

Montgomery County Board Road & Bridge Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 6th, 2013

Time: 8:30 AM – Highway Department

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

Members Absent: Sharon Kuchar

Others Present: Engineer Kevin Smith

The Committee met today to discuss the following:

1. **Update/Approval Road & Bridge Lettings:** The committee discussed having Lettings during regular Road & Bridge Committee meetings in order to save money by not having extra meetings. Some counties do not have Board members at their lettings, however Chairman Hertel stated that committee members should be at the lettings. Engineer Smith stated it should not be a problem having lettings at a Regular meeting and then get approval at the Full Board the following month. Lettings are held every year for fuel, rock, oil, culverts, Township & County Bridges, and any Federal money used on County roads.
2. **Update/Approval Raymond Road District Letting Date:** Will be changed from February 27th to have the letting at the regular Road & Bridge Meeting on Wednesday, March 6th, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. Engineer Smith will work the letting dates into Regular Committee meeting dates when possible.
3. **Update/Approval Red Ball Trail:** The committee discussed the ongoing problem with trying to get the Contractor to acknowledge the issues with the Red Ball Trail. Engineer Smith reported that the contractor has the responsibility to make this right. Engineer Smith explained 3 options:
 1. Leave the road as is.
 2. Put asphalt overlay – contractor to pay. The option defeats the purpose of concrete road.
 3. Total removal of concrete and replace it. This option would cost \$750,000 to \$800,000 to install new concrete. Tearing out the old concrete would be an additional cost.

Committee needs to decide how to fix this road. Sneed asked if the Contractor is bonded and Engineer Smith replied yes. Smith stated that the road could have been grinded at about \$70,000. In some places about 2 inches would need to be grinded which would only leave 2 inches of concrete and the road would not be stable, so the grinding option will not work. The problems of the uneven sections of the road came about with the way they used their string line. Chairman Hertel stated that Gene Miles and Kevin Smith should go and talk to the State's Attorney office and explain the problems and options. The contractor hasn't responded to Engineer Smith since December 14th, 2012. They don't think it is their problem. Leaving the road as is won't work because the large truck traffic will damage the road sooner. **Motion by Earlene Robinson, second by Bob Sneed that Gene Miles and Engineer Smith go to the State's Attorney to review the Options and Get a Recommendation on this Project. All in favor, motion carried.**

4. **Update/Approval Mt. Olive Trail Project:** When Engineer Smith started work with the County, he looked at the projects and prioritized. Every few months Smith gets an email from IDOT Central office asking for a status on the Mt. Olive Trail. When this project was looked at about 10 years ago, Amy McNeal got \$57,000 in Federal funds to do the design work. The time is running out to do this project and the money would need to be paid back if we don't do the project. The plans that the consultant worked on are not complete.
5. **Update/Approval 911 Signs:** Engineer Smith shared an agreement made between the Highway Department and 911 Committee from 1997. 911 will continue to purchase the signs and ask Highway Department to install. The County is supplementing 911 because their revenue is down. The committee discussed and approved that the material cost of the signs will come out of the General Fund and the Highway Department will do the labor.
6. **Update/Approval Highway Department Union Contract Local #1084:** The committee discussed the Union contract. Committee members will review and share any issues with Chairman Gene Miles on an individual basis.
7. **Other:** Roy Hertel stated that the Finance Committee talked with Office Holders and Appointed Department Heads about saving money.

ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT:

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

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

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