



Ogle County Highway Department
Road & Bridge Committee
March 2024 Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024

- 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: John Finfrock & Jeremy Ciesiel (County Engineer)
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Reviewed February 13, 2024 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 – Reeverts
 - B. Motion seconded by – Gillis
 - C. Discussion: None
 - D. Vote – All in favor
- IV. Received Bids (Bids Received Friday, March 8, 2024)
 - A. 2024 Township Patching Materials (Section 24-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 – Kenney
 3. Motion seconded by – Fritz
 4. Discussion: None
 5. Vote – All in favor
 - B. 2024 County Patching Materials (Section 24-00000-01-GM)
 1. The County Engineer reviewed all of the quotes and recommended acceptance of all quotes.
 2. Motion to accept all quotes by - Fritz
 3. Motion seconded by – Reeverts
 4. Discussion: None
 5. Vote – All in favor

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- C. 2024 County Striping (Section 24-00000-04-GM)
 - 1. Motion to award low bid submitted by America’s Parking Remarketing, subject to no protests being filed by - Fritz
 - 2. Motion seconded by – Asp
 - 3. Discussion: While the business address is in Florida, the crew comes out of the St. Louis area.
 - 4. Vote – All in favor

- V. Petitions and Resolutions
 - A. Award & Appropriation Resolution for 2024 County Striping, Section 24-00000-04-GM, \$55,000.00 from County Motor Fuel Tax Fund.
 - 1. Motion to approve resolution by – Asp
 - 2. Motion seconded by – Fritz
 - 3. Discussion: None
 - 4. Vote – All in favor
 - B. State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Certificate of Authority
 - 1. Motion to approve certificate by – Fritz
 - 2. Motion seconded by – Gillis
 - 3. Discussion: Ogle County annually requisitions our rock salt through the State of Illinois’ Joint Purchase Master Contract. This year, the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) is requiring the Certificate of Authority be submitted with the CY2024-CY2025 requisition, which is due on April 7th. They provided the Certificate of Authority and instructed us not to alter the certificate other than filling in the blanks and identifying personnel. We have considered acquiring rock salt by different means, but the time-frame is too short to do it now. The possibility of splitting the requisition between a private letting and the state bid was discussed.
 - 4. Vote – All in favor

- VI. Business & Communications
 - A. Unfinished Business
 - 1. Project Status Report (see attached).
 - 2. Tandem Axle Dump Truck Update: As of Monday’s update from TriState Truck & Equipment, the truck will be delivered by the end of the current week.
 - 3. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan – Kaskaskia Engineering Group was selected to complete the safety action plan for Carroll County, Jo Daviess County, Lee County, Ogle County, Stephenson County and Whiteside County. The participating counties had a kickoff meeting last month and provided the engineers with a listing of Stakeholders for inclusion in a March 20th information session and workshop. The current timeline is to have a public information meeting in Fall 2024. More information on the safety action plan can be found at the project website: <https://kaskaskiaeng.com/northwest-illinois-safety-action-plan/>
 - 4. Motor Grader Maintenance – The Highway Department’s oldest motor grader is in fine mechanical shape; however, corrosion is taking over. We budgeted for the

sandblasting and painting of the motor grader for FY24. Now that winter is over, we would like to move forward with the rehabilitation. We solicited a number of quotes and are in the process of reviewing references. Once we are finished with our due diligence, we would like to move forward. The general consensus of the committee was to move forward with the sand blasting and painting once a firm is chosen.

B. New Business

1. I.A.C.E. Legislative Committee – Currently monitoring 49 bills. These include bills on emission standards, mowing policies, non-highway vehicles, local MFT, government reduction, vehicle weight and local funding.
2. I.A.C.E. Policy Committee – No new updates.
3. Nicor Gas Main Replacement (Phase VIII) – Nicor is planning to continue their pipeline replacement across northern Ogle County in 2024. This year's work will take place in Scott Township and Monroe Township. Proposed activity in Ogle County for 2024 is much less than last year. Whereas in 2023 there were 16 crossings of township and county highways and 74.4 miles of township and county roads included in Nicor's haul route system, in 2024 this is reduced to 5 crossings of township and county roads and 13.8 miles of township and county roads in their haul route system. We are in the process of executing a road use agreement for the 2024 gas main project.
4. Job Openings – The Ogle County Highway Department is 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. Information can be found on the Ogle County website:
https://www.oglecountyil.gov/business/employment/highway_department.php
5. IDOT Project Update: Freeport Road Culverts – IDOT is replacing two structures on the IDOT maintained section of Freeport Rd south of Sterling Road. This includes a northern structure located between Pilgrim Rd and Sterling Rd and a southern structure between Penrose Rd and Pilgrim Rd. The road will be completely closed during construction, and no detour will be posted. Work is expected to begin around April 15th on the northern structure, followed by the southern structure. There may be a period of overlap when work is taking place on both structures concurrently. The project currently has a completion date of July 12th.
6. Village of Stillman Valley: Engineers for the Village have reached out regarding the installation of a sanitary sewer line beneath the pavement of Stillman Road (aka Rural St) in front of the Stillman Fire Protection District. Installation would require the closure of the roadway for at least 2 weeks plus the reconstruction of the pavement in the vicinity of the new sewer at a later date under flaggers. While we do not object to the occasional road crossings, the installation of a municipal sewer line beneath the pavement surface of a county highway is rare in Ogle County. The County Engineer expressed his concerns regarding the facility size and location within the pavement. The consensus of the committee was that the stretch of

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Stillman Rd from Cox Rd should be gifted to the Village of Stillman Valley through a jurisdictional transfer allowing them to proceed with whatever work they want to within that segment of roadway.

7. Next Meeting – **Tuesday, April 9, 2024, @ 8:00 AM,**
April Letting scheduled for Friday, April 5th.

VII. Public Comment:

- Rick Fritz asked if there were any minimum or maximum quantities associated with the Hot-mix Patching Quotes received this month. The County Engineer responded that there are no maximums or minimums.
- Rick Fritz asked about the lack of quotes from William Charles Construction for patching materials. The County Engineer responded that William Charles Construction no longer produces hot-mix asphalt in the area.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 A.M. by Chairman Hopkins.

Minutes submitted by Jeremy A. Ciesiel, PE



Ogle County Highway Department Road & Bridge Committee Project Status

March 2024 Update

1. Church Road Pulverization (Section 24-00000-00-GM) (Contr: Porter Brothers Const)
 - a. Contracts being executed
 - b. Work completed: \$0. Remaining work: \$50,448.70.
2. Baileyville Rd & Montague Rd Overlay (Section 20-00331-00-RS) (Contr: Helm Civil)
 - a. Contracts being execute (State letting March 8, 2024)
 - b. Work completed: \$0. Remaining work: \$1,059,059.84
3. County Seal Coat (Section 24-00000-02-GM) (Contr: TBD)
 - a. Scheduled for April 5, 2024 letting.
4. Township/Village Seal Coat (Section 24-XX000-00-GM) (Contr: TBD)
 - a. Scheduled for April 5, 2024 letting.
5. Flagg Twp Paving (Contr: TBD)
 - a. Working on design.
 - b. Currently scheduled for April 5, 2024 letting.
6. Rockvale Twp Paving (Contr: TBD)
 - a. Working on design.
 - b. Currently scheduled for April 5, 2024 letting.
7. Oregon-Nashua Twp Paving (Contr: TBD)
 - a. Working on design.
 - b. Currently scheduled for April 5, 2024 letting.
8. Scott Township Paving (Contr: TBD)
 - a. Working on design.
 - b. Currently scheduled for April 5, 2024 letting.
9. County Striping (Contractor: America's Parking Remarketing (pending))
 - a. On March 8, 2024 letting.
 - b. Work completed: \$0. Remaining work: \$54,855.97 (pending)
10. Razorville Rd Bridge Rehabilitation – Rockvale Township (Section 23-21133-00-BR)
 - a. Working on design.
 - b. Hoping for a 2024 letting date. Dependent on IDOT approval.
11. Flagg Rd & 20th Street (Contr.: TBD)
 - a. Working on design.
 - b. Hoping for a 2024 letting date.
12. Crack Sealing (Day Labor) – Crack sealing to begin when pavement is dry enough.
13. Various County Pipe Culverts & Grading (Day Labor)
14. County Patching (Day Labor)

Total work under contract: \$1,164,364.51

Total contracted work completed: \$0

Remaining contracted work: \$1,164,364.51