

Montgomery County Board Road & Bridge Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 5th, 2014

Time: 8:30 AM – County Board Room

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

Other Present: County Engineer Kevin Smith, Karl Murzynski

The Committee met today to discuss the following:

1. Update/Approval Rotary Mower Letting:

- a. Sievers 2014 Bush Hog - \$14,310.00, \$28,620.00 for 2
- b. Sloan Equipment 2014 John Deere - \$16,220.00, \$32,440.00 for 2
- c. Jansen Farm Equipment 2014 Rhino - \$13,959.00, \$27,918.00 for 2. Out of Carlyle which is 45 minutes away to get parts.

Six year warranty on gear box.

Motion by Sneed, second by Savage to approve the purchase of two mowers pending review of the two proposals and that they meet the specifications. All in favor, motion carried. The committee discussed wanting to keep the purchase in the County.

2. **Update/Approval Red Ball Trail:** Engineer Smith contacted Assistant State's Attorney Betsy Wilson who has talked with the Surety Bond Company. The County is trying to determine the remedy. The options are: 1.) Leave the road as is. 2.) Asphalt overlay. 3.) Re-do the Red Ball Trail. Concrete has a longer service life. Hertel stated our position should be to tear the road out and re-do it. It will be up to the Board to decide how to proceed. **Motion by Robinson, second by Kuchar to approve the recommendation to the Full Board to ask the contractor to tear out and re-do the Red Ball Trail. All in favor, motion carried.** Engineer Smith reported he last had a meeting with two representatives from Moniger in November after the project was done.
3. **Update/Approval Washboard Trail TBP Letting Date:** This Bridge is under design and it is now time to replace this bridge in Hillsboro Township. Engineer Smith has scheduled the letting to take place at next regular Road & Bridge meeting in April. The cost to replace will be split by Township, County and the State.
4. **Update/Approval 2014 Oil Letting Reminder:** Will be held on March 27th at 9:30 a.m. at the Highway Department.
5. **Update/Approval Fuel Tank Problem:** Engineer Smith stated that water infiltrated the fuel tank affecting five County vehicles. They found the problem with a seal and fixed it. Engineer Smith stated that there are two openings at the top of the tank and with the large snow and ice thaw, water leaked through an old seal.
6. **Update/Approval RSVP for Farm Bureau Breakfast & Coal Mine Tour:** Committee members were asked to reserve for the Farm Bureau Breakfast.
7. **Update/Approval Priorities for Long-term Improvement Fund:** Committee discusses some priorities for the long-term improvement fund like removing the two underground fuel tanks and installing new above-ground fuel tanks. The committee also discussed getting a priority list of County roads and bridges that some of the Long-term Improvement Fund money could be spent on.
8. **Update/Approval Other Business:**
 - Chairman Hertel received another complaint phone call regarding County Highway trucks using Mechanic Street. Hertel stated he called the City of Hillsboro and they can also use Kinkead Road. Chairman Hertel told her that the County would like to move the Highway Department buildings out by the prison someday, but needed money to do this. Other

residents on Mechanic Street are happy with the Highway Department using Mechanic Street because snow and ice is removed by them.

- Sneed asked about the Parking lot across from the New Courthouse and Smith said they will do the rock when time and weather permits.

9. **Road and Bridge Report:** Montgomery County Forces have been checking and replacing signs, patching, and clearing snow and ice.

Motion by Bob Sneed second by Sharon Kuchar to Pay Bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bonnie Branum, second by Earlene Robinson to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by acting secretary Christine Daniels as Deputized by the Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder, Sandy Leitheiser.