

**DeWITT COUNTY
ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE OF MEETING: September 13, 2023

PLACE OF MEETING: DeWitt County Highway Department
9900 Revere Rd, Clinton, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jamie Prestegaard – Committee Chairman, John Werts, Claro
Carter

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Mathon – County Engineer

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

Chairman Prestegaard called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Werts, seconded by Carter, to approve minutes of August 16, 2023 Road & Bridge Meeting. Unanimous.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Werts, to approve payment of bills. Unanimous.

Mathon presented BLR 09110 Resolution for Improvements to the committee. Mathon explained this resolution appropriates the remaining Rebuild Illinois (RBI) bond funds. Approximately \$334,000 in bond funds remain of the \$670,985 that were received by the County. The funds appropriated by this resolution will be a portion of the Local Match to the federal funds to be used on the second section of the Revere Rd project. Mathon indicated there would be a second resolution to appropriate the balance of MFT funds needed for that section once there was an updated estimate of costs. Motion by Carter, seconded by Werts, to forward to the full board BLR 09110 Resolution for Improvements, Section 20-00044-05-RS (Revere Rd) for approval. Unanimous.

Mathon presented a quote from Varsity Striping & Construction Co. for Paint Pavement Marking. Mathon explained that striping work was included in the April letting for the General Maintenance materials, but there were no responsive bidders at that time. The solicited quote from Varsity is \$0.13/lineal foot, which is within the typical unit price range of \$0.128-\$0.15/lineal foot that has been received in the past. Motion by Werts, seconded by Carter, to recommend to the full board the approval of the Paint Pavement Marking Quote of \$44,613.79 from Varsity Striping & Construction Co. Unanimous.

The highway department has occasionally rented a boom mower to help maintain right of way areas behind guardrails and keep areas of brushy overgrowth pushed back. Mathon explained to the committee that the highway department would be sharing the rental of the boom mower with several townships with the rental fee being paid by the proportionate use of the equipment.

Motion by Werts, seconded by Carter, to forward to the full board for approval of a boom mower rental from Rahn Equipment in the amount of \$8,900.00 for one month. Unanimous.

The committee reviewed the draft budget. Mathon provided background and details on the County Highway Funds operational and capital expenses; the levies for County Highway Fund 0.0950; County Bridge Fund 0.03500, and County Matching Fund 0.02794, the uses available and requirements for each fund; the additional overall and ongoing longer-term road and bridge needs in the County. Discussion ensued. Motion by Prestegaard, seconded by Carter, to forward draft FY 2024 budget to Finance Committee. Unanimous.

Mathon updated the committee on several topics:

- Work remaining on Revere Rd includes aggregate shoulders and seeding of disturbed areas. The contractor is scheduled to place the shoulder material the week of September 18, seeding should occur the same week.
- Triple Black Diamond solar farm near Weldon in Nixon Township has started discussion on footprint with the County and Township. Mathon has a draft Road Use Agreement to begin discussions, but roads proposed to be used have not yet been identified.
- New employee started 9/5; another employee expected to return to work by end of September
- Second round of mowing started week of 9/11

Motion by Werts, seconded by Carter , to adjourn at 6:13 p.m.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNTY BOARD:

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Chairman
