim for Howell Paving for oiling White School House Road for damages done Ameren. This claim will be covered by the reimbursement that Ameren gave the highway department.
- Tim Brown stated some months ago we discussed using a laborer as a part time engineering tech and part time laborer. Wanted to know where we were with that. Michael Tappendorf stated he was waiting for the new Union contract to be in effect to visit that again and also waiting to see what his budgeted spending was going. Mark Bennett asked if we couldn't look at this as a training program.

Approval of Claims – Motion by Tim Brown, Seconded by Clay Hardy, Passes Unanimously

Approval of CPCA- Motion by Tim Brown, Seconded by Brent Wallace, Passes Unanimously

Public Body Comment - None

Adjournment: Next Scheduled Meeting will be August 5th, 2024 @ 4:30 pm @ Highway Department – Motion by Clay Hardy, Seconded by Brent Wallace, Passes Unanimously

I hereby approve these meeting minutes and authorize them to be duly recorded.

Road & Bridge Committee

Tim Brown

Date

Clay Hardy

Date

Brent Wallace

Date

Mitchell Shuff

Date

Mark Bennett

Date