

**ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE**  
**July 2, 2015**

The McDonough County Road and Bridge Committee held their monthly meeting on Thursday, July 2, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, Basement Voters Registration. Committee members present were Chairman Clarke Kelso, Dave Cortelyou, Dick Marcott, Rod McGrew, Earl Sims, Trevor Toland, Paul Trimmer, Jerry Tyson and McDonough County Board Chairman Scott Schwerer. Beth Crossett was present as recording secretary. Other persons present included: Patrick Stout, Dave Cadwalader, County Engineer Tom Hickman, Board Member George Dixon, Larry Butcher, Larry Moore, Hodge Herndon, Scott Bagley, Terry Carnahan and Neil Skiles.

Chairman Kelso called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Review & Approve June 4, 2015 Minutes**

Member Cortelyou moved with second by Member Sims to approve the June 4, 2015 minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Review & Approve June 17, 2015 Minutes**

Member Sims moved with second by Member Trimmer to approve the June 17, 2015 minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Project Update**

Tom reported Scott has been working on the following projects:

- A. Construction on Blandinsville Bridge
- B. Preparing bridge files and went through Federal Bridge Review
- C. Surveyed and Designed Project #1551-33 for Chalmers Township
- D. Survey and Design work on 700N Road Culvert (@ Jeff Schmalshofs – ½ ml west of Adair-Eldorado Blktp)
- E. Installed two culverts for Twp. Dist. #1 Project #1552-50 (1100N-77E and 1100N-62E)
- F. Installed culvert Project 1555-31 for Industry Township (N290 – E1450)

**Resolution for Chalmers Township County Aid Project #1551-33**

This is a culvert with \$ 8,800.00 cost. Member Sims moved with second by Member McGrew to pass to the full Board Resolution for Chalmers Township County Aid Project #1551-33 (E850yh Street-US 336). Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Federal Aid Resolution for General Maintenance**

This is to use matching tax money to recycle 4 miles of County Hwy 15, seal coat the north 4.5 miles of Cty Hwy 13 & seal coat County Hwy 7 maintenance projects. Member Toland moved with second by Member Cortelyou to pass to the full Board Resolution to Spend Federal Aid Monies for 2015 General Maintenance. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Federal Aid Resolution for County Portion of Section 15-00000-00-PP**

This is to use Federal Aid Matching monies for the seal coating of 12.5 miles of various count roads under Pavement Preservation. Member Marcott moved with second by Member McGrew to pass to the full Board Resolution to Spend Federal Aid Matching Monies on Section 15-00000-00-PP. Motion carried on a voice vote.

### **Create Road Tax Fund**

The Treasurer needs a something from the Board to create a fund to put the new Road Sales Tax in. State's Attorney Hoyle did the Resolution. Member McGrew moved with second by Member Toland to pass to the full Board Resolution to Create Special Fund Following Imposition of A \$.0025 Special County Retailers' Occupation Tax for Transportation. Motion carried on a voice vote.

### **Quarry Road**

Board Member George Dixon addressed the committee. He stated that the asphalt was gone at the entrance to the Quarry and the road was in bad shape. He said that he was told by the Quarry officials that a couple years back they offered \$ 400,000.00 to upgrade/fix the road at the quarry entrance. He wondered why in the world didn't we take the offer? Engineer Hickman said that it did not happen that way. We would have cost shared and they didn't offer \$ 400,000.00. Flooding and a strike got in the way of it taking place. Tom said that nothing was said at the annual meeting held last week with the quarry and Road Commissioner Marion Weaver. Calls will be placed to determine the timeline of events.

### **June Work Report**

Dave Cadwalader presented the June work report.

The process of fixing potholes was discussed. Most are done with a temporary repair until a full fix can be done. The length of time it takes to fill a hole was questioned. The staff does not have the time to drive the 180 miles of County Highway daily/weekly and they do rely on calls to the office to address a lot of the potholes.

The problems with CH 11 (Blandinsville-Tennessee blacktop) were discussed. It is oil rich and they have taken cores trying to determine which oil is causing the bleed. At this time District 4 IDOT can't help and the State lab can't test. The Engineering firm sent daily inspection sheets but there are no oil samples. They will send the copies of the bills of lading for the oil. Board Chairman Schwerer asked for a copy of the report the Engineering firm we hired to oversee the project has done. There is no written report. Tom did not bring the daily note sheets and Hutcherson has not inspected it since the problem presented itself. Tom does not have the bills of lading they are to be emailed to him. Tom stated he is pursuing the issue and it is a Contractor problem not engineering. Discussion was held on type of oil, chips, type of chip, checking each load of oil that comes in and using enough chips to blot.

### **Claims Review and Approval**

Member Cortelyou moved with second by Member Trimmer to approve the claims as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

### **Other Business**

Chairman Kelso asked Engineer Hickman who was checking the grading of the Bellingham Road. Kelso recently was out and looked at the work and found there wasn't a proper crown and it was mud and needed more rock. It needs to be done right and it is the committee's responsibility to see that it is done correctly the first time. It is definitely not ready to oil. Following discussion, Member Toland moved with second by Member Tyson that no oil & chip be done on the Bellingham Road project until the committee inspected and approved the road condition before oil & chip is applied. Motion carried with a voice vote (2 against).

Mr. Butcher asked about doing oil & chip on the St. Francis blacktop instead of the Murphy blacktop because the Murphy road doesn't appear to have the wear that St. Francis does and we should do what we can to preserve St. Francis. The Federal program doesn't allow Tom to flip flop the projects. Discussion was held on prioritizing projects and safety and traffic are the driving force of order in the projects. The Oil & Chip priorities need to be reviewed and outlined.

Discussion was held on employee moral, dress code/safety and the working relationships. It was noted that with a crew of six if you have one on vacation and another with illness/emergency it limits your production ability. Discussion was held on the addition of two employees and what effect that might have.

The state will do an overlay on the Spring Lake road when they do the pavement on the bypass but the time table for that is unknown and the road is in bad condition now.

Citizen Larry Moore, concerned taxpayer, said he appreciated the committee's attention to Bellingham Road and it being done properly.

Member Cortelyou moved with second by Member McGrew to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p. m.