

Approved 4/26/21

**MINUTES
Infrastructure Committee
March 22, 2021
@ 2:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Phillip Salzer – Chairperson; Kate Pastucha – Vice Chairperson; James Dillon, Betty Duncan, Rob Reneau
MEMBERS ABSENT:	
OTHERS PRESENT:	Scott Sorrel – County Administrator; Shauna Musselman – Assistant County Administrator; Jennie Cordis Boswell - State's Attorney's Office; Andrew Rand – County Board Chairman; Mark Little – Chief Information Officer; Amy Benecke McLaren, Jeff Gilles – County Highway Department; Brian Johnson – Greater Peoria Sanitary District

Call to Order

Chairperson Salzer called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of February 22, 2021 was made by Ms. Pastucha and seconded by Mr. Reneau. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Informational

• **Greater Peoria Sanitary District Minutes**

Mr. Johnson directed committee members to the submitted minutes of February 16, 2021 and stood for any questions. There were no questions or comments from committee.

• **Facilities Master Plan**

Mr. Little advised that the One Tech Plaza painting and carpeting project is complete. He informed the committee that Lead Engineer Rick Kolowski is retiring at the end of April and his position has been filled.

A motion to allow the participation of Chairman Rand via teleconference was made by Mr. Dillon and seconded by Ms. Pastucha. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Resolutions

• **Greengold Road Resurfacing Bid Letting**

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Duncan and seconded by Ms. Pastucha. Mr. Gilles advised that Logan Township will utilize REBUILD Illinois Fund and Township Motor Fuel Tax funds to improve the crown of Greengold Road and sealcoating the roadway. He advised that 100% of the project is funded by Township funds. He advised that R.A. Cullinan was the sole bidder on the project, and added that their bid of \$129,250.17 is less than the cost estimate on the project. He advised that staff recommends the low bid of R.A. Cullinan.

The motion to approve carried unanimously (5-0).

• **Multi-Township Bids for Sealcoating and Tilling**

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Pastucha and seconded by Ms. Duncan. Ms. McLaren advised that the County administers the Township Sealcoating Program on behalf of the townships and the work is funded completely with Township Motor Fuel Tax Funds. She stated that bids were received from three contractors, and added that all bids from Porter Brothers were rejected as they had exceeded their work capacity prior to opening bids, making the company ineligible.

Ms. McLaren advised that five Townships accepted the low bid of Pavement Maintenance and seven Townships accepted the low bid of R.A. Cullinan & Son. She commented that two Townships elected not to accept any of the bid proposals.

The motion to approve carried unanimously (5-0).

- **Cooperative Research Agreement with Bradley University**

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Duncan and seconded by Mr. Reneau. Ms. McLaren advised that the annual agreement with Bradley University's Civil Engineering Department provides the County Highway Department an evaluation the county highway system and a rating of pavement conditions within Peoria County. She commented that the partnership has been ongoing for several years and staff requests a continuance of the agreement.

The motion to approve carried unanimously (5-0).

Discussion

- **Highway Department Overview**

Ms. McLaren presented an overview of the jurisdiction of the Department. Highlights included:

- The Department is comprised of 42 employees, which include Highway Maintainers, Mechanics, Engineers, Technicians, and Administrative staff
- Of the six funds overseen by the Department, three are funded by property tax funds and three are funded via IDOT funds. Of those six funds, two are specific for Township projects
- The overall approved Highway Department budget totals \$14 million to \$15 million annually
- Work closely with Townships and the City of Peoria
- Approximately 300 miles of roadway throughout Peoria County
- Oversee approximately 80 bridge structures
- Work with Townships on inspection/programming rehabilitation/maintenance of Township bridges, and work with the City of Peoria on inspection of 10 bridge structures
- Oversee public right-of-way (potholes, snow removal, vegetation, drainage)
- Fleet Department oversees approximately 300 pieces of equipment and licensed units
- Engineering Department oversees road and bridge design construction projects

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Salzer at 2:20 p.m.

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