

Road and Bridge Meeting
Blue Room, Logan County Safety Complex
November 5, 2012

Present: Terry Carlton; Bob Farmer; Rick Aylesworth; Kevin Bateman; Gene Rohlfs; Chuck Ruben

Absent:

Guests: Bret Aukamp; Curt Fox; Derek Hurley

Mr. Carlton called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Aylesworth, seconded by Mr. Rohlfs, to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2012 meeting as printed. Motion passed.

The list of claims for payments was reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Aylesworth, seconded by Mr. Bateman to approve the list of claims for payment. Motion passed.

Monthly report on current maintenance and construction: Mr. Aukamp reported roadside mowing is at least 75% is complete. Culvert replacement was completed at three locations. They will remain as loose gravel until sealcoating next summer. Trucks are being checked in preparation for snow season. No major repairs are anticipated. The department is now operating with a full crew and there will be at least one part-time on-call snow plow driver added this winter. There are no open construction contracts at this time. Projects are underway with several townships. Some of those may turn into county aid requests.

Old Business:

- 1) ALDI development in City of Lincoln: Mr. Aukamp indicated the roadway was accepted on October 29th at 8:30 am. The roadway strength tests came back satisfactory. He recommended the County being the process of transferring maintenance and jurisdiction of the road to the City of Lincoln. A motion was made by Mr. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Ruben, to begin the jurisdiction transfer to the City of Lincoln of this portion of the roadway. Motion passed.
- 2) 5th Street Road right-of-way acquisition: Mr. Aukamp has contacted landowners regarding this project. Two of the parcels have signed documents. Everything is progressing nicely. At the very western end of the project, it was planned to bore under the New Holland-Middletown blacktop and place steel casing. The landowners have asked this work be done prior to the roadway being done, so they could place their tiling. Mr. Aukamp indicated he doesn't see a concern with this, since the County has already agreed to this work. A motion was made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Mr. Rohlfs, to approve the construction of steel casing and boring underneath County Highway 15, not to exceed \$9,999. Roll call vote taken 6 yes 0 no Motion passed.
- 3) High speed rail improvements: Mr. Aukamp discussed crossing improvements necessary for high speed rail. IDOT has developed an agreement where the County can be reimbursed for some of the time necessary assisting local entities with the review of crossings. The County would be reimbursed up to \$2500 per crossing for County and township crossings, up to a maximum of \$27,500. The Highway Department is planning to do the review but will hire a consultant, if necessary. A motion was made by Mr.

- Aylesworth, seconded by Mr. Ruben, to approve the High Speed Rail Local Roads Engineering Review agreement with IDOT. Motion passed.
- 4) Report on Sealcoat Program (2012): Mr. Aukamp provided a recap of the 2012 sealcoat program. He also provided a comparison for the townships that elected to go out for bids on their sealcoating instead of using the County services. The numbers were very similar for East Lincoln and Sheridan townships. This is partially due to the increased cost of oil.

New Business:

- 1) Resolution to award a bridge rehabilitation project in Mt. Pulaski Township to the lowest responsible bidder (Section 12-12143-00-BR): This project started as a bridge replacement project near Lake Fork. As it was reviewed, it became clear it could be repaired and another bridge repair was added to the project. There were five bidders. A motion was made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Mr. Rohlf, to approve this project. Motion passed.
- 2) Bridge Inspection Agreement with Thomas Hammel and Richard Boblitt to perform NBIS inspections on bridges and culverts in Logan County (CBF funds): IDOT used to complete bridge inspections, but ceased the program several years ago. Mr. Aukamp hired a retired IDOT employee to handle this process. That individual has passed away and the position needs to be filled. These two individuals are prior IDOT employees and are very qualified for this work and have offered to do so for a very reasonable price of \$130 per bridge. It would be considerable more to hire a consulting firm. A motion was made by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. Aylesworth, to approve this agreement. Motion passed.
- 3) Seasonal weight limits: Mr. Aukamp discussed the sign upgrade program that Logan County was selected for. If the County chooses to make changes to any signs, it could be done at this time at no additional expense. The current weight limit signs do not allow empty semis or tandems to cross. He expressed concern about allowing empty trucks because it would be difficult to know whether a truck is empty or full. He recommended it be done consistently across the County. He will also discuss this with townships for their input. He suggested, if changes are made, the sign be changed to show a maximum weight limit per axle instead of trying to address each vehicle type. He has not developed his formal recommendation until he has had the opportunity to gather more feedback.

A motion was made by Mr. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Rohlf, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 8:05 pm.