

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 16, 2022

9:00 AM

Chairman Haman called the meeting to order. Commissioners Bryan Bruner, Larry Haman, Armann Anderson, David Medalen and Brady Nelson were present as well as Bottineau County Commissioners LeRoy Rude, Dan Marquardt and Nathaniel Buynak. Others attending were Tom Hall, Wayne Johnson, Ritch Gimbel, Kent Indvik, Jason Mayfield, Blaine Welstad, Ken Niewoehner, David Hall and Virgil Hall.

This meeting was called at the request of the Bottineau County Commission to discuss the possibility of undertaking a joint paving project which would consist of paving a total of 6.75 miles from Russell, South to 80th St N in McHenry County. McHenry County would be responsible for four miles, with the remaining 2.75 miles the responsibility of Bottineau County.

Wold Engineering presented the engineer's cost estimate for this project to be a total of \$2,961,290.20, which would include the construction and engineering costs. The McHenry portion would be \$1,756,045.09 and Bottineau would be \$1,205,245.11. Bottineau County was also considering combining this project with a paving project near Long Lake which would save them some money but would not affect the cost for McHenry County.

Bottineau County Commissioner, LeRoy Rude asked for a partnership with McHenry County to pave this road as it would save both counties a significant amount of money rather than submitting two individual projects. Wayne Johnson, Manager of Border Ag in Russell, noted the road is in tough shape due to the trucks hauling to Russell. Pavement would benefit the Border Ag patrons as well as Newburg residents. He also stated farmers have taken their product elsewhere due to the condition of that road. Both counties will be relying on Prairie Dog funding from the state in order to move forward with the project. No decision was made at this time, but the McHenry County Commission will take it into consideration prior to finalizing the 2023 budget.

The Bottineau County Commission and other visitors left the meeting.

The board discussed replacing the first bridge North of Granville with a box culvert and asked Wold Engineering for a cost estimate.

The board discussed the option of purchasing a propane tank for the Upham shop instead of leasing. Due to the current price of new tanks, the board decided to continue with the lease.

At 10:30 AM, there being no further business to come before the board at this time, a motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Nelson to adjourn.

ATTEST:

Darlene Carpenter, Auditor

Larry Haman, Chairman