



Highway Committee Minutes

03/28/2024

7:30 am

Hwy Dept Conference Room

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 am by Chairperson Boyle

Members Present: Bob Boyle, Lee Gill, Carmen McDonald, John Reichling, Dan Rielly & Shelly Schutt

Members Not Present: NA

Others Present: NA

Proof of Proper Posting

Shelly stated that the agenda was posted at the Highway department, uploaded to the Lafayette County website as well as emailed to the agenda distribution list to be posted at all county buildings and sent to the Republican Journal.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Gill, seconded by McDonald to approve the agenda. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from 03/14/24

Motion by Reichling, seconded by McDonald, to approve the minutes. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public Comment

After the disaster out east with the ship hitting the bridge, the question came up if we are concerned about any of ours.

Approval of Vouchers

Motion by Reichling, seconded by McDonald to approve \$371,631.55 in vouchers. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Fuel Bidding Process

After the joint Executive and Highway committees met, we added a new paragraph to our fuel quote request. It reads: "Lafayette County reserves the right to reject any or all bid quotes and to accept such bid quote as will be most advantageous to Lafayette County. The accepted bid quote will be notified 24 hours from this email. The results will be emailed." We are also giving the vendors 24 hours from the quote request email to return their quote. After the quote is accepted that vendor then has 24 hours to deliver the fuel. Motion by Gill, seconded by McDonald to give our new fuel quote procedure a 3-month trial period. At the end of the 3-month trial, the highway committee will re-visit the data. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Highway Department Report

Discussion Regarding Bridge Updates

The hole on the CTH DD bridge has been fixed. The rules for the 6' – 20' culvert/bridges projects are ever changing. The GPS coordinates can still be taken by locals, but the inspections have to be done by private engineers. We have not gotten a signed SMA from the State for the CTH S bridge yet. In a future meeting we will have to approve the purchase of land for the CTH I Bridge project.

Discussion Regarding Spring Maintenance and Project Updates

Crews are picking up trash, ditching and looking at a bank to take down along with an old fence. We have one grader undressed. Crews are done brushing as cutting and trimming is not allowed between March 15th and October 10th. When we are sure it's not going to snow again, we will begin crack filling.

Discussion Regarding Equipment Updates

The new tractor is here, and the new loader will be here on Monday. We still have not heard anything about our new trucks that have been on order. Rielly will be putting out bids for trucks to be received in 2025. The bids will be presented to the Highway committee and then onto the County Board for approval for budget year 2025. We are waiting for approval to fix truck #179 that was damaged from hitting a curb.

Discussion Regarding Employee Updates

The summer help wage has been increased by \$2 to be consistent to other summer help positions within the county. The summer help wage for 2024 will be \$17 per hour. We hire four people for the summer. So far Rielly has been notified that two previous employees would like to come back.

Commissioner's Report

Other County Updates

The STH 11 and STH 23 round-about is scheduled for 2026. The engineer is holding up the STH 126 and CTH G project in Belmont. We are sending our excavator and operator to Grant County on Monday to help them with a project. Rielly will be putting out bids for 2025 trucks and the steel roof on the salt shed in Belmont. The Municipal Meeting is Tuesday at 11:00 am. We have MSHA training Thursday and Friday until noon. On Monday we picked up 17 barrier walls from the State. The flashing lights at the 3 way stop on CTH W are working.

Long Range Planning

Taking bids for 2025 trucks and the roof on the salt shed in Belmont.

Future Agenda Item

Updates on how the fuel quote process is going.

Upcoming Meeting Dates and Times

April 11th at 7:30 am

April 25th at 7:30 am

Adjournment

Motion by Reichling, seconded by Gill adjourn. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Time: 9:03 am

Minutes by RMS

