

**ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE**  
**December 3, 2015**

The McDonough County Road and Bridge Committee held their monthly meeting on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse in the 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: Patrick Stout, Dave Cadwalader, County Engineer Tom Hickman, Scott Hance, David Grove, Hodge Herndon and Larry Butcher.

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

**Review & Approve November 5, 2015 Minutes**

Member Sims moved with second by Member Toland to approve the November 5, 2015 minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Project Update**

Tom reported Scott has been working on the following projects:

- A. Completed 2016 Maintenance Estimates for Townships and County
- B. Surveyed Project 1547-31 for Macomb Township (N1200 – E1597)
- C. Surveyed Project 1547-31 for Macomb Township (N1395 – E1600)
- D. Constructed Project 1556-28 for Eldorado Township (SW of Township Shed)
- E. Surveyed Project 1543-24 for Sciota Township (N1958 – E2000)
- F. Surveyed Project 1543-25 for Sciota Township (N1809 – E650)
- G. Surveyed Project 1554-38 for Bethel Township (N600 – E1093)
- H. Worked on Final Documentation papers for Blandinsville Bridge
- I. Continued survey on Project 1530-83 (Twin pipes on 700N)

**Seasonal Weight Limits**

Tom reported limits will begin 01-15-16 and go to 04-14-16. It will work like it has in the past, he will post on the website and applications are available there or at the office. Tom was instructed to send an email reminder to previous years permit holders in addition to notifying the media.

**2016 Maintenance Resolution**

The annual Resolution to spend MFT for maintenance. The amount is \$ 450,000.00. Member McGrew moved with second by Member Marcott to send to the full Board FY 2016 County Maintenance Resolution. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**2016 Aggregate Letting**

Tom has set the letting for 2:00 p.m. on January 5, 2016 at the Highway Department. Everyone is invited to attend and the Road Commissioners will be in attendance.

**Tennessee Blacktop Update**

Tom reported that he talked to Bob Dunn 2 weeks ago. Bob had talked to his quality control employee and has a meeting with Heritage Group on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Tom met with Hutcherson yesterday. Chairman Schwerer asked when Mr. Dunn predicts we will have a solution to this problem. Tom said after the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> with Heritage Group he will know more. It is felt that we should get an answer before the end of the year. Tom stated that cores have been taken along the whole road not just in the bad spots.

### **November Work Report**

Dave Cadwalader presented the November work report. Discussion was held on asphalt vs. seal coat roads.

### **Claims Review and Approval**

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

### **Other Business**

Tom shared a letter/request from Road Commissioner Roger McCormick requesting the sheepwash bridge be fixed. \$ 25,000-\$ 28,000 has already been spent on an engineer to create plans for a new bridge that is cost prohibitive to do. There would still be \$ 15,000-\$ 20,000 for a structural engineer to develop the repair plan. Tom estimates the repair cost to be \$ 70,000- \$ 75,000. It was noted that the cracked center beam has been oil & chipped over. They are willing to pay their 50% if repaired. Discussion was held on how long a repair would last and what might need repair next. Member Toland asked if we knew why they wanted to fix it. Following discussion on bridge repair and replacement going forward, it was determined to invite Mound Township officials to next meeting to discuss.

Prioritizing repair/replace projects for the committee led to each Member giving their top 3 projects. The following items were listed: Vermont Road, Fandon, East of Adair, Walnut Grove, St. Francis and those roads with high truck traffic. Traffic count, road condition, truck traffic and how to address the problem on each road were discussed. It appeared that Vermont Road, Fandon and East of Adair were high on the priority list.

Commissioner Herndon was asked if his offer to help with the Adair road project was still available. He said if an Intergovernmental Agreement was done he would if the County was on board. He explained how he would redo the 2 ½ miles east of Adair. He felt it could be done for about \$ 100,000 for material and hauling. Hodge will meet with Chairman Kelso, Tom and Dave concerning the project and an agreement.

Mr. Butcher inquired as to the amount of money available for next year's projects. Discussion was held on transportation tax amount and amount to be used for seal coat "maintenance" vs. rebuild.

Member Marcott moved with second by Member McGrew to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p. m.