

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Mr. Glenn Frank, Chair

The Public Works Committee met at the Whiteside County Highway Department at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2023. Members present were: Glenn Frank, Paul Cunniff, Tom Witmer, Doug Wetzell and Larry Russell. Others in attendance were: Joel Horn-County Administrator, Suzan Stickle-Building & Zoning Administrator, Russ Renner-County Engineer, Jennifer Greeley-Office Manager and Martin Koster, County Board Chairman. Chairman Frank called the meeting to order.

1. ROUTINE BUSINESS:

- a. Township Motor Fuel Tax & Budgetary Status Reports for March 2023 were presented for review and approval. Motion was made by Wetzell and seconded by Russell to approve the items as presented. The vote was all ayes.

2. BUILDING & ZONING REPORT:

- a. The Committee reviewed the Building Report for March 2023 (See #1).
- b. Petition of 312 Solar Development, LLC requesting the approval of a Special Use Permit in the A-1 Agricultural District to allow for a solar farm in the 13700 Block of Sawyer Road, Morrison. Motion was made by Wetzell and seconded by Witmer to approve the Petition. The vote was all ayes. (See #2-7)

MOTION: To approve the Petition and Resolution of 312 Solar Development, LLC for a Special Use Permit in the A-1 Agricultural District to allow a solar farm in the 13700 Block for Sawyer Rd.

- c. Ms. Stickle informed the Committee that the Alternate Zoning Hearing Officer resigned.
- d. Paul Cunniff will attend the Zoning Hearing on April 20, 2023.

3. AIRPORT BOARD REPORT:

- a. The Regular Airport Board minutes for February 16, 2023 were not received in time for the Public Works Committee meeting.
- b. Tom Witmer will attend the Airport Board meeting on April 13th @ 5:00 p.m.

4. SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #2 REPORT:

- a. City of Sterling sewer rate increase. Motion was made by Witmer and seconded by Cunniff to increase the minimum user charge/month/unit to \$16.50 and charge per hundred cubic feet to \$4.90 effective May 1, 2023.

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5. COUNTY HIGHWAY REPORT:

- a. The Landfill Leachate Report and Inspection Reports for March 2023 were presented for review (See #8-9).
- b. Mr. Witmer asked about the solar farm lease for the closed landfill. Mr. Horn explained that the original company's lease has expired. Other solar companies have expressed interest in leasing the closed landfill. The county will seek bids for a solar farm on the closed landfill.

c. The following Resolutions were presented and discussed for consideration, to be presented to the Full Board:

- (1) Resolution – #23-37000-01-GM – Coloma Twp. – Lenore St. paving. Motion was made by Cunniff & seconded by Russell to recommend approval of the Resolution for the Award to Martin & Company of Oregon, IL with the low bid of \$20,318.57. The vote was all ayes. (See #10-11).

MOTION: To approve the Resolution and Award for Section #23-37000-01-GM – Coloma Twp. – Lenore St. paving to the low bidder, Martin & Company of Oregon, IL, as presented.

- (2) Resolution – #23-53000-01-GM – Portland Twp. – Lyman Rd paving. Motion was made by Cunniff & seconded by Russell to recommend approval of the Resolution for the Award to Helm Civil of Freeport, IL with the low bid of \$206,642.30. The vote was all ayes. (See #12-13).

MOTION: To approve the Resolution and Award for Section #23-53000-01-GM – Portland Twp. – Lyman Rd paving to the low bidder, Helm Civil of Freeport, IL, as presented.

- (3) Resolution – #23-55000-01-GM – Sterling Twp. – Seal Coat various roads. Motion was made by Cunniff & seconded by Russell to recommend approval of the Resolution for the Award to Porter Bros. of Rock Falls, IL with the low bid of \$64,842.60. The vote was all ayes. (See #14-15).

MOTION: To approve the Resolution and Award for Section #23-55000-01-GM – Sterling Twp. – Seal Coat various roads to the low bidder, Porter Bros. of Rock Falls, IL, as presented.

- (4) Federal Aid Agreement – Dixon Ave Bridge – (Section 17-00228-00-BR) replace existing structure with a galvanized steel tube girder system. A motion was made Wetzell & seconded by Witmer to approve the Agreement and refer it to the full board for approval. The vote was all ayes. (See #16-22)

MOTION: To approve the Federal Aid Agreement (Dixon Ave Bridge – Section #17-00228-00-BR), to be accepted and approved as presented.

- (5) Resolution for Improvement by County Under the Illinois Highway Code – Dixon Ave Bridge – (Section #17-00228-00-BR). A Resolution was presented to appropriate \$445,000.00 from County Bridge Funds for the replacement of the existing structure with galvanized steel tub-girder system. A motion was made by Wetzell and seconded by Witmer to refer the Resolution to the full board for approval. The vote was all ayes. (See #23)

MOTION: To approve the Resolution for Improvement by County Under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating County Bridge Funds (Dixon Ave Bridge – Section #17-00228-00-BR), to be accepted and approved as presented.

- (6) A bid letting was held on March 27th for the replacement of garage lintels on the Highway maintenance building. Motion was made by Witmer & seconded by Wetzell to recommend approval of the low bid of \$31,400.00 to Mike Harris Mason of Rockford, IL. The vote was all ayes. (See #24).

MOTION: To approve the low bid of \$31,400.00 to Mike Harris Mason of Rockford IL for the replacement of garage lintels on the Highway Maintenance Building.

- (7) Coloma Township - #23-37132-00-DR (McNeil Rd culvert). A bid letting was held on April 4th for the removal and replacement of a culvert on McNeil Rd. Motion was made by Russell & seconded by Witmer to approve the low bid of \$19,750.00 to Stichter Construction of Erie, IL. The vote was all ayes. (See #25).

MOTION: To approve the low bid of \$19,750.00 to Stichter Construction of Erie, IL for the Coloma Township #23-37132-00-DR (McNeil Road culvert) as presented.

d. Mr. Renner informed the Committee of the following items:

- (1) IL Legislation – House Bill 2781 and Senate Bill 895
- (2) Covell Road Bridge – Clyde Township

6. OLD BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

7. NEW BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

There was no additional business so a motion to adjourn was made by Witmer and seconded by Russell. The vote was all ayes and the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Meeting Date: The next regular meeting – May 2, 2023 at 2:00 PM, at Highway Department

MOTION: To place on file the Public Works Committee’s meeting report, March 2023 claim reports and related informational items, as presented.