

**Montgomery County Board  
Road & Bridge Committee Meeting  
Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Time:** 8:30 AM – Highway Department

**Members Present:** Chairman Gene Miles, Bonnie Branum, Sharon Kuchar, Bob Sneed and Vice County Board Chairman Mary Bathurst

**Members Absent:** Earlene Robinson, Glenn Savage and County Board Chairman Roy Hertel

**Others Present:** Engineer Kevin Smith

The Committee met today to discuss the following:

1. **Update/Approval Raymond Road District Letting:** Engineer stated that Four bids were submitted.

- Kinney Contractors - \$181,792
- Plocher Construction - \$236,127
- Perry County Construction - \$176,600
- Yamnitz & Associates - \$189,047.36, Bid was re-tabulated and should be **\$159,047.36**

**Motion by Bob Sneed, second by Bonnie Branum to Approve the Apparent Low Bidder Perry County Construction in the Amount of \$176,600. All in favor, motion carried.**

Bev Seamon took all the bids to her desk to make sure all the calculations were correct and came back to the meeting with information that the Bid from Yamnitz actually totaled \$159,047.36. The handwritten copy was hard to read, and upon calculating all the figures, it did in fact total \$159,047.36. Upon review of the four bids, the committee made a new motion for the Correct Low Bidder– **Motion by Bob Sneed, second by Bonnie Branum to Approve the As Corrected Bid from Yamnitz & Associates in the Amount of \$159,047.36 contingent on the concurrence with the Illinois Department of Transportation. All in favor, motion carried.**

2. **Update/Approval 2006-2012 MFT Material Cost Comparison:** Engineer Smith shared a spreadsheet on the County MFT for a 6 year period. Material costs have gone up a range of 134% to 198%. The yearly allotment total for MFT Revenue in 2006 was \$764,277 and was \$677,221 in 2012 for an 11.4% decrease in MFT Revenue. MFT funds come from gas and diesel fuel sold in the State. The higher the fuel costs, people purchase less gas and MFT funds go down. There are more vehicles on the roads that get better fuel efficiency and less fuel is sold, but the increase in number of vehicles using the roads make the roads deteriorate faster.
3. **Update/Approval New Tractor Purchase:** Engineer Smith reported that there are two current tractors that are getting some age on them that he is wanting to replace. A 2000 John Deere 6410 with 4,152 hours and a 1999 John Deere with 4,526 hours. Tier 3 tractor is what they are operating under now. Engineer Smith reported that the State gets 1 one-year lease on John Deere tractors and trades them in so they have low hours. John Deere doesn't make the 6410 tractor anymore. States use a 6430 John Deere tractor. Smith stated that a new Tier 4, John Deere tractor will be about \$90,000. Engineer Smith stated they could sell the current tractors to help offset the costs. Smith stated that Mechanic Carl Murzynski would rather go with a Tier 3 tractor and try to go with a State bid tractor. Engineer Smith budgeted \$135,000 last year for two tractors. The cost would be about \$150,000 for two new tractors.

Committee Chairman Miles stated the Smith should pursue getting more information and pricing for a 1 year old State lease. Committee approved for Engineer Smith to pursue getting two John Deere Tractors. **Motion by Bob Sneed, second by Sharon Kuchar to Approve that Engineer Smith pursue Purchasing Two Tractors under \$72,000 Each. All in favor, motion carried.**

4. **Update/Approval Future Culvert Letting:** A couple of Commissioners have contacted Engineer Smith to set a Culvert Letting for Township and County. Should be held at May 8<sup>th</sup> Road & Bridge Committee meeting.
5. **Update/Approval 2013 MFT Oil Letting:** Engineer Smith looking to schedule for April 3<sup>rd</sup> Road & Bridge Committee meeting and award at the April 16<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting.
6. **Update/Approval Township Bridge Lettings:** Engineer Smith reported that he received a couple of phone calls regarding Township Bridge lettings. The State allows the County to help Townships with this process. County selects consultant and works with the State to get the bridge let out. One key factor is weight limits. There are 14 Township bridges with weight limits. Engineer Smith creates a priority list to replace by using several factors. Smith also reviews what is important to the Township Road Commissioner.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session**

- **Go Into Executive Session:** Motion by Bob Sneed, second by Sharon Kuchar to Enter Into Executive Session to Discuss Updates on Collective Bargaining with Highway Department Union Local #1084. All in favor, motion carried. Session starts at 9:42 a.m.
- **Come Out of Executive Session:** Motion by Bonnie Branum, second by Sharon Kuchar to Come Out of Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried. Session ends at 10:00 a.m.

#### **ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT:**

Montgomery County Forces have been checking and replacing signs, cutting brush and cleaning culverts.

Motion to Pay Bills by Sharon Kuchar, and second by Bob Sneed. All in favor, motion carried.  
Motion to adjourn by Bonnie Branum and second by Sharon Kuchar. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted by acting secretary Christine Daniels as Deputized by the Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder, Sandy Leitheiser.