

Montgomery County Board

Road & Bridge Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 5th, 2013

Time: 8:30 AM – Highway Department

Members Present: Gene Miles, Bonnie Branum, Sharon Kuchar, Earlene Robinson Glenn Savage, Bob Sneed

Members Absent: Chairman Roy Hertel

Other Present: County Engineer Kevin Smith

The Committee met today to discuss the following:

- 1. Update/Approval Sale of Old Tractors:** Engineer Smith reported that he will put the two old 6410 tractors out for bid with a statement that the County has the right to refuse any and all bids. The bids will be turned in at the same day and time. The committee discussed and approved the bidding of both tractors by allowing highest bidder to choose which tractor he/she wants and the second highest bidder gets the other tractor.
- 2. Update/Approval FY 2014 Budget –** Engineer Smith gave a copy of the FY 2014 proposed budget to committee members to review and ask questions. There is not much difference between the equipment purchase account. County Highway department revenue and expenses have not changed much from last year's budget. When budgeting salaries, Smith put in the same numbers as last year per the request of the Finance Committee. The last day for Tom Chappellear will be June 28th. Motor Fuel revenue and expenses match and depend on how much fuel is purchased from consumers. Engineer Smith explained the revenues and expenses for the County Aid to Bridges Fund. Engineer Smith explained that the Irving Bridge was closed by the State on an emergency basis and that he switched over to these funds to do the repairs with our own forces and it should be replaced this summer. The Highway department doesn't have other direct revenue coming in. Engineer Smith stated that by doing the Irving bridge ourselves this will keep the profit here rather than paying this money to another contractor. Projects are getting so expensive that we have been saving money on a 5-year cycle to let the funds build up. Another single span bridge in the Butler area is scheduled to be done next year. The Township motor fuel fund is a guess on what we will receive and the expenses are budgeted to match the revenues. We can't spend more than what we get for revenue. Federal Aid Matching Fund is used for federally funded construction projects. We are currently saving up Federal Aid money and will spend some on projects next year. The Simpson bridge in Walshville Township will cost about \$1.5 million and must be done in State FY2015. Former Engineer Ruben Boehler had applied for this money and we will get 80% of the \$1.5 million. The State manages the Township bridge fund so we have no control over it. Once the contracts are signed and sent to the State, we then get 80% from the State. New allotments are given each July. Township bridge funds will also be used for the Washboard trail bridge.
- 3. Red Ball Trail Project:** Engineer Smith reported that he has the results from some tests that were taken on the Red Ball Trail. Before and after snapshots of the elevation and the grades were taken and documented against the original plans. There were cross-section shots taken in five 100-foot sections of the road every 12.5 feet. Plans called for the road surface to have a -1.5% slope from the centerline. The center line elevations are about right on with the elevations in the plans. Engineer Smith, Gene Miles, and Roy Hertel had conversations with the States Attorney's Office on what options can be

taken. We could do nothing or have the contractor totally replace the road or a couple of options in between. County Board must all agree together on how to proceed. Miles stated that we don't know what the contract is thinking on this issue and a meeting should be scheduled with him to give him the test results. Engineer Smith stated that one option given earlier was to grind the road, but grinding would possibly do more damage rather than correct the problems. Moniger Construction was the contractor for this project. The projected life time of the road was 30 years, but according to individuals at IDOT, they'll be surprised if it lasts more than 7 years.

4. **Update/Approval – Resolution #2013-01:** Resolution to appropriate funds for 1104 B-CA, Schoolhouse Avenue, Fillmore Road District, 50% – 50% county Project. Engineer Smith stated the cost will be about \$20,000 to replace. Engineer Smith recommends this go to the County Board for approval. **Motion by Branum and second by Kuchar to recommend the approval of this replacement to the County Board. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by acting secretary Christine Daniels as Deputized by the Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder, Sandy Leitheiser.