

Road and Bridge Meeting  
Blue Room, Logan County Safety Complex  
May 6, 2013

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

Absent:

Guests: Bret Aukamp

Mr. Martin called the meeting to order at 7:43 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Rohlfs, seconded by Mr. Farmer, to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2013 meeting as printed. Motion passed.

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

Monthly report on current maintenance and construction: Mr. Aukamp reported the crew has been doing shoulder work over the past month. The salt spreaders and snow plows have been put into storage. There were several truck repairs required this month. Flooding was a concern and there was minor damage in the Rocky Ford area where water covered the roadway for 48 hours. The crew began widening on Nicholson Road from 20 feet to a 24 foot wide base. The resurfacing will be done next year. The borings were completed on Primm Road for the Deer Creek bridge replacement. Mr. Aukamp met with a consultant to discuss a possible engineering agreement for the Nicholson Road over Sugar Creek project. He is going to speak with a second consultant since the cost was higher than he expected. The plans for rail crossings for high speed rail are continuing to be reviewed. The crossing near the prison and park will be completely redesigned and he has asked that they include bicycle traffic as part of the redesign. Mr. Aukamp will be on vacation the first week of June and will not be available for the June committee meeting.

Old Business:

- 1) 5<sup>th</sup> Street Road right-of-way acquisition and roadway boring project: Twenty-six of the forty parcels requiring right-of-way acquisition are completed. Everyone has been very cooperative. Mr. Aukamp contacted a third contractor for comparison on the quote for the boring project. That quote came in higher. He has a signed contract with Petersburg Plumbing for just under \$20,000, but is waiting for a copy of the bond. Once he receives that, work will begin.
- 2) Results of 2013 MFT contract letting for Bituminous Materials: Prices decreased this year on some of the oil products. This is the first decrease since 2000, but prices are still 3.5 to 4 times the cost in 2000 and motor fuel tax revenues continue to decline.

New Business:

- 1) Sealcoat program for 2013: Mr. Aukamp provided a spreadsheet of roads scheduled for sealcoating this year. The committee discussed the expense of the program and the lack of funding to keep up with sealcoating every four years. Efforts continue to create stockpiles throughout the County to keep materials accessible for roadwork. Atlanta, San Jose and Emden have requested sealcoat assistance from the County. **A motion was**

**made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Mr. Farmer, to approve sealcoat assistance with Atlanta, San Jose and Emden. Motion passed.**

- 2) State-level funding: The County Engineer's Association is lobbying legislators regarding the decrease in funding for local roads. They are asking the state to provide their equitable share of funding based on their traffic share. He asked committee members to share their thoughts with our legislators.
- 3) Seasonal weight limits: Several years ago, possible changes were proposed for seasonal weight limits. A meeting was held last week with township road commissioners. They were in favor of making changes at this time. They would like to change the weight limit for semis from 10 ton to 16 ton. That would allow an empty semi to travel the road. The ordinance may need to be revised as well to be enforceable. The committee agreed he should move forward with these efforts.

A motion was made by Mr. Aylesworth, seconded by Mr. Rohlfs, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 8:24 pm.