

Road and Bridge Meeting
Blue Room, Logan County Safety Complex
January 13, 2014

Present: Bill Martin; Gene Rohlfs; Andy Meister; Chuck Ruben

Absent: Rick Aylesworth; Bob Farmer

Guests: Bret Aukamp; Curt Fox

Mr. Martin called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Mr. Rohlfs, to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2013 meeting as printed. Motion passed.

The list of claims for payments was reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Rohlfs, 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 continued to mow roadsides, repair culverts and clean ditches. The crew then turned to snow removal. Considerable time has been spent on machinery repair and sign inspections. Rock is being stock-piled in Elkhart for summer sealcoat operations. A retired employee has returned on a part-time basis to help with snow plowing. No active construction is taking place. Night-time inspections of road signs began in December. A third of the roads are complete. Bridge inspections have begun. There are 115 structures that must be inspected this year. With the reduction in manpower, Mr. Aukamp has been spending additional time assisting in the coordination of snow removal.

Old Business:

- 1) None

New Business:

- 1) Report of Federal Fund programming: Mr. Aukamp provided a map of the projects which are programmed for Federal Funds.
- 2) Revenues and expenditures for 2013: Mr. Aukamp shared a document with un-audited totals for 2013, including County Motor Fuel Tax and County Highway Fund. Motor Fuel Tax expenditures exceeded revenue by approximately \$350,000 in 2013. County Highway Fund expenditures for the last several years have exceeded revenues by approximately \$30,000 per year.
- 3) Review Snow Route Policy: Mr. Aukamp explained the designated routes currently being used for snow removal efforts. Each driver covers anywhere from 27-31 miles. There are six routes, six trucks, and six employees. Any mechanical breakdown or employee illness will negatively impact efforts for that particular route. He also reviewed the standard operating procedures for the department. Salt and cinders are only used, if the temperature is conducive, on critical areas including stop signs, hills and curves. The straightaways are not done without the direction of the County Engineer. He provided a sample timeline for the December 13th storm showing how the process is impacted by mechanical breakdowns, illness, etc. Accident data received from IDOT was also shared and is used to determine what areas are more problematic. This data is used to address

- road conditions throughout the county. The committee agreed the current policy is adequate at this time, but will continue to monitor the situation for the rest of the winter.
- 4) Upcoming seasonal weight limits: Seasonal weight limits begin January 20th.
 - 5) Proposed State/Local Transportation Infrastructure Construction Program: There is a push in state legislature to begin a capital bill to allocate money to assist local authorities in an effort to maintain and upgrade roads. It would eliminate motor fuel tax at the pump. Instead, haulers would pay when transporting the fuel at the wholesale level. It would also increase revenue from drivers license fees, title fees and registration fees. The increase would amount to \$800 million. Each county has been asked to pass a resolution in support of something like this. **A motion was made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Mr. Meister, to draft a resolution to support further funding of the Transportation Infrastructure Construction Program. Motion passed.**
 - 6) 100th Anniversary of the County Highway Department: **A motion was made by Mr. Meister, seconded by Mr. Ruben, to approve a recognition in observance of the 100th anniversary of the Logan County Highway Department. Motion passed.**

A motion was made by Mr. Rohlf, seconded by Mr. Meister, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 8:43 pm.