

Clinton County Highway Committee
Minutes
March 12, 2019 – 7:15 a.m.

1. Attendance:

Bryan Wessel	Committee Chairman
Jim Rakers	Committee Member
Jim Sullivan	Committee Member
Bob Fix	County Board Chairman
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
Paul Meyer	

2. Mr. Rakers made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2019 Highway Committee Meeting. Mr. Wessel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

5. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee a petition from East Fork Township for 50% county match for a culvert on Wortman Road. Mr. Wessel made a motion to include this on the County Board Meeting agenda. Mr. Rakers seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. The Committee discussed damages to Jamestown Road from Mr. Meyer and his associates while boring and placing a culvert under Jamestown Road. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that Henrich's Farms was issued a permit about one year ago to bore and place a waterline under Jamestown Road for the purpose of pumping liquid manure under Jamestown Road. He said this waterline had to be encased in a larger pipe which extended beyond right of way such that no excavation would take place on right of way. The applicant was to notify the County Engineer prior to work taking place and any changes had to be approved in writing.

Mr. Meyer said that he was at fault and that he will pay to repair the road. But he stated that a water line will not work for what they need. He said that different manure pumpers have different sized equipment and that they need a culvert in order to perform this operation. He also stated that they clean the lines after they are used and it would not be possible to do this with a waterline where they have a fixed size with connections.

Mr. Behrens said that pumping manure under the road is preferable to having it hauled on the roads. But he wanted to talk to some of the companies that do this work concerning utilizing waterline rather than pulling hoses through culverts. Then he will have a recommendation on whether a culvert can be used rather than a waterline.

5. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that they are planning to increase the size of a cross road culvert under Stolltown Road he said the existing culvert is not large enough and every time there is a 1 1/2" rain the water is over the road.

6. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that he met with Phillip Diekemper concerning the drainage ditch that runs through the County Farm. It needs to be regraded as it is washing a new ditch through the farm ground.

7. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee the results of the bid opening for two new trucks. Mr. Wessel made a motion to present the low bidder to the board for award. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

8. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that he has submitted exemption paperwork for Charlie Becherer's accelerated payments but does not know the results yet.

9. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee a permit application for Clearwave Communication to place a fiber optic line along County Highway 8. Mr. Wessel made a motion to have this placed on the Board agenda for approval. Mr. Rakers seconded the motion. The motion passed.

10. The Committee approved the current bills.