

MOULTRIE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Present: Kevin McReynolds, Arlene Aschermann, Dave McCabe, John Mowry, Jeff Birch, Cathy Gerould.

The meeting was brought to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. Kevin McReynolds. A motion was made by Mr. Dave McCabe and seconded by Mrs. Arlene Aschermann to approve all claims as presented. Yea: 3 Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Business discussed:

1. Whitley Township Bridge Project, Section 94-08111-00-BR.

The project scope, and history of the right-of-way negotiations were presented. To date one of the co-owners of one parcel have stopped responding to phone calls and letters.

To proceed to construction in calendar year 2021, the right of way must be cleared by November 23, 2020. As this does not appear possible at this time, the County Engineer proposed to request, from the State Legislature, eminent domain/quick take authority. The process is rather lengthy and will require notification to the affected property owners, submittal of all pertinent documents, and likely a public hearing.

The project is currently scheduled for a January 15, 2021. The current circumstances make it likely that date will not be met. And because of the April 1 through September 30 restriction for tree removal, due to the surrounding suitable habitat for Indiana bats, construction during calendar year 2020 also appears unlikely.

The committee agreed eminent domain/quick take authority approval should be pursued. While that effort is underway, the County will continue to attempt to negotiate a settlement with the property owners.

2. A Preliminary Engineering Agreement will be available for review at the next Committee/Board meeting for Project 19-00079-00-FP, (CH10 South of Arthur). The consultant has noted more Right-of-Way might be needed in the north mile due to storm sewer construction.

Motion made by Mrs. Arlene Aschermann seconded by Mr. Dave McCabe to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 a.m. 3 Yea Nay 0 Motion carried.