

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

**Date:** Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

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

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

**Others Present:** Engineer Kevin Smith, Mary Bathurst

The Committee met today to discuss the following:

1. **Update/Approval Raymond Road District Letting Date:** The Committee discussed the status of the Raymond Road District Letting Date. The County Project Labor Agreement states it applies to property owned by the County. At the last bidding, a protest was filed. When the bids were rejected at the last County Board meeting, then the protest was null and void. Hertel stated that he is concerned about the length of time that the State may take to make a decision. The committee wants to make sure the bidder is qualified by the State so that we can receive funding. Kuchar asked if the County PLA document is going to go to the State's Attorney office to change the language to include "All Projects." The Board voted last month to not have the PLA in this project when bidding it out. This will be bid out without the PLA because this is a Township bridge. Kuchar thought the Township should be asked if each Township could choose whether they want the PLA in the bid. Engineer Smith stated that the committee needs to set a new letting date. The letting date will be scheduled for Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the County Highway Department.
2. **Update/Approval Red Ball Trail:** Information is still pending.
3. **Update/Approval Guardrail West of Farmersville:** Engineer Smith reported since the new guardrail west of Farmersville was installed a few years ago, it has been damaged several times and sections have had to be replaced. Smith has been looking at different alternatives to address the slopes and guardrail. His opinion is to get more right-of-way to fix the slopes and eliminate the safety hazards, liability and the ongoing repair costs to the guardrail. Engineer Smith stated he would like to use the Special Bridge Matching Fund Office #250 to purchase right-of-way from the three property owners to extend the slopes. Smith has never received any accident reports to the damage on this guardrail. Smith stated they would have to purchase some concrete culvert extensions and would cost about \$15,000. Smith will go and talk to the land owners to secure some right-of-way and a survey will have to be completed.
4. **Update/Approval 2013 Fuel Letting Date:** Special Road & Bridge meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the County Highway building.
5. **Update/Approval 2013 Rock Letting Date:** Special Road & Bridge meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Highway building. This meeting will take place after the Fuel Letting.
6. **Update/Approval Highway Dept. Union Contract Local #1084:** The committee discussed a meeting date to start negotiations. It will be on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> or February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Each committee member will review the contract for the February meeting. Personnel Chair Mary Bathurst asked committee members to get back to the Personnel Committee if anything needs to be addressed in the contract.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT:**

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

Motion to Pay Bills by Bob Sneed, and second by Bonnie Branum. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Bonnie Branum and second by Earlene Robinson. 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.