

JERSEY COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES

November 6, 2024

The Jersey County Road and Bridge Committee Meeting was held on November 6, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. located at the Jersey County Highway Department Building, 722 State Highway 16, Jerseyville, IL.

Road and Bridge Committee Members

Jarrold Hayes	Sandy Hefner
Edward E. Koenig	Dave Crone
Ben Heitzig	Sheila Beers

Highway Department Support Staff Present:

Tom Klasner, County Engineer

Others Present:

Kenny Grizzle, Tom Groppe and County Board Chairman Gary Krueger

Call to Order:

November 6, 2024 at 8:04 a.m. the Road and Bridge Committee Meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Gary Krueger since Dave Crone was absent. Present is Edward Koenig, Jarrod Hayes, Sheila Beers, and Tom Klasner, County Engineer. Dave Crone, Sandy Hefner and Ben Heitzig were absent. At this point Gary Krueger turned the meeting over to Tom Klasner.

Approval of Minutes:

Jarrold Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes from October 1, 2024 seconded by Ed Koenig.
Motion Carried 4-0.

Approval of the Bills:

Sheila Beers made a motion to accept the bills for a total of \$258,936.42 for October 2024, seconded by Ed Koenig.
Motion Carried 4-0.

County Highway	\$41,107.12
Federal Aid	\$17,185.28
Construction of Bridge	\$37,516.43
E.P.C.F	-0-
County M.F.T.	\$32,395.76
Township M.F.T.	\$130,731.83
Township Bridge Fund	-0-

Public Comments

Mr. Tom Groppe asked about the offer made to the property owner at the proposed bridge replacement project on Fieldon Hollow Road. Mr. Klasner indicated he spoke to them last month and they requested some additional information and it was sent to them. Mr. Groppe feels that the property owner has no intention of signing the row documents and the county needs to give the property owner a deadline to sign or pursue the property through others means. Mr. Klasner said that he is working very hard to obtain the row and the new structure can't be built within the existing 40 foot row. Hydraulic requirements require the building of a longer and wider bridge, which means it can't be built within the existing row. Mr. Kenny Grizzle indicated that the bridge has been closed for 2 ½ years and this is way too long to get the bridge replaced. Mr. Klasner said it is a process to construct any bridge. Survey work has to be completed, the structure designed, environmental signoffs acquired, reviewing of documents by IDOT and acquisition of row. That is

why we start the process long in advance of replacing a bridge. The unfortunate part about this bridge is that it had to be closed because it was unsafe for the traveling public. Mr. Groppe feels the county should give them a deadline for them to accept to offer or make a counteroffer. If they do not respond then the county should pursue eminent domain to acquire the property.

Old Business

None

New Business:

On the agenda are two (2) Petition for Aids. One is from English Township on Vahle Road to replace an existing metal structure that is failing with forty-six feet of 72" arch pipe culvert for an estimated cost of \$17,000.00 to be split evenly between the county and English Township. The last one is from Jersey Township on Old Fidelity Road to replace an existing metal structure with ninety-two feet of 96" pipe culvert and realigning 515 feet of roadway for an estimated cost of \$135,000.00 to be split evenly between the county and Jersey Township. Motion made by Jarrod Hayes and seconded by Ed Koenig to accept the Petition for Aid for English Township (Vahle Road) and Jersey Township (Old Fidelity Road) as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

The next item on the agenda is a Preliminary Engineering Agreement Supplemental #2 with Cummins Engineering Corporation for improvements to Otterville Road (County Highway 9), Section 22-00024-04-SP. This supplemental agreement in the amount of \$11,254.45 is required due to perform ROW negotiations for required right of way and temporary easements and revisions to the plans to avoid wetland sites that showed up during the environmental review process. Motion made by Sheila Beers and seconded by Jarrod Hayes to accept the Preliminary Engineering Agreement Supplemental #2 as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Next item is the Tabulation of Bids and Resolution to Award Construction of a new structure on Palomino Drive in Mississippi Township for Section 21-05119-00-BR. Bids were opened on Monday November 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. and received three bids, the engineer's estimate was \$477,136.40. Yamnitz and Associates was the low bidder at \$348,273.50, Stutz Excavating was at \$482,049.55 and Kamex, Inc. was at \$575,178.00. The Resolution is attached to award construction of this project to Yamnitz and Associates for \$348,273.50. Motion made by Ed Koenig and seconded by Jarrod Hayes to approve the Resolution to Award as presented. Motion carried 4-0. *Subsequently at the County Board meeting on November 12, 2024 the County Board awarded the construction of the project to Stutz Excavating for \$482,049.55. The reason is due to the letter Yamnitz and Associates submitted after the Road and Bridge meeting requesting that their bid be withdrawn because they misread a quote from the material supplier for the precast bridge and wingwalls.*

Last item on the agenda is a quote from Dynamic Infrastructure. Dynamic Infrastructure is an artificial intelligence company that would be able to scan hundreds of bridge inspection reports in just a fraction of the time it usually takes me days to look at the information. This would be able to automatically detect, prioritize and report bridge maintenance concerns and help in our decision-making process in what bridges are needing repairs along with which ones would need to be replaced. An annual subscription fee of \$18,500.00 would perform analysis of up to 100 bridges and culverts and generate any type of report that we request. The 100 bridges would include all structures on the County Highways, which is 29 and on the Township Roads, which is 57. The subscription cost would be paid from the Engineer Payroll Clearance Fund. A motion was made by Sheila Beers to table it to the next meeting the approval the annual subscription fee of \$18,500 to Dynamic Infrastructure. The motion died for the lack of a second. A motion was made by Gary Krueger to take the proposal from Dynamic Infrastructure in the amount of \$18,500 for the annual subscription fee to the County Board for approval. Seconded by Jarrod Hayes. Motion carried 3-1.

County Engineer's Report:

Continue to negotiate with the property owner for the right of way needed to replace the bridge on Fieldon Hollow Road.

Offer letters have been sent to the two (2) parcel owners for the right of way needed for the large diameter pipe culvert replacement along with realignment of the road on Old Fidelity Road ¼ mile west of Rangeline Road in Jersey Township.

Continue to mow the county highway roadsides. Gary Krueger commented on how good the roadsides look after they have been mowed.

Purchasing a new Sharp copier from Williams Office Products in the amount of \$4723.00 through the Sourcewell Joint Purchasing Program. The current Sharp copier was purchased in 2012 for \$4670.00.

Miscellaneous Business

None

Adjourn:

Ed Koenig made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sheila Beers. Motion Carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Tom Klasner

Jersey County Highway Department