

Road and Bridge Meeting
Logan County Airport
August 5, 2013

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

Absent: Bill Martin

Guests: Curt Fox; Bret Aukamp

Mr. Aylesworth called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. Meister, to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2013 meetings as printed. Motion passed.

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

Monthly report on current maintenance and construction: Mr. Aukamp reported the sealcoating program is approximately 80% complete. Roads were only blocked for several days due to bleeding. All guardrail areas have been mowed and sprayed. The mowing tractors will be mowing shoulder and bridge areas this fall. One of the dump trucks was involved in an accident. The truck was loaded with rock and the other driver did not stop for a stop sign. The County driver did his best to swerve to avoid a fatality. Since we are waiting on repairs, the department is currently down one truck. Construction plans are being developed for several projects this fall. Assistance is also being provided to various townships in an effort to prioritize their projects. Work continues with design engineers on high speed rail crossings. The Deer Creek bridge on Primm Road was repaired and is open to traffic with a weight limit. Work will begin on funding issues for a replacement bridge. If funding can be provided by the major bridge program, it would be available for 2018. Two bridge deck overlay projects will begin next week – the Pekin Hill bridge west of Atlanta and the Delavan Road bridge.

Old Business:

- 1) 5th Street Road: Mr. Aukamp reported there has been no progress in the last month on right-of-way acquisition. A contractor has been secured for the roadway boring project, however, work has not yet begun. Mr. Aukamp will remain in contact with them to get this project complete.

New Business:

- 1) Review of budget worksheets: Mr. Aukamp provided the committee with the worksheets that were provided to the Finance Committee. The Highway Fund balance has been dropping significantly over the past few years because of cuts to the tax levy. He requested full levies be restored in order to continue operations.
- 2) Sign upgrade program: Logan County was selected last year to receive funding to upgrade warning and regulatory signs on local roads to be more reflective. The paperwork is nearly ready for submission. All seventeen townships and all small municipalities were willing to participate. The city of Lincoln was not eligible due to its size.
- 3) Seasonal weight limit ordinance: The committee previously considered making changes to seasonal weight limits. In the past, there was hesitation because of lack of enforcement. Mr. Aukamp provided potential changes that could be made for consideration. A major change would allow empty trucks to travel the roads legally. The only concern is the ability to identify if a truck is loaded or empty. The language being considered is currently being used in Dewitt County. **A motion was made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Mr. Farmer, to approve the ordinance as submitted. Motion passed.**

A motion was made by Mr. Rohlfs, seconded by Mr. Ruben, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 8:33 pm.