

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

December 15, 2011

The Transportation Committee of the Henry County Board met in the office of the County Engineer on December 15, 2011, at 1:00 PM with the following members present:

Rick Livesay, Chairman
Jim Findley, Member
Bill Preston, Member
Ted Sturtevant, Member
Steve Brandau, County Engineer

No comment during public comment.

Minutes have been approved from the last meeting by signature.

The Transportation Committee members reviewed the bills since the last meeting.

S. Brandau reported on the progress of the Bishop Hill Energy Wind Farm project. There have been 24 towers set for Phase I. The Phase II construction company, Boldt, has started working on their lay down yard.

Ibedrola indicated that their company will get something going in Henry County in 2012.

S. Brandau passed out the Highway Department Sign Management and Maintenance Policy. The Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices states that by 2013 a policy needs to be in place. B. Preston moved to implement said departmental policy. J. Findley seconded. Motion carried.

The Highway Department could save up to \$20,000 a year by deregulating the natural gas. Because it is very complex to manage, the Highway Department, Courthouse/Jail and Hillcrest Home together have hired E-Quantum Consulting, LLC, of Geneseo for \$1,500 for one year to prepare proposals, negotiate and manage the account.

S. Brandau passed out last year's budget report showing the department's income over the budgeted amount and the expense line items were under for the year. Next year the department has two people retiring, one being the foreman position. The job has been posted internally.

Progress report:

- The department is ready for winter and has been ditch cleaning, brush cutting and surveying.
- S. Brandau has been working with Galva Township on applying for financial aid to replace a railroad structure that has been closed for a couple of years.
- Henry County is no longer named in the Darin vs Edford Twp lawsuit.
- The committee discussed the proposed committee restructuring.

Upcoming Transportation Committee Meetings:

- January 19, 2012
- February 3, 2012 @ 9:00 AM General & Asphalt Letting
- February 16, 2012
- March 15, 2012
- April 19, 2012

B. Preston moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 PM. T. Sturtevant seconded. Motion carried.

Rick Livesay, Chairman

James Findley, Member

Bill Preston, Member

Ted Sturtevant, Member

Respectfully submitted,

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HENRY COUNTY SIGN MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to formalize and document sign management policies on the Henry County Highway System in order to provide acceptable sign effectiveness while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

Scope

The Henry County Sign Management System will strive to provide a safe road system for the traveling public by conducting inspections during the year, documenting deficiencies, and maintaining and repairing when necessary. Replacement of signs will be based on the level of damage or the age of the sign, whichever is earlier.

Sign Management System

An inventory of all signs on the Henry County Highway System will be maintained by the County. The inventory will include age, attributes, location, and maintenance history of the signs. Signs will be replaced due to age based on a 12-year life expectancy for signs using prismatic sheeting. This life expectancy is in place to meet the requirements of minimum retro-reflectivity standards in Revision Number 2 of the 2003 Edition of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Inspections of the signs throughout the year will verify the sign is in place and visible and will check for damage. Damages and repairs will be recorded in the inventory database.