

**ROAD AND BRIDGES COMMITTEE
COUNTY BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
5:30 PM**

1. **Call meeting to order** **Doug Huser, Chairman at 5:30 PM**
2. **Roll Call** – Doug Huser, Randy Roethler, Andy Rokey, Duane Kingdon, John Krug present. Also present was County Engineer Lindell Loy. Randy Roethler is unexcused.

3. **Public comment.**

4. **Old Business:**

- (a) Discuss and act on spray patch oil bids, Section 18-00000-19-GM.

Mr. Huser explained to the committee what happened at the regular meeting of Road and Bridge. We put this out for bid, and received two bids. One bid is from Tri-State Asphalt in Morris, IL at \$1.80, and the other bid is a local bid from Steffen's 3D Construction for \$2.84. He spoke with Mr. Steffen. Mr. Steffen explained to him that they heat the oil, and they will deliver it. It takes 3-4 hours to heat up. If the Highway Department has to go to Morris to get the oil, we are wasting time to drive there, then when we get the oil back to the job, we have to wait 3-4 hours to heat it, wasting more time. Motion to send to the full Board to accept bidder 1, Tri-State Asphalt, and bidder 2, Steffen 3D Construction, and use the one that is most advantageous made by Rokey, seconded by Kingdon. *Motion passed.* Mr. Huser asked Mr. Loy to check into getting a tank.

- (b) Discuss and act on an agreement with Wendler Engineering or bridge inspections.

Mr. Huser feels that for this year we would be rushing it to get someone certified to do the bridge inspections. He asked about Conrad's poison ivy. Mr. Loy explained that if he gets near it, he gets it. Mr. Huser asked if the program manager and the team leader had to be two different people. Mr. Loy stated that they had to be a licensed engineer, approved by IDOT and could be one person. Mr. Huser requested that Mr. Loy set up a four year schedule for the bridge inspections and what we would pay Wendler for this. Mr. Loy stated that was why he gave them the sheet that showed what we paid Wendler for the last few years. He also stated that this is our year for the bulk of bridges to be inspected. Mr. Kingdon asked if only Lindell or Conrad qualify as program manager. Mr. Loy stated they are the only option. Doug and Steve do not qualify. Mr. Kingdon also stated that it did not make a lot of sense to train Doug and Steve, as it would take 10 years for them to get certified. He also stated that we needed to make efficient use of the engineer's time. One person cannot do it all. Mr. Rokey would like to keep in good with the Highway Commissioners who want to see it back in house. Mr. Huser stated it was in house for over 40 years, and just within the last few years have we not done our own bridge inspections. Mr. Rokey stated that he can see where this might take a lot of Mr. Loy's time. Mr. Loy stated that he spends time with the township road commissioners. He talks to them and works with them to see what they want done. Mr. Kingdon stated that they needed to evaluate costs. Mr. Loy is doing a lot of in-house engineer work, which is saving money. How much money is spent on bridge inspection vs. how much money is done in engineer work? It is not just cost per bridge inspection. It is a much bigger picture than what this committee is looking at. Mr. Krug stated that they need to look at the next 4 years- what bridge inspection would cost and the time spent doing them, and how much design work would offset that cost. Mr. Huser stated that he has talked to several road commissioners. In the past the commissioners went with the person doing the bridge inspection so they could talk about what needed to be done. Now they get a letter, and then they call the highway department, the highway department goes out and looks at bridge, so now we are paying twice to have the bridge looked at. He thinks we need to get the commissioners back on board with the inspections. Mr. Huser would like to hire another person to help with this. This year he will support Wendler, but thinks we need to look at it down the road. Mr. Krug asked if there was any way for the road commissioner to go with Wendler when an inspection was going to be done. Wendler could notify them when their bridge would be inspected. If this is what the County wanted, it would be to Wendlers advantage to meet with the commissioners, or they don't have

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the business. Mr. Rokey stated that Wendler may rebid the cost if we have commissioners tagging along, and the cost could go up. But as long as we knew that upfront, it would be okay. Motion to accept Wendler Construction for bridge inspection, not to exceed \$8,000 made by Mr. Krug, seconded by Rokey. *Motion passed.*

(c) Discuss and act on resolution for CMS Federal Surplus Equipment Agreement.

Mr. Loy needs to have four Board members sign the contract to purchase surplus equipment. It was passed as the last meeting, he just needs signatures.

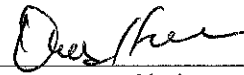
5. Other

6. Motion to Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn made by Kingdon, seconded by Rokey. *Motion passed.*

Meeting adjourned at 5:58.

Submitted by: Deb Breyman



Doug Huser, Chairman
Road and Bridges Committee

3/78/2018

Date