

Road and Bridge Meeting  
Blue Room, Logan County Safety Complex  
January 7, 2013

Present: Bill Martin; Rick Aylesworth; Bob Farmer; Andy Meister; Gene Rohlf; Chuck Ruben

Absent:

Guests: Bret Aukamp

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

A motion was made by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. Aylesworth, to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2012 meeting as printed. Motion passed.

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

Monthly report on current maintenance and construction: Mr. Aukamp reported various patching has been done, weather permitting, along with culvert repairs, rip-rap replacement. Snow was plowed once in December. Milt has been conducting night-time sign inspections to evaluate visibility and reflectivity of signs required annually by the Federal Highway Administration. The signs with poor reflectivity are replaced by the crew. Bridge inspections began this week. There are two private inspectors completing this work and the results will be sent to IDOT and the FHA. High-speed rail will bring changes to rail crossings in the County. This will require engineering review of all County and township roads. The agreements will be in place by the end of this month and the reviews can begin. The rehabilitation work on two bridges near Lake Fork will hopefully begin this week. Rip-rap placement on two bridges in Aetna and Laenna townships should happen this week, as well.

Old Business:

- 1) 5<sup>th</sup> Street Road right-of-way acquisition: Mr. Aukamp has contacted the landowners of all forty parcels along Fifth Street Road. Twelve parcels have been acquired. The remaining parcels are larger and will likely require more lengthy negotiations. Because there is no planned construction time-frame, there is sufficient time to get this taken care of. The appraisals have all been completed. There were no significant changes to the previous appraisals.

New Business:

- 1) Commonwealth Edison transmission line project: Commonwealth Edison has two lines that run across the southeast part of the County. Last year, they completed a project where they needed to raise the towers to get better clearance under some of those lines. This year, they are completing work on the other line and raising towers to get better clearance. However, this year, they damaged some roads. Mr. Aukamp is working with Commonwealth Edison and Laenna township to make sure the roads are repaired or that Laenna township is compensated for the damages. The short stretch of County road that was involved did not suffer any damage.
- 2) Report on various funds available to the County Highway Department: Mr. Aukamp distributed information to the committee regarding the funds available for Highway Department use and how they can be utilized.
- 3) Report on revenues and expenditures for FY 2011-2012: The reports were not available for this meeting. This information will be shared at the February meeting.
- 4) Programming of Federal Funds: Every December, Mr. Aukamp meets with engineers at IDOT to plan federal projects for the County. There were minor changes from last year. The planned projects include: the Nicholson Road project and resurfacing Primm Road from the high school to just past 1250<sup>th</sup> Street for FY 14-15, Fifth Street Road for FY 16, and bridge repairs on Nicholson Road over Sugar Creek for FY 17.

A motion was made by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. Ruben, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 7:50 pm.