

Montgomery County Board Road & Bridge Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 4th, 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

Members Absent: Earlene Robinson

Other Present: County Engineer Kevin Smith

The Committee met today to discuss the following:

1. **Update/Approval Red Ball Trail:** Engineer Smith reported that Assistant States Attorney Betsy Wilson will be getting the letter out to the contractor later this week.
2. **Update/Approval Sales of Used Tractors:** Engineer Smith reported that four bids were received for the two used John Deere Tractors. The highest bid was for \$19,151 and the buyer only wanted one tractor. The second highest bid was for \$18,150 and that buyer got the second choice of the two tractors. The third bid was for \$17,855 and the fourth was for \$16,900. **Motion by Bonnie Branum and second by Bob Sneed to approve selling the two tractors to the highest bidders. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Update/Approval Resolution #2012-11:** Resolution to appropriate funds for 10-00136-00-BR, CH-5-Irving North Road, 100% County Project Irving North Bridge. Engineer Smith stated that he received a call from IDOT and they are reviewing the plans and hopes to have them from IDOT in the next week. **Motion by Bonnie Branum and second by Sharon Kuchar to approve and recommend Resolution #2012-11 to the full board. All in favor, motion carried.**
4. **Update/Approval Irving North Bridge:** Engineer Smith spoke with Chairman Hertel in regards to giving the Road and Bridge Committee the permission to award the material bid and subcontractor bid for the Irving North Bridge so we don't have to wait another month for full board approval. The committee wants to expedite the building of this bridge because there have been several calls concerning the importance of getting this bridge completed. **Motion by Gene Miles and second by Bob Sneed to recommend to the full board to advertise for bids on the material and the sub work if needed and that the R & B Committee is allowed to award the bid. All in favor, motion carried.**
5. **Update/Approval Resolution #2013-16:** Resolution #2013-16 amends Resolution #2012-11 For 1102 B-CA, CH-7-Nokomis Road, 100% County Project. This Resolution was passed last year and the estimate was about \$38,000. The project came in at \$42,893.93 so the former Resolution needs to be amended with the correct amount. **Motion by Bonnie Branum and second by Sharon Kuchar to approve the amended resolution. All in favor, motion carried.**
6. **Update/Approval Guardrail West of Farmersville:** Engineer Smith reported that he took pictures of the damaged guardrail on Mine Avenue west of Farmersville and shared the pictures with the committee. Mike Webb is also helping Engineer Smith to contact the landowners in regards to the additional right-of-way needed. The committee discussed the unsafe conditions of the current state of the damaged guardrails and discussed options to remove them. The guardrail could be removed now and continue to secure the additional right-of-ways needed to widen the area. Engineer Smith would notify the farmers before taking the guardrail down. The two sections of guardrail are located by some steep ditches, but there are also other steep ditches near that stretch of road with no guardrail. These guardrails were mandated to be installed in this location and Savage stated that they should be left there. Engineer Smith will continue to secure the additional right-of-way so the area can be widened and fixed properly.

7. **Update/Approval Striping Seal coated Roads:** Engineer Smith reported that there are 33.09 miles of County seal coated roads that were stripped at one time but not striped today. There are 24.9 miles of County roads that are still striped and we would have to keep these striped because they are hotmix and concrete roads which are mandated. Smith checked with the Christian County highway engineer to see how long the striping will last and learned that they stripe their seal coated roads every year. Engineer Smith calculated and estimates 40% no passing throughout the 10 mile stretch of the North Road. The price for no passing areas will cost more. The cost is about \$1,372 per mile for edge lines on both sides. It will cost about \$171.60 per mile for single skipped lines in no passing areas. No passing lines would be about \$1,400 per mile. Cost per mile with 50% no passing would cost about \$1,887.60 per mile. The cost to stripe the 33.09 miles of seal coated county roads would be about \$62,000 per year. The North Road was last seal coated in 2010. Panama and Waggoner roads have been done since 2010 when the North road was done. Smith has only heard concerns about the North Road. The North Road will probably need seal coated again in 2014. Money to fund the striping would come from the MFT funds. Committee considered testing this on one seal coated road to see how long it will last, but because of the cost of doing it every year, it would not be a good of money. If there is a bad area of road that would need some striping, then we might consider trying it there. Engineer Smith stated that it boils down to money and you have to prioritize the needs. If there was money available, then the striping could be done. The committee will continue this discussion at next month's meeting.
8. **Update/Approval Lighting Upgrades:** Engineer Smith reported that he received a quote from Lyerla Electric to replace light fixtures with energy efficient fixtures and lights. The total labor and material cost would be \$10,901. The Ameren incentives would be \$7,328.00 so the reduced installed cost would be \$3,573.00. With the savings, the payback would be 1.6 years. Committee discussed the annual bill savings of \$2,175 a year. The payback would be 1.6 years. **Motion by Glenn Savage and second by Sharon Kuchar to approve the bid from Lyerla Electric to replace the lights for \$10,901.00. All in favor, motion carried.**
9. **Update/Approval Committee Tour:** Engineer Smith will take the committee members on a short tour of some of the County Roads and Bridges after today's meeting.
10. **Update/Approval Other Business:** Chairman Hertel stated that the R & B committee needs to consider moving the highway department down to the County Farm sometime in the future. The current location could be sold to help pay for the new metal building. Coal revenue could also be used. The highway operation needs to be out of the residential area.

Chairman Miles reported that the Assistant Engineer inquired about driving his county truck home at night. The prior Assistant Engineer and Maintenance Supervisor were at one time allowed to take their vehicle home, however Branum stated that this was discontinued years ago. The Committee discussed and don't like for the County Vehicle to go out of the County because the assistant engineer lives in Fayette County. The cost of the fuel would also be expensive.

11. **Road and Bridge Report:** Montgomery County Forces have been patching roads, checking and replacing signs, and mowing.

Motion by Motion by Bob Sneed and second by Glenn Savage to pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried. Motion to adjourn by Bonnie Branum and second by Bob Sneed. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 9:54 am. Minutes respectfully submitted by acting secretary Christine Daniels as Deputized by the Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder, Sandy Leitheiser.