

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE
August 6, 2015

The McDonough County Road and Bridge Committee held their monthly meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Law Library. 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: Dave Cadwalader, County Engineer Tom Hickman and Board Member George Dixon

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

Review & Approve July 2, 2015 Minutes

Member McGrew moved with second by Member Toland to approve the July 2, 2015 minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Review & Approve July 23, 2015 Minutes

Member McGrew moved with second by Member Toland to approve the July 23, 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-The deck has been paved.
- B. Survey and Design work on 700N Road Culvert (@ Jeff Schmalshofs – ½ ml west of Adair-Eldorado Blktp)
- C. Installed culvert Project 1555-31 for Industry Township (N290 – E1450)
- D. Received approval to begin Macomb Township and New Salem Township R/R Crossings from BNSF-Discussion was held on the amount of dirt needed.
- E. Update on design of Sheepwash Bridge-Tom has talked to a design consultant and they are recommending a 4 span bridge. The bridge would be about a million dollar bridge. There could be Grant funds. Discussion was held on alternatives to such an expensive bridge. Tom stated that if federal funds are involved their specifications must be met.
- F. Two Special Feature Bridge Inspections – (Mound Township 2050E-1550N) – (Blandinsville Township – 100E- 2150N)
- G. Submitted Paperwork to FEMA for Flood Damage – Bethel Township, Chalmers Township, and 700N Road Culvert

Resolution for Eldorado Township County Aid Project #1556-28

This is for concrete bottom and channel work at an \$ 8,500.00 cost. Member McGrew moved with second by Member Tyson to pass to the full Board Resolution for Eldorado Township County Aid Project #1556-28 (150N-2050E). Motion carried on a voice vote.

MFT Allotments

Tom said that no more distributions can be done until the State budget is resolved.

Tennessee Blacktop Update

Tom reported that both contractors had been out to inspect the road. The county crews have been using “turkey grit” on the “bleeding”. About six soft spots have been found. Tom has had cores taken and Dunn is doing their own coring.

Tom was asked if Hutchison Engineering had examined the road. They have not. The box of information concerning the job (documentation) has been received and Tom has it at the Highway Department. Chairman Schwerer questioned if they had fulfilled the obligations concerning the contract specifically taking samples. Hutchinson does not have samples of the materials used. Tom stated that they did follow the IDOT specs and documented the necessary items. Per Tom the Bill of Lading is considered the sample because it documents the material met IDOT specifications. It still seems that Hutchison failed in enforcing the contract with McDonough County.

Discussion was held on the cost of “turkey grit” vs. rock. The grit has been used because we have it and it stays better. Applying the additional material on the blacktop will require the re striping of the blacktop.

Bellingham Road

The road has been sealed twice. Tom was asked the cost per mile, at this time, he estimates the western 2 miles to be \$ 65,000.00/mile and the eastern 2 miles to be \$ 85,000.00. The committee requests an actual cost when all the bills are in and work is fully completed. They still have to put shoulders on and there is a chance that it may be problematic due to the build-up of the road and they still have to around the drives and mailboxes.

Discussion was held on posting the roads during hot weather.

July Work Report

Dave Cadwalader presented the July work report.

Purchasing Policy Review

State’s Attorney Hoyle has drafted a Miscellaneous section for the McDonough County Purchasing Policy. It is intended to require engineering and professional services to be bid/quote.

Claims Review and Approval

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

Other Business

Board Member Dixon stated that he had talked again to quarry employees and they had been willing to assist with fixing the road entrance. Where does it stand now?

Board Chairman Schwerer stated that at the Hire Township meeting he was questioned about a stop sign installation. A letter from Tom had been received a year ago stating that a stop sign should be placed. It was never installed causing concern of our liability. What are the normal procedures for installation? Normal procedure is to install as soon as known. Most townships install their own signs, however, there had been a change in Commissioners and the new Commissioner wanted the County to install. The sign has been placed.

An answer to a question concerning a Saturday morning project concerning the County truck has not been received. The truck in question was being taken to the dealer for a recall and was taken on Saturday. Communication needs to be better and answers provided when questions are asked.

Chairman Kelso asked Tom where we were with the offer by Commissioner Hodge Herndon to keep the County Highway smooth if it was “torn up” to improve. This would be postponed until next Spring due to plowing.

Discussion was held on plowing. The department was advised to use skids/wheels on the County snow plows.

Discussion was held on the possibility of a committee tour of County Highways.

Engineer Hickman distributed a Memorandum of Record-Bellingham Rd. (C.H. #15) dated 07/09/15. The Memo addressed work done on the road. Tom was questioned why they were just receiving this since it pertained to the work just finished and it was from a month ago? Tom stated that this was to be a maintenance operation not a road rebuilds. The committee responded that it was important that it was done right and they wanted this to be a target project on how we will use the tax referendum funds to improve our County roads. Discussion was held on how this project compared to the work done by the Road Maintenance Crew last year on 700 Road. Communication is an issue, more information needs to be given up front and answers to questions must be given. Bottom line we want to make roads that last.

Member Tyson moved with second by Member Trimmer to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 p. m.