

LAFAYETTE COUNTY TRAILS

June 23, 2016

6:45 P.M.

Mineral Pt. Firehouse – Mineral Pt. (prior to the Tri County Trails meeting)

Present: Committee Chairman Wolfe; Supervisors Wiegel and Heimann (substituting for John Perkins), Highway Commissioner Tom Jean and Supervisor Larry Ludlum,

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Mr. Wolfe. He asked if the meeting was properly posted. Tom Jean verified the meeting was posted at the Courthouse, the Darlington Municipal Building, the Lafayette County Highway Office and on the county website.

Motion by Mr. Heimann, second by Mr. Wiegel to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Wiegel, second by Mr. Wolfe to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2016 meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

Highway Commissioner, Tom Jean explained that the bids for the first phase of construction on the Belmont to Platteville trail were advertised and received on June 21, 2016. Seven (7) different bids were received with the low bid from Meise Construction of Sauk City WI of \$1,031,667.38. This is about 6% above the Engineer's estimate. Tom also explained that this was a reputable company which has done projects for the County in the past. Tom explained that while most of the costs of phase 1 will be reimbursed by the Federal TEA grant (\$996,000) and the DNR 20% match of \$249,000, the County will have to incur some of the costs. He also explained that with the MOA's that have been agreed upon, the County is obligated to develop this bike-pedestrian trail or pay the DNR and Federal monies back. It is clear that even though the bids came in higher than hoped for, the County is left with no choice but to continue to develop this corridor. Furthermore, the DNR has deeded the old railroad corridor to Lafayette County with the understanding that they will develop a recreational trail on land adjacent to it and sell the former corridor to the respective landowners, with any proceeds going toward the new trail development. The appraised price of the old railroad corridor is \$4,000 - \$5,000/acre and the landowners will be offered to buy it for that price depending on the parcel.

A motion was made by Wiegel and seconded by Heimann to offer the landowners the old rail road corridor at a price of \$4,000 for the Dieter parcel and \$5,000 per acre for the remainder with the proceeds to go back into the trail development account. By voice vote the motion passed.

Following some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wiegel and seconded by Mr. Heimann to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Meise Construction of Sauk City WI, in the amount of \$1,031,667.38. By voice vote the motion passed and Mr. Jean was instructed to sign the award of bid document.

Next meeting is at the call of the chairman.

Motion by Mr. Wiegel, second by Mr. Heimann to adjourn. Motion carried.

submitted by trj 11-15-16.