

MEETING: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE/ TIME: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 - 1:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Greg Menold, Nancy Proehl, Jay Hall, and Mike Harris

ABSENT: Russ Crawford, Kaden Nelms, Mike Deppert, and Roy Paget

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: Will be voted on at the February In-Place meeting.

LETTING: Bids closed at 8:00AM

T-24-4 Sec. 24-02000-01-GM, Steel Slag CM-16, Cincinnati Road District Township Motor Fuel Fund

Porter Brothers Construction, Inc..... \$101,965.65

T-24-5 Sec. 22-09123-00-BR, Center Road Pile Repair, Hittle Road District Country Bridge and Local Township Funds

Stark Excavating, Inc..... \$142,525.00
N. E. Finch Co.....\$186,200.00

The members had a few questions on the bids in comparison to each other and in comparison to the estimate. Mr. Augspurgen stated it is a small job so he kept the estimate conservative. He stated that the County has not bid out work like this before so he wanted to be sure there was enough money in the budget to cover the work. He advised that the bids would be reviewed to be sure nothing was left out or incorrect in the lower bid. Mr. Parr stated that Stark usually has a very sharp pencil when they bid, and they are very good at work like this. He assumed all was good with the bid but agreed that each item would be reviewed.

RESOLUTIONS: Both items will be voted on at the February In-Place meeting.

T-24-4

T-24-5

NEW BUSINESS:

22-00026-00-DR

Toboggan Ave.

Eng. Agreement

Mr. Parr informed the Committee of a current engineering services agreement for Toboggan Ave. to resolve a chronic sliding of the road's fore slope. He explained that the area has been a problem for the last few years. Back in the 1950's a gully was filled in to build Toboggan Ave. originally, and there is a lot of ground water moving through the area. This creates mud and sloughing, and it eventually slides away. Since the engineering began, another problem spot in the same area has revealed itself. This new area will require additional funds to accommodate for the time and work for this area. Since it's along the same road and is related to the same cause, it will be added to the current engineering project. The resolution being presented adds roughly \$19,000 to the current agreement. Ms. Proehl inquired about a chart and data on one of the pages of the form (BLR 05330). She asked if the area about "escalation" meant the job could

go higher than estimated. Both Mr. Parr and Mr. Augspurger explained that the “escalation” part of those forms is from IDOT, and it is mainly used to help the engineering firm decide their cost of the project over time. They stated there is always a chance of a job going over the original cost, but the engineering firm cannot charge more than what has been agreed upon without approval. In those cases, as the job draws near the cap, the firm and Highway will discuss options. Mr. Parr stated the agreement would also be brought back to the Committee and Board for discussion just as this current resolution is doing.

**RESOLUTION:
T-24-6**

Will be voted on at the February In-Place meeting.

**PROJECT UPDATES:
Design/Construction**

Mr. Parr stated not much as changed, other than the norm, since the last meeting. The brief update is that approximately 10 miles of County Highways will have general maintenance construction done this summer. He stated everything is on track to replace the Unsicker Rd. structure, and now Center Rd. is on the same track. LaSalle Blvd.’s project is still being held up by an environmental clearance.

**Salt Dome / Winter
Updates**

Mr. Williams stated only one winter event has occurred since the last meeting. He stated the salt usage was around 225T. The committee inquired about the new salt dome and if it’s going well. Mr. Williams stated it has been great. Two tandems can line up at once to be filled by the wheel loader, and it creates a nice flow. Chairman Menold added that it’s nice to see so much equipment now covered up by the dome we were using as a temporary salt dome.

**OTHER BUSINESS:
CO2 Testing**

Ms. Proehl inquired about a recent permit given to a CO2 testing company. She stated there is a meeting coming up soon, and she wanted to have accurate details if anyone had inquiries about Tazewell’s involvement. Mr. Parr stated a company did request a permit to use a seismic vehicle to test certain areas along our County Highways. He stated this vehicle has four wheels, two axles, drops a vibrating base down every so often, and sends a pretty sizeable instrument down into the ground that sends frequencies through the geology. Every twenty feet, they put a sensor just off of the road’s shoulder. Based on the energy returns, they are able to determine what is present and whether or not it would be suitable for a CO2 well. Mr. Parr informed the committee that he did provide this company with a permit. They provided all of the necessary requirements needed to obtain a permit. He stated that regardless of the reason behind their work the process and vehicle does not harm our roads and our right away. Mr. Parr stated regardless of the reason for their work he must uphold our polices and be fair. He stated there are, however, three highway commissioners that have denied this process in their townships.

**REPORTS AND
COMMUNICATIONS:
Financial Reports**

No comments

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Will discuss at next month's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Menold adjourned the meeting at 2:10 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Committee is Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 1:30PM.