

Montgomery County Board Road & Bridge Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 2nd, 2013

Time: 8:30 AM – Highway Department

Members Present: Gene Miles, Bonnie Branum, Sharon Kuchar, Earlene Robinson Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed and County Board Chairman Roy Hertel

Other Present: County Engineer Kevin Smith

The Committee met today to discuss the following:

1. **Update/Approval Red Ball Trail** – Engineer Smith reported that a letter from the States Attorney's office was sent to Moniger Construction regarding the problems with the Red Ball Trail and there has not been any response from them. The next step would be to send a stronger letter with a ten day response requested. If there is no response within 10 days, the contractor would be held in default of the contract and the County can go after their surety bond. Committee discussed proceeding to get support from the full board. Once this project is over the City of Coffeen will have to maintain the road. The Mayor of Coffeen understands that this is their road. If any water lines are fixed or moved, Coffeen will have to make repairs to the road.
2. **Update/Approval Irving North Bridge**: Engineer Smith reported that the County Highway forces have started destruction yesterday on the Irving North Bridge. The old bridge will be ripped out by the end of today.
3. **Update/Approval West of Farmersville Guardrail** – Engineer Smith stated that he is thinking we should remove the guardrail as it is more of a hazard than a benefit. Engineer Smith and Mike Webb have been unable to contact one land owner for additional right of way. Smith would like to get the guardrail removed by the winter. **Motion by Gene Miles and second by Sharon Kuchar to remove the guardrail as time permits. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Update/Approval Striping Seal coated Roads**: Engineer Smith reported that he researched the costs he reported on from last month again. The MFT money is not there. Priorities would be to keep the roads seal coated as best as they can. Miles stated that we should at least look at putting a stripe down the middle of the road. The estimate cost to do the center line of the North Road from Hillsboro to the Nokomis blacktop would be about \$5,000. Committee discussed where to test the striping. You can't put the stripes down on a road that is going to be seal coated next year. Hertel suggested saving some money and pick a few spots to apply the test stripes next fall.
5. **Update/Approval 2014 Meeting Dates**: The committee reviewed the list of the 2014 Road & Bridge Committee Dates. **Motion by Bob Sneed and second by Glenn savage to accept the meeting dates and times for 2014. All in favor, motion carried.**

6. **Update/Approval Road Damages Policy:** Engineer Smith reported that he was working on an invoice to send to a farmer that damaged a road with a plow. Smith found out that there is no current policy for sending invoices to farmers who damage our roads. Committee members discussed developing a road damage policy. It may be difficult to find out who damaged the road. If there is a police report, then we can bill the insurance. Bob Sneed suggested checking with other counties and see if they have a road damage policy that we can review and get input from the States Attorney's Office.
7. **Update/Approval Other Business:** Committee discussed postponing the County Board tour from the October meeting to the November full board meeting so that there will be no interference with completing the Irving Bridge Project. Irving Bridge letting will be held on Monday October 7th at 9:00 am.
8. **Road and Bridge Report:** Montgomery County Forces have been patching roads, checking and replacing signs, and mowing.

Motion by Earlene Robinson, second by Glenn Savage to Pay Bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Glenn Savage, second by Bonnie Branum to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted by acting secretary Christine Daniels as Deputized by the Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder, Sandy Leitheiser.