

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE

December 6, 2018

The McDonough County Road and Bridge Committee held their monthly meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Law Library. Committee Members present included Chairman Trevor Toland, Dave Cortelyou, Rod McGrew, Dick Marcott, Marcia Twaddle, Scott Schwerer and Mike Cox.

Other persons present included: Engineer Rick Walker, Dave Cadwalader, Patrick Stout, Sheriff Nick Petitgout, County Chairman George Dixon, and County Clerk Gretchen DeJaynes.

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

Chairman Toland welcomed all of the Committee Members, and gave a brief description of his expectations of the Committee.

Review & Approve November 1, 2018 Minutes

Member Twaddle moved with a second by Member Marcott to approve the November 1, 2018 minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Project Update

Engineer Walker gave an update.

November Work Report

Dave Cadwalader reviewed the November work report. The County roads were cleared 5 times, work was done on various field entrances, and general maintenance was performed on signs and brush. Bridge repair was done in Mound and Bushnell Townships. The trucks were prepared for winter use, they were loaded with salt and spreaders, plow hitches were installed, ingredients for salt mix was hauled and mix was prepared.

Claims Review and Approval

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

Other Business

County Board Chairman Dixon discussed which Board Members would be on the various Committees.

Public Comment

Member Twaddle mentioned that she had seen a post on Facebook from Sheriff Petitgout that thanked various people and agencies for their help during the recent blizzard, the Highway Department was not mentioned and she thought that it made the Highway Department look bad.

Sheriff Petitgout voiced his concerns he had regarding the performance of the Highway Department, which he felt was inadequate, he would like a plan in place for snow emergencies. Dave Cadwalader felt that he had done what was best for the County by having his guys start clearing the roads at 4:00 a.m. He only has so many hours that he can have his guys on the road and felt that starting them at 4:00 a.m. was the best way to utilize the hours he had to work with. Cadwalader asked the Committee if they would like to have a dry road policy, as they currently have a passable road policy. Chairman Toland would like to form a sub-committee that will look in to these issues and come up with an emergency plan. Member Marcott, Engineer Walker, Cadwalader, Sheriff Petitgout, and Chairman Toland will meet together and get a plan in place.

Member Scott Schwerer inquired about a road agreement with the wind farm. He would also like to know if McDonough County will be paying for the cost of the Bridge on the county line road. Hancock County is going to pay Fountain Green Township's portion. Engineer Walker will look in to this.

Member Marcott moved with a second by Member Twaddle to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.