

Public Works Committee Minutes
May 4, 2022 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Phil Barrett; Committee Members C. Eric Butler, Diana Edwards, Scott Ostrander, Tom Richardson, Kevin Veitch and Sandra Winney; Supervisor John Lant and Chairman of the Board Theodore Kusnierz; Steve Bulger, Christine Rush, County Administrator; Michael Hartnett, County Attorney; Chad Cooke, Public Works.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Butler, the minutes of the March 2, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, to authorize additional funding in the amount of \$3,549,100 for roadway rehabilitation projects and amending the budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

Mr. Barret said that he has had conversations with Mr. Cooke regarding the increase in anticipated costs for projects scheduled for 2022 due to inflation and the rising costs of materials and fuel. Additionally, the proposed funding would cover the costs of 4 projects that were originally scheduled for 2023, and have them completed in 2022. Funding will be provided from ARPA funds. Mr. Cooke said that this will increase the mileage of county highways being rehabilitated in 2022 from 18.45 miles to over 26 miles. The additional 4 projects have been put out to bid and will be outsourced to a contractor. Mr. Barrett said that the ARPA funding will be a one time deal but moving projects up will create lasting effects for years in a positive way.

A motion was made by Mrs. Edwards, seconded by Mrs. Winney, to authorize an Owner/Contractor agreement with Town & County Bridge & Rail, Inc. for the rehabilitation (flag repair) of the CR 1 (Stony Creek Road) over Wolf Creek Bridge, Town of Hadley for the amount of \$93,600 and amending the budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

Mr. Cooke said that in July of 2021 DOT yellow flagged this bridge. Construction was initially budgeted at \$60,000 for repairs in 2021 however, due to the escalation in material costs, the total contract costs are now \$93,600. Mr. Cooke said that a yellow flag indicates a preventative measure is needed.

Mr. Richardson expressed concern over the amount of garbage that is being thrown out of vehicle windows and is collecting on the side of the road. A discussion took place regarding roadside garbage clean up. Mr. Cooke said that for County Roads, a crew picks up garbage during the timeframe between plowing and mowing. DOT is responsible for State roads and have a list. Mr. Veitch said that his town has an adopt a highway program where certain organizations, groups or families, help maintain garbage pick-up.

Mr. Barrett said that a CDTC Planning Committee meeting was held today. Decisions from this committee are passed onto the Policy Committee. They are an MPO and projects submitted by Counties and municipalities are assessed. 9 projects were submitted within the County. Mr. Barrett said that they will have an update at the next meeting as to where these projects stand.

On a motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Veitch, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board