

**STEPHENSON COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
of January 6, 2012**

A meeting of the **Public Works Committee** was held January 6, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Highway Building with the following members present:

Members present were Tom Gilmour, Alvin Wire, Jerry Clay, Brenda Boynton, and Greg Ludwig

Guest members were representatives of Holden Tree Removal, Precision Landscape, Mr. D's Landscaping, DeMeester's Landscaping, Lenders Tree and Landscape, Janicke Lawn Care and James Schultz and Ken Ward.

Also present were Chris Isbell and Marsha Bratley

Absent members: Ron Fluegel and Al Harn.

A motion was made by Brenda Boynton and seconded by Greg Ludwig to approve the agenda after Chris stated there wasn't a need for executive session at this time.

Ayes:   5   Nays:   0   Motion carried

A motion was made by Alvin Wire and seconded by Greg Ludwig that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as read/corrected/mailed.

Ayes:   5   Nays:   0   Motion carried

A motion was made by Alvin Wire and seconded by Greg Ludwig that the bills in the respective funds be allowed.

\$ 42,920.85	005 County Highway
\$ 26,686.25	006 Matching
\$ 2,140.20	007 County Bridge
\$ 0.00	008 Township Bridge
\$ 93,491.34	009 County MFT
\$121,082.66	010 Township MFT
\$ 32,347.84	048 New Hwy Bldg
<u>\$ 967.00</u>	<u>016 Animal Control</u>
\$319,636.14	TOTAL JANUARY CLAIMS

Ayes:   5   Nays:   0   Motion carried

Correspondence: Chris stated to the committee that he had received word from IDOT that they were not putting red flashers on the stop signs at RT. 75 and Rock City Road, but they have installed black and yellow signs on them stating Cross Traffic Does Not Stop.

Public Comments:

Old Business - Solid Waste Ordinance Changes – Chris suggested that the fees for waste haulers would be \$200.00 for the first truck, \$150.00 for a second truck, \$150.00 for a third truck and \$50.00 for each truck over the third truck.

At this time there was a lot of input regarding solid waste and landscape waste with the guests and members. The biggest concern being there is no place to dispose of landscape waste. All the guests felt that until there is a proper place to dispose of the waste they should be allowed to burn it on their property even though it wasn't generated on their property. The members told the guests that Mr. Sheely is in the process to have such a location in the near future. More discussion was held on the subject and the guests were told that they wouldn't be forced to use Mr. Sheely's facility and if they wanted to start a facility of their own then the committee members would stand behind them too.

At the end of the discussions Tom Gilmour asked the guests if they were pleased with the meeting and they all confirmed yes.

A Motion was made by Jerry Clay and seconded by Alvin Wire to change the truck fees for solid waste to read One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each truck.

Ayes:   5   Nays:   0   Motion carried

A Motion was made by Jerry Clay and seconded by Alvin Wire to Amend Chapter 13 Nuisances Ordinance Sec 13-25 Open burning of landscape wastes on property Paragraph (3a) to read: *"The collector shall fund, print and distribute, at no cost to the County, a twice yearly educational update to his customers."*

Ayes:   5   Nays:   0   Motion carried

A Motion was made by Brenda Boynton and seconded by Jerry Clay to lay over, until next month, the proposed ordinance changes so all members would be present to vote whether to send it to the full board or not for approval.

Ayes:   5   Nays:   0   Motion carried

Animal Control: Chris said they are trying to do quarterly reports for the committee regarding fees collected, how many stray pickups had been made, how many animals have been adopted out or euthanized, etc. but it isn't completed yet.

Solid Waste:

A motion was made by Brenda Boynton and seconded by Greg Ludwig to recommend approval of Resolution HD 12-01 to the full board. This resolution approves the annual springtime road postings.

Ayes:   5   Nays:   0   Motion carried

A Motion was made by Brenda Boynton and seconded by Greg Ludwig to recommend approval of Resolution HD 12-02 to the full board. This resolution awards the low bids for Section 12-00000-00-SG, Signs and Post.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Alvin Wire and seconded by Greg Ludwig to recommend approval of Resolution HD 12-03 to the full board. This resolution awards the low bid for Section 12-00000-00-PC, Pipe Culverts.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried

A motion was made Greg Ludwig and seconded by Alvin Wire to recommend approval of Resolution HD 12-04 to the full board. This resolution approves obtaining Engineering Firm Willett and Hoffman for section 12-00179-00-BR over Lost Creek and not to exceed Sixty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and Eight Cents (\$69,985.08)

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried

Other: - Trucks – Chris said that he budgeted to purchase two new  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton pick up trucks and that the State Bid has Ford F250 with tow package, 4-wheel drive and snow plow prepared package for \$20,095.00. He said that he spoke with Barkaus and was told neither Dodge or GM could come close to that price. He also said he spoke with Fairway Ford and they called and said they could be in the ball park of the amount. Chris explained that if he were to purchase on the State Bid he would have to order by the 27th of this month and when they arrive in Springfield he will have to take two employees down with him so if Fairway is close to that amount it would be cheaper in the long run to purchase from them. The committee concurred.

Executive Session – No need at this time

#### COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Alvin stated that the wind towers have been generating a lot of electricity since the middle of November. He said they are turning a lot more since then.

Brenda - nothing

Jerry Clay - nothing

Greg Ludwig - nothing

Tom Gilmour – nothing

A motion was made by Brenda Boynton and seconded by Alvin Wire that the meeting adjourn/recess at 10:58 A.M.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsheila L. Bratley  
Committee Secretary