

Public Works Committee Minutes
June 2, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Phil Barrett; Committee Members John Lant, Darren O'Connor, Dan Penrick, Jean Raymond; Chairman of the Board Todd Kusnierz; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Matt Rose, County Administrator; Michael Hartnett, County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Planning; Chad Cooke, Public Works.

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, the minutes of the May 5, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, to authorize the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the federal-aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-aid eligible costs, of a transportation federal-aid project, and appropriating funds for the replacement of a culvert on County Road 31 (Fortsville Road over the North Branch of the Snook Kill, in the Town of Moreau, LIN 250, PIN 1761.40, in the amount of \$950,056 for construction, construction support and inspection services. Unanimous.

Mr. Cooke said that this will require a budget amendment. The difference between the original construction estimate is approximately \$252K. Of that amount, \$12,603 is the County's 5% share. the remainder is state and federal aid. The project will be going out to bid next week for construction this year.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Lant, to authorize the Chairman to enter into an amended agreement with Clark Patterson Engineers, Surveyors, Architects and Landscape Architect, DPC for the construction support and inspection services related to the replacement of a culvert on County Road 31 (Fortsville Road over the North Branch of the Snook Kill, in the Town of Moreau, LIN 250, PIN 1761.40, in the amount of \$98,746. Unanimous.

Mr. Cooke said that the original contract was almost \$143K for design. An amendment is not necessary as it is included in the amendment for the previous item.

Mr. Barrett asked Mr. Cooke for an update on the Ashdown Bridge replacement project. Mr. Cooke said that it has been difficult working with the railroad. The County is required to have CP rail personnel on site at all times while the contractor is working anywhere near the railroad. Up until now, they have been unable to accommodate the contractor working a full day as rail employees are being brought in from sometimes two hours away. These employees are paid portal to portal, and only permitted to work 8 hour days. Therefore the contractor may only get four hours of rail employee time. CP Rail has indicated that they are finishing up another project and will be able to have their employees work overtime at that point. The County has reached out to DOT to ensure those costs will be recoverable. Mrs. Raymond suggested making our federal

representatives aware of this since a large portion of the funding are federal funds. Mr. Barrett asked Mr. Cooke to draft a letter to be sent to the representatives.

Mr. Cooke said that the low bidder on the Grooms/Vischer Ferry four way light was Stilsing Electric. The project is slated for this year.

Mr. Barrett said that Mr. Cooke and his team have been working toward upgrading lighting in the Public Works garage as mentioned at previous meetings. This project could potentially be expanded into the jail and other areas.

Mr. Barrett said that they have offered training for application of herbicides and pesticides to employees. Mr. Cooke said that sign-up sheets have been posted for DPW employees. There have been no takers so far.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mrs. Raymond, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Clerk of the Board