

**ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE**  
**January 7, 2016**

The McDonough County Road and Bridge Committee held their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, Main Courtroom. Committee members present were Chairman Clarke Kelso, Dave Cortelyou, Dick Marcott, Rod McGrew, Earl Sims, Trevor Toland, Paul Trimmer and McDonough County Board Chairman Scott Schwerer. Committee member Jerry Tyson was absent. Beth Crossett was present as recording secretary. Other persons present included: Patrick Stout, Dave Cadwalader, County Engineer Tom Hickman, Patrick Stout, Scott Hance, David Grove, Rick Ferguson, Howard Daniels, Jeremiah Simmons, Roger McCormick, Damon Doll, Richalee Doll, Steve Pigg, Don Swartzbaugh, Elmer Heikes, Janet Brooks, Jim Brooks and Phyllis Hess.

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

**Review & Approve December 3, 2015 Minutes**

Member Sims moved with second by Member Trimmer to approve the December 3, 2015 minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Project Update**

Tom reported Scott has been working on the following projects:

- A. Started Annual Bridge Inspections
- B. Surveyed Project 1530-84 - Culvert Replacement – Tennessee Blacktop at N950th Road
- C. Surveyed Project 1530-85 - Culvert Replacement – West of Cuba Corner @ 1200N – 69E

**2016 Aggregate Resolution**

Tom stated the letting was held on January 5, 2016. Prices were up .05-.20 higher than last year. Member Marcott moved with second by Member Sims to send to the full Board FY 2016 Aggregate Resolution. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Tennessee Blacktop Update**

Tom reported that he has talked to Bob Dunn and he is still getting in touch with the oil supplier. Board Chairman Schwerer asked why the meeting we have been talking about for months has not occurred. He said this has been happening for months and we need to set the meeting for everyone involved- Hutchinson, IDOT and the contractor to be there or we will do something different.

**Sheepwash Bridge**

Tom stated that the bridge has been closed about 5 years due to rotted timber piles on the north side of the bridge. In an effort to open the bridge we requested a design to replace the bridge that would allow use of Federal & State funding. To meet the necessary State requirements, the new bridge cost is prohibitive. Per previous discussion, Dave Cadwalader has prepared an estimate to repair the bridge (to what he feels IDOT will approve) of \$ 115,627 for construction. For the structural engineer certification the estimate is \$ 10,000-\$ 15,000. The estimated total cost of about \$ 130,000 would be split 50/50 between the County and Township (aprox. \$65,000 each). If the bridge is repaired it still could be a posted bridge, could experience other problems in the future. Township Road Commissioner Roger McCormick stated they would like to get the bridge open but expressed concern and reluctance at committing money without an assurance that IDOT would approve reopening without restriction (weight limits). The initial cost would be for the structural engineer and construction would not begin without IDOT approval of the repair plan.

Discussion was held on siltation of the creek and the effect of water flow and low water crossing possibility. It was stressed that State and Federal regulations govern the replacement of bridges and it has been driven by bridge failures around the country, until regulatory changes are made the cost of bridge replacement will be more than available resources. Engineer Hickman stated that if there isn't sufficient township support in a repair plan he would recommend the bridge stay closed. Chairman Kelso stated that this could be the first of many bridges that will be closed in the County with the regulations we must work under. Member Toland stated that we have to look at the big picture and much like the long-range plan for roads we should look at the same process for bridges in the county.

### **December Work Report**

Dave Cadwalader presented the December work report.

### **Claims Review and Approval**

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

### **Other Business**

Tom stated it is time to finalize the priority list so he can submit his 2016 PPP Plan (Seal Coat) for approval. Discussion was held on reclaiming of 3.8 miles on Vermont Blacktop, 3.7 miles on County Highway 8. Besides the seal coat for the reconditioned roads, final seal coat for last year's Bellingham Road project, 4 miles of St. Francis Blacktop were the projects on the 2016 PPP list. Discussion was held on the Adair project, Walnut Grove Blacktop and Bardolph Blacktop. Chairman Kelso asked why we weren't still considering the Intergovernmental Agreement with Road Commissioner Herndon for the Adair road. Cost to cover the material was the reason given for postponing the work. Following discussion, Engineer Hickman would review the Agreement and see if material cost could be worked into the 2016 plans. At this time the Adair & Bardolph projects would be on the 2017 plan.

Member Cortelyou moved with second by Member Toland to prioritize 2016 projects using matching tax dollars to reclaim the 3.8 miles on Vermont Blacktop and 3.7 miles on County Highway 8. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Member Toland moved with second by Member Cortelyou recommend the 2016 PPP program contain the reclaimed roads (Vermont & County Highway 8), Bellingham Road (final seal coat for 2015 project) & 4 miles of St. Francis Blacktop. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Dave reported they will be replacing the trailer to haul the skid steer at a cost of about \$ 14,000. The payment will come from the equipment fund and the old trailer will be welded and retained for misc. jobs.

Member Cortelyou moved with second by Member Sims to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p. m.