

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

7:30 A.M. Highway Committee Meeting – Highway Department in Roberts

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

9:00 A.M. Sheriff Committee Meeting – Sheriff Board Room

Thursday, December 7, 2017

8:30 A.M. Finance Committee Meeting – Small Courtroom

Monday, December 11, 2017

7:00 P.M. County Board Meeting – Sheriff Board Room

Ford County Highway Committee Minutes

The Ford County Highway Committee met on November 7, 2017 at the Ford County Highway Department in Roberts, Illinois.

Present at this regular scheduled meeting were committee members Bob Lindgren, Tim Nuss, Jon Clark, Dave Hastings and Bud Otto. County Board Chairman Randy Berger, and County Engineer Greg Perkinson, Leo Weber, Rogers Township Road Commissioner were also present. Mr. Otto called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

First on the agenda was approval of the October minutes. Mr. Nuss moved and Mr. Hastings seconded the motion that they be approved as presented. The motion carried.

October bills were read and presented by Mr. Perkinson. Mr. Berger moved and Mr. Lindgren seconded the motion to approve the bills and present to the full board. The motion carried.

The committee then reviewed the fund balance report and the highway appropriations and expenses report.

Under old business the following items were discussed:

Mr. Perkinson informed the committee of the activities at the County Highway Department during the month of October and will provide a written report for the full board.

Mr. Perkinson updated the committee on activities at the Kelly Creek Windfarm. The hot mix asphalt work on the county roads will not be completed this year due to a disagreement over the scope of work required.

Leo Weber attended to re-emphasize his safety concerns at the Kelly Creek wind farm due to the lack of 3:1 side slopes along the roads. He has taken three different representatives from EDF to the locations and has shown them the problems. No action has been taken by EDF to address the safety issue by providing the proper side slopes. Mr. Weber provided pictures showing vehicles that had overturned due to the steep slopes. The committee expressed their serious concerns with the cost of not fixing the problem. Mr. Perkinson will set up a meeting with Mr. Robert Lenz to discuss the proper way to have the township to do the safety work and have EDF provide the funding. The committee expressed their thanks for the extra effort Mr. Weber had done to resolve this matter for the benefit of the township.

Mr. Perkinson again discussed the financial impact changes to the State Budget have on Ford County. See enclosed memorandum.

New Business

Mr. Weber discussed his dismay over the wind farm being assessed for a portion of 2016 without the township's knowledge. He had understood that the assessment would start in 2017. Since he was not aware of the increase in the EAV he was not able to levy based on that amount.

Mr. Perkinson discussed the impact of the Governor's Harvest Season Emergency declaration, which provides an expedited means of hauling grain or livestock due to weather or crop conditions. The declaration allows up to a maximum of 10% over the standard weight restriction.

Having no further items to discuss, Mr. Nuss moved to adjourn at 8:20 am, seconded by Mr. Lindgren. The motion carried.