



Ogle County Highway Department

Road & Bridge Committee

March 2023 Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2023

- I. Meeting called to order at 8:01 AM by Chairman Hopkins at the Ogle County Courthouse, Room 100.
Members present: Stan Asp, Rick Fritz, Austin Gillis, Skip Kenney, Ryan Reeverts and Lyle Hopkins.
Members absent: Dave Williams
Others present: Jeremy Ciesiel (County Engineer)
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Reviewed February 14, 2023 Road & Bridge Minutes.
 1. Motion to approve minutes by – Kenney
 2. Motion seconded by – Fritz
 3. Discussion: None
 4. Vote – All in favor
- III. Reviewed Bills and Payroll
 - A. Motion to approve Highway Dept bills and payrolls by – Gillis
 - B. Motion seconded by – Reeverts
 - C. Discussion: \$90k of the bills were for salt. We will make the required 80% of the requisition quota for the season. Still need to decide if we top off our bins before the end of the season.
 - D. Vote – All in favor
- IV. Received Bids (Bids Received Friday, March 10, 2023)
 - A. 2023 Township Patching Materials (Section 23-XX000-00-GM)
 1. The County Engineer reviewed all of the quotes and recommended acceptance of all quotes.
 2. Motion to accept all quotes by – Fritz
 3. Motion seconded by – Asp
 4. Discussion: None
 5. Vote – All in favor
 - B. 2023 County Patching Materials (Section 23-00000-01-GM)
 1. The County Engineer reviewed all of the quotes and recommended acceptance of all quotes.
 2. Motion to accept all quotes by - Kenney
 3. Motion seconded by – Asp
 4. Discussion: None
 5. Vote – All in favor

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- C. 2023 County Striping (Section 23-00000-05-GM)
 - 1. Motion to award low bid submitted by Countryman, Inc., subject to no protests being filed by - Asp
 - 2. Motion seconded by – Reeverts
 - 3. Discussion: None
 - 4. Vote – All in favor

- D. Eagle Point Road Overflow Culvert, Section 22-00345-00-BR
 - 1. Motion to award low bid submitted by Martin & Company Excavating subject to no protests being filed by - Fritz
 - 2. Motion seconded by – Kenney
 - 3. Discussion: Culvert is located on the west end of the county near Brookville Rd.
 - 4. Vote – All in favor

- E. Leaf River Road Bridge Replacement, Section 20-00327-00-BR
 - 1. Motion to award low bid submitted by Martin & Company Excavating subject to no protests being filed by - Fritz
 - 2. Motion seconded by – Reeverts
 - 3. Discussion: The bid consists of a summation of individual unit rates.
 - 4. Vote – All in favor

- V. Petitions and Resolutions
 - A. Award & Appropriation Resolution for 2023 County Striping, Section 23-00000-05-GM, \$56,000.00 from County Motor Fuel Tax Fund.
 - 1. Motion to approve resolution by – Fritz
 - 2. Motion seconded by – Gillis
 - 3. Discussion: None
 - 4. Vote – All in favor

 - B. Award & Appropriation Resolution for the Eagle Point Road Overflow Culvert project, Section 22-00345-00-BR; \$360,000.00 from the County Aid to Bridge Fund.
 - 1. Motion to approve by – Kenney
 - 2. Motion seconded by – Asp
 - 3. Discussion: None
 - 4. Vote – All in favor

 - C. Award & Appropriation Resolution for the Leaf River Road Bridge Replacement project, Section 20-00327-00-BR; \$539,000.00 from the Federal Aid Matching fund, \$500,000.00 from the County Aid to Bridge Fund, \$591,000.00 in REBUILD Illinois funds from the County Motor Fuel Tax fund.
 - 1. Motion to approve by – Fritz
 - 2. Motion seconded by – Kenney
 - 3. Discussion: None
 - 4. Vote – All in favor

VI. Business & Communications

A. Unfinished Business

1. Project Status Report (see attached).
2. Milledgeville Rd Bridge Funding Update: We submitted an amendment to IDOT to modify the original agreement by increasing the federal funding on the project to \$2,000,000.
3. Nicor Gas Main Replacement – We are in the process of executing the road use agreement for the upcoming gas main project. The last update I received was that work will begin in April on the project.
4. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan – Back in September 2022, we submitted a grant application requesting funds to complete a safety action plan for Carroll County, Jo Daviess County, Lee County, Ogle County, Stephenson County and Whiteside County. The group was awarded the \$320,000 grant and are in the process of selecting a firm to prepare the action plan.
5. February 1st Accident Update – We are working with the county insurance regarding the damage to Truck #7. Given the substantial damage to the vehicle, a decision needs to be made whether to repair the vehicle or consider it a total loss.

B. New Business

1. I.A.C.E. Legislative Committee – Currently monitoring 84 bills.
2. I.A.C.E. Policy Committee – No new updates.
3. Job Opening – The Ogle County Highway Department has an employee retiring after 40 years of service. We are losing a lot of skill and experience with his departure. We are looking to replace him with a new truck driver or operator and will petition the Personnel & Salary Committee to bring on the new employee as soon as possible. If approved, would like to advertise for the position beginning next week.
4. Job Openings – The Ogle County Highway Department will be looking to hire up to 9 seasonal employees to assist with mowing operations. Typically, the employees begin in May and work to late August or early September. We would also be interested in hiring a civil engineer intern to help with our work load this construction season. The general consensus of the committee was to bring on a summer intern. This will be discussed at Personnel & Salary Committee.
5. IDOT Project Updates:
 - a. IL Route 52 just east of the Carroll County line was closed this week for a bridge replacement project that will last around 5 months. A detour is set up on IL Route 26 and IL Route 64.
 - b. IL Route 2 will be reduced to 1 lane just north of Grand Detour while they work on the bridge. Work will begin around the beginning of April. Signals will be placed to control traffic and no detour is posted.

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6. City of Byron – Tower Rd / Mill Rd Intersection: After the last committee meeting, the City of Byron reached out for a letter of support from Ogle County to include in a grant submission to fund work at this intersection. Due to the timing of the request, I was not able to bring their request to committee. It was reported at the meeting that they submitted their grant application without the support letter from Ogle County.
7. Next Meeting – **Tuesday, April 11, 2023, @ 8:00 AM,**
April Letting scheduled for Thursday, April 6th due to holiday.

VII. Public Comment: None

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 A.M. by Chairman Hopkins.
Minutes submitted by Jeremy A. Ciesiel, PE



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March 2023 Update

1. Lowell Park Rd Culvert Extensions (Section 21-00339-00-BR) (Contr: Martin & Co.)
 - a. Waiting on Nicor to relocate gas line near Woosung Rd before we can finish.
 - b. Work completed: \$399,336. Remaining work: ~\$10,000.
 2. Milledgeville Rd Bridge Replacement (Section 20-00326-00-BR) (Contr: Sjostrom)
 - a. Precon meeting on March 22nd. Work likely to begin around April 3rd.
 - b. Work completed: \$0. Remaining work: \$2,993,599
 3. Leaf River Rd Bridge Replacement (Section 20-00327-00-BR) (Contr: Martin & Co.)
 - a. Trees being removed by county personnel.
 - b. Work completed: \$0. Remaining work: \$1,629,017.
 4. Lowell Park Rd Overlay (Section 20-00330-00-RS) (Contr: Helm Civil)
 - a. On State letting held on March 10, 2023.
 - b. Work completed: \$0. Remaining work: \$940,932.
 5. Eagle Point Rd Culvert Expansion (Section 22-00345-00-BR) (Contr: Martin & Co.)
 - a. Right of way acquired.
 - b. Work completed: \$0. Remaining work: \$356,062.
 6. Stillman Rd Culvert Replacement (Section 22-00346-00-BR) (Contr: TBD)
 - a. Working on design.
 - b. Pushed back to the April 7, 2023 letting.
 7. Center Rd & Bethel Rd Resurfacing (Section 23-00000-04-GM) (Contr. TBD)
 - a. Plans being reviewed by IDOT.
 - b. Currently scheduled for the April 7, 2023 letting.
 8. Church Rd Pulverization (Section 23-00000-06-GM (Contr. TBD)
 - a. Working on the design.
 - b. Currently scheduled for the April 7, 2023 letting. May be pushed to 2024.
 9. County Seal Coat (Section 23-00000-02-GM) (Contr: TBD)
 - a. Specifications being reviewed by IDOT. Scheduled for April 7, 2023 letting.
 10. Township/Village Seal Coat (Section 23-XX000-00-GM) (Contr: TBD)
 - a. Specifications being reviewed by IDOT. Scheduled for April 7, 2023 letting.
 11. Flagg Twp Paving – Westwood Subdivision
 - a. Working on design & specifications
 12. Rockvale Twp Paving – TBD
 13. Oregon-Nashua Twp Paving Town of Daysville–(Section 22-26131-00-FP) (Contr: TBD)
 - a. Working on plans & specifications. Letting date TBD.
 14. County Striping (Contractor: Countryman, Inc.)
 - a. Work completed: \$0. Work remaining: \$55,594.
 15. Crack Sealing (Day Labor)
 16. Various County Pipe Culverts & Grading (Day Labor)
 17. County Patching (Day Labor)
 18. Courthouse Parking Lot Expansion
 - a. Working on design. Letting date TBD.
- Total work under contract: \$6,384,540
Total contracted work completed: \$399,336 (includes 2022 project rollover)
Remaining contracted work: \$5,985,204