

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2014 MEETING**

Committee Chair Weber called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm at the Livingston County Highway Department.

Present: Weber, Allen, Holt, Rients (Arrived 4:13) and Weller
Absent: Campbell, Peterson
Other Board Members Present: Fannin, Gerwin (Arrived 4:45)
Others Present: Winters, Metcalf, Hartley

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Allen, second by Weller. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Motion by Holt, second by Weller to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2014 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Bridge Petition: Sunbury and Esmen Road Districts – Replace existing 8’ x 3’ x20’ box culvert with 2-42” ERS x 44’ long pre-coated CMP’s @ 1448E, 2700N, Sections 14-28000-00-AB & 14-09000-00-AB. Estimated Cost = \$15,000.00.
- B. Quarterly Report: 3rd Quarter FY 14

Motion by Rients, second by Holt to recommend full board approval of the County Board Action Items. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

PENDING MAINTENANCE WORKER VACANCY: Winters reported that he has received a letter of resignation from maintenance worker Trevor Sancken effective September 12, 2014 and will be proceeding with public notification of the vacancy.

OTHER ITEMS:

- A. The IDOT Local Bridge Unit has informed the highway department that Structure Number 053-3063 on the Livingston/Grundy County line needs to be closed as soon as possible due to deteriorated timber piling. Winters stated that plans for replacement of the bridge have already been developed with right-of way acquisition being the only remaining item needed prior to letting a contract. Negotiations with two landowners have already commenced. Motion by Holt, second by Weller authorizing up to \$1,000.00 per parcel to be paid out of County Aid to Bridge Fund. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.
- B. Discussion was held concerning the proposed building addition at the highway department. The direction this topic is currently heading is to consider combining the space needs of the highway department with the storage space needed by the building maintenance department. Both departments have capital requests filed with the Finance Committee. The highway department was instructed to coordinate their request with Don Verdun of Building Maintenance prior to the September 24 Finance Committee meeting. All department heads with capital requests for FY 15 have been invited to this meeting to further explain their projects.
- C. Discussion was held regarding future purchases of dump trucks from the State’s Joint Purchasing Program. Even though a new truck will not be in the budget until FY 16 Winters and Metcalf explained that the International trucks the department has been purchasing recently are requiring a lot of high cost maintenance making the low bid purchase

of these trucks not as attractive as in the past. This problem has been noted by other counties around the state and many counties have stopped purchasing the state-bid trucks. The highway department would like to consider alternative sources for large trucks in future budgets even if the initial cost of a truck is higher than the state-bid trucks. The committee was willing to allow the highway department to further investigate alternative truck purchases in the future.

- D. The committee also discussed the centerline striping machine used by the highway department. The paint machine is about 18 years old and is nearing the end of its useful life. The highway department would like to investigate alternative methods of applying the centerline and edgeline stripes annually. Different methods to be considered would be switching to contract striping, purchasing a new paint machine or entering into a joint agreement with another county to accomplish the work. The department will be looking into the cost of different alternatives to present to the committee in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion by Rients, second by Holt to approve the bills. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

There being no further business to come before the committee, motion to adjourn the meeting by Weller, second by Allen. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.



David R. Winters, County Engineer