

Montgomery County Board Road & Bridge Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 8th, 2014

Time: 8:30 AM – Highway Department

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

Members Absent: Sharon Kuchar

Others Present: County Engineer Kevin Smith

The Committee met today to discuss the following:

1. **Update/Approval Red Ball Trail:** Engineer Smith reported that he has received information from the Surety Bond Company that stated they will investigate this claim thoroughly.
2. **Update/Approval 2014 Fuel Letting:** Engineer Smith received one bid from M & M Service for the Fuel prices. Option 1: Gas = M & M's cost plus \$.10 per gallon. Diesel – M & M's cost plus \$.10 per gallon. Option 2: Gas = fixed price for the year of \$3.151 per gallon and Diesel = fixed price for the year of \$3.426 per gallon. The committee discussed the two options. **Motion by Earlene Robinson and second by Bob Sneed to approve and recommend to the full board, Option #2 the fixed costs from M & M Service of \$3.151 per gallon for gas and \$3.426 per gallon for diesel. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. **Update/Approval 2014 Rock Letting Reminder:** Engineer Smith reported that the Rock Letting will be held on Wednesday, January 22nd, 2014 at 9:00 AM at the County Highway Department.
4. **Update/Approval Montgomery County Highway Department 15-year plan:** The Committee reviewed and discussed the 15-Year plan that was presented by Engineer Kevin Smith. The Committee will review the report for one month and discuss further at the February committee meeting. They also discussed a couple of projects listed on report like straightening out a road going into Nokomis and black topping the Nokomis-Fillmore Road, Taylorville Road and the Black Diamond Road.
5. **Update/Approval New Pick Up Truck Purchase:** County Board Chairman stated that during the severe snow storm that started on Sunday, there were a couple of life saving events that took place that our Sheriff and Highway Department were very helpful on. One was in rural Raymond/Harvel where a family with very small children was stranded and one where a vehicle on the other side of Walshville was stranded. Chairman Hertel stated that he is very proud of the County Employees that assisted with getting these people out of a very dangerous situation in the middle of the night on Sunday. Chairman Hertel stated that all County Employees did a good job with this storm. He also reported that Highway Engineer Smith does not have a County 4 wheel drive pickup truck and that the committee should consider purchasing one. The committee also discussed possibly getting a snow blade for this truck so the other County Building parking lots could be plowed and cleaned off. The past couple of times it has snowed, there have been some issues with getting someone out to plow the lots on

a timely basis. The truck Engineer Smith currently uses is a 2008 rear wheel drive. The maintenance crew drives the oldest pickup truck. When new trucks are purchased, the newer ones are then passed down so that the oldest vehicle in inventory would be traded or sold off.

Motion by Bob Sneed and second by Bonnie Branum to seek bids for a 4 wheel drive pickup truck with an extended cab. All in favor, motion carried. The bids will be opened at the next Road & Bridge committee meeting on February 5th.

6. **Update/Approval of New Tandum Truck:** The committee and full board approved the purchase of a new tandum truck at last month's meeting. County Board Hertel stated that Assistant States Attorney Betsy Wilson has checked out the Resolution for purchasing equipment on a State Bid and the Highway Department can pursue the over \$30,000 purchase without putting this out on the formal bid process.
7. **Update/Approval Rock at New Courthouse Parking lot:** The committee discussed having the general fund pay for the materials when the highway department does parking lot work for other County buildings. Engineer Smith stated that he took the spread sheet that was prepared years ago for the rocking of the parking lot across from the New Courthouse and just revised it. Committee members discussed that the general fund shouldn't be charged for labor and equipment usage, but invoicing for the material is OK. Engineer Smith reported that they also need to address drainage and tree stump removal before proceeding. Parking lot work can be done when the Highway Department has some down time.
8. **Update/Approval Other Business:** None at this time.
9. **Road and Bridge Report:** Montgomery County Forces have been checking and replacing signs, picking up trash, and clearing snow and ice.

Motion by Earlene Robinson, second by Glenn Savage to Pay Bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Earlene Robinson, second by Bob Sneed. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM. Minutes respectfully submitted by acting secretary Christine Daniels as Deputized by the Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder, Sandy Leitheiser.