

Road and Bridge Meeting
Logan County Airport
July 1, 2013

Present: Bill Martin; Bob Farmer; Andy Meister; Gene Rohlfs

Absent: Rick Aylesworth; Chuck Ruben

Guests: Curt Fox; Bret Aukamp

Mr. Martin called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Rohlfs, seconded by Mr. Farmer, to approve the minutes from the June 3 and June 21, 2013 meetings as printed. Motion passed.

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

Monthly report on current maintenance and construction: Mr. Aukamp reported equipment has been prepared for sealcoat operations. Four townships and eleven miles of County highway are complete. Crews have been mowing at guardrails and following up with spraying. Crews are also patching roads in preparation for sealcoat operations. No construction projects are in progress at this time. Continuing work is being done on high speed rail improvement projects. Kris has been working on the hydraulic analysis on the bridge replacement project in Orvil township. Mr. Aukamp has been involved in drainage issues on township roads. He was asked by IDOT to participate in an LTAP conference in Boise, ID later in July. All expenses are being paid by IDOT for this trip.

Old Business:

- 1) 5th Street Road right-of-way acquisition and roadway boring project: Right-of-way acquisition has been completed on thirty out of the forty parcels. Discussions continue with the landowners of the remaining ten parcels. The roadway boring has not begun because of weather conditions.
- 2) High Speed Rail crossing improvements: Work is being done with township road commissioners to get their approval on the concept plans. The plans then will go to IDOT for approval and to another consultant for review. At that time, they will be returned to the County as "90% plans". The project includes funding to improve the existing track and crossings. There has been talk about placing a second line, but that has not been funded at this time.

New Business:

- 1) Primm Road/Deer Creek bridge status: The contract with Stark Excavating was signed today. Work should begin later this week. The work will not be complete by July 4th. The contract amount was for \$14,890. Once work is complete, IDOT will need to inspect and re-rate the bridge for any potential weight limits. The committee reviewed the plans for bridge replacement. The Primm Road/Deer Creek bridge may be a good candidate for the state Major Bridge funding program. Mr. Aukamp recommended putting together a proposal so the county could obtain some funding for replacement of this bridge in FY 2018. The committee agreed he should work with a consultant to move forward on this agreement.
- 2) Bridge funding history: Mr. Aukamp provided a history of tax rates that have been levied over the past fifty years. Shortly after 2000, the County eliminated the levies for these funds for several years and used the fund balances in those funds. Many projects were deferred until the levy could be reestablished. Those deferred projects are now appearing as critical problems since maintenance could not be done over the years the levies were eliminated. The Primm Road/Deer Creek bridge is an example of this problem.

- 3) Quarterly project status report: Mr. Aukamp provided a report showing the progress of many projects being undertaken by his department.

A motion was made by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. Meister, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 8:40 pm.