

Montgomery County Board Road & Bridge Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 3rd, 2013

Time: 8:30 AM – Highway Department

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

Members Absent: Sharon Kuchar, Earlene Robinson

Others Present: Engineer Kevin Smith

The Committee met today to discuss the following:

1. **Update/Approval Fixing Rock at Animal Control & Courthouse Parking Lot:** Chairman Hertel stated that he contacted the Highway Department to fix the rock at a few of the county parking lots due to it being moved during the snow removal process during last week's snow storm.
2. **Update/Approval Raymond Township Bridge:** Engineer Smith reported that he received a notification from OCC of a protest and we are waiting on their response. Work cannot begin until this protest is resolved.
3. **Update/Approval New Tractor Purchase:** Engineer Smith will check with State's Attorney regarding purchasing used equipment without bidding it out. Committee discussed these types of purchases in the past and they were not bid out. It is too hard to bid out used equipment because the specs will not be the same.
4. **Update/Approval Snow Removal During Courthouse Closure:** The committee discussed the Highway department union contract in regards to paying overtime during Courthouse closures.
5. **Update/Approval C-BA's with North Litchfield:** Engineer Smith reported that he reviewed the State Statute that outlines County Bridge Aid Project. If a township has a culvert/bridge project that costs more than .02 % of their assessed valuation, they can petition the County for County Bridge Aid help which through that petition we would pay 50% of cost and they would pay 50% of cost. When you see County Bridge Aid 50%/50% split, that comes from that Statute. One of the things in that Statute to make them qualify for the help is they have got to levy at a certain rate on their Road & Bridge Fund to be eligible for it, not only for that year during their petition, but for the two years previous. Smith was approached by North Litchfield Township on a project pipe he has and while looking back found out his levy does not meet the criteria of what the statute says. This is the first County Bridge Aid Project with North Litchfield Township that has come before Engineer Smith since he has been here. North Litchfield is at .039. For a single township it is supposed to be .125. Engineer Smith showed the committee a sheet with a table that lists each township, their assessed valuation and gives their three tax levies and amounts for Road & Bridge, Permanent Road and Bridge Funds that they have for the County. When you read this statute, it tells you about the .02% that they have to meet and then it says as long as they are levying their maximum allowable rate as provided in another statute. When you refer to the statute that gives the rates, it states that the tax for road purposes. Engineer Smith thought it was for permanent road tax as well, then referred to Trish from County Clerk's office who stated that when you look at the law statute number, it's not Permanent Road, but they are talking about Road & Bridge. Hertel asked Smith what the North Litchfield Township rate is. Smith stated their rate now is .039 and the maximum would have to be .125. Smith stated he would have to raise it .091 which is

at 1. IF the increase takes place it would go above the 105%. Smith stated to follow the statute to a tee, not only would he have to raise it, but the year he petitions for help the two previous years are supposed to be at that maximum rate as well.

6. **Update/Approval Aramark Cleaning Agreement:** Engineer Smith reported he is looking at other pricing for cleaning shop towels, mats, etc. The current contract with Aramark ends in November 2013. Smith recommended some pricing from the vendor that is used at the Jail and will compare for better pricing.
7. **Update/Approval Red Ball Trail Project:** Engineer Smith said he thought they could use the Profilograph test to get the Red Ball Trail fixed. He has now found out from IDOT that this test can't be used. The specification book and special provisions were reviewed to see what we can do to fix this. Engineer Smith stated that IDOT has reviewed everything and decided we can't use the Profilograph surface test. Another guy said IDOT will not change their mind. The only avenue we have is to get them to replace/fix the road specific to lines and grades of the road. You would have to take snap shots of the bad areas to prove they didn't build the road to specifications. Smith needs to go and speak with the State's Attorney office with an update. The snap shots should not cost anything.
8. **Update/Approval 2013 MFT Oil Letting:** Oil Letting started at 9:30 a.m. Engineer Smith opened and read the bids for the various grades of oil for the Township and County Roads.
Oil Letting for Townships – Bids received from:
 - Litchfield Bituminous, Louis Marsch, and JTC Petroleum.**County Oil Letting – Bids received from:**
 - JTC Petroleum and Louis Marsch**Motion by Bonnie Branum, second by Bob Sneed to Approve the Low Bids for the Township and County Oil Letting. All in favor, motion carried.**

ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT:

Montgomery County Forces have been patching roads, checking and replacing signs, and cleaning ditches and culvert ends.

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

Motion to adjourn by Bonnie Branum and second by Glenn Savage. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. Minutes respectfully submitted by acting secretary Christine Daniels as Deputized by the Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder, Sandy Leitheiser.