

# Richland County Public Works Standing Committee

March 13, 2025

The Richland County Public Works Standing Committee convened on Thursday, March 13, 2025 in person and virtually at 4:00 PM in the County Boardroom of the Richland County Courthouse.

**Call To Order:** Committee Chair Couey called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

**Roll Call:** Deputy Clerk Hege conducted roll call. Committee member(s) present: Steve Carrow, Chad Cosgrove, Steve Williamson, and Marc Couey. Committee member(s) not present: Gary Manning, Kerry Severson, and Daniel McGuire.

**Verification of Open Meetings Law Compliance:** Deputy Clerk Hege confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed.

**Approval Of Agenda:** Motion by Cosgrove, second by Williamson to approve agenda. Motion carried and agenda declared approved.

**Approval Of Minutes From February 6, 2025 Meeting:** Chair Couey asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the February 6, 2025 meeting. Hearing none, Chair Couey declared the minutes approved as published.

**Public Comment:** None.

## Reports:

**A. Property Management Report: Departmental Activities:** County Maintenance Manager, Randall Nelson reported that his departmental activities included: fixing a leak in the ceiling of the Coppertop campus building above the music room. The leak was caused by a failed pump and a rusted cast iron drain. Discussion on costs for replacing the pump and draining system ensued. Consensus was for Mr. Nelson to get a quote for the replacement and repairs and take those numbers to the next Campus Reconfiguration Committee meeting. Mr. Nelson reported that he has replaced several locks on the gymnasium building on the campus property to ensure the security of the buildings and to restrict unauthorized persons from entering closed buildings. Discussion on other security options ensued. Mr. Nelson reported that one of the fire alarms at the courthouse was pulled by a member of the public and while the lights did start flashing, the sirens did not sound and he is working on fixing that issue. Discussion on frequency of fire drills at the courthouse ensued. Mr. Nelson reported earlier in the week, several individuals had been caught using a vehicle to make ruts in the parking area of the Richland County Fairgrounds. Extensive discussion on the options to make the fairgrounds more secure and other recent damage ensued. Mr. Nelson reported that the furniture had been swapped out for the Register of Deeds Office with items from the campus buildings and he was nearing the end of swapping furniture for offices at the courthouse. Mr. Nelson reported that a member of the public had tripped and fallen on the sidewalk after leaving the courthouse and that the Interim Administrator and Corporation Counsel were working with the city on the matter and the concrete was being replaced.

**B. Highway Commissioner Administrative Report: Departmental Activities & Review Of Monthly Bills:** County Highway Commissioner, Joshua Elder reported that the plow trucks had been parked due to the warm weather and the crews were working on various other projects, including patch

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work on Highway 14 and tree trimming on Highways 60 and OO. Commissioner Elder presented the monthly bills to the committee. Brief discussion ensued.

**C. Campus Bridge Update:** Commissioner Elder reported that 4 bids had come back for the work on the bridge and the lowest cost bid was disqualified due to the contractor never having built a bridge or worked for a municipality before. The bid was awarded to Larson Construction Company, Inc and they would like to begin work as soon as possible. Brief discussion ensued.

**D. County Hwy O Update:** Commissioner Elder reported that work was going to start on the Highway O project in May of 2025 and briefly stated that there would be no specific detour route and the talks with the Pine Valley Community Village administrator in regards to the driveways onto the Pine Valley property being impacted by the road work. Brief discussion ensued.

**Discussion & Possible Action: Truck Chassis Bids:** Commissioner Elder presented the 2025 truck chassis bid results for 1 new 2026 model. The bids were as follows: Lakeside International at \$141,482.17 with an estimated delivery date of 09/15/2025, I State Truck Center at \$169,936.03 with an estimated delivery period of June-August 2025, and Truck Country at \$161,825.00 with an estimated delivery date of 09/01/2025. Commissioner Elder briefly spoke on the delivery times and possible cost increases from any potential tariffs. Motion by Williamson, second by Carrow to accept the bid from Truck Country for \$161,825.00. Motion carried and the bid from Truck Country for \$161,825.00 was accepted.

**Discussion & Possible Action: Seal Coat Oil Bids:** Commissioner Elder presented the bids for chip seal oil. The bids were as follows: Fahrner Asphalt/Flint Hills at \$2.61/gallon - \$117,450/45,000 gallons and Miegs at \$2.97/gallon - \$133,650/45,000 gallons. Motion by Cosgrove, second by Carrow to accept the bid from Fahrner Asphalt/Flint Hills at \$2.61/gallon - \$117,450/45,000 gallons. Motion carried and the bid from Fahrner Asphalt/Flint Hills at \$2.61/gallon - \$117,450/45,000 was accepted.

**Discussion & Possible Action: Culvert Bids:** Commissioner Elder presented his recommendation of metal culverts to the committee. Motion by Williamson, second by Cosgrove to approve metal culverts. Motion carried and metal culverts were approved.

### **Future Agenda Items:**

Discussion & Possible Action: Review Of Use Of County Vehicles – Marc Couey

Brief discussion on the frequency of the Fair and Parks Committees.

**Correspondence:** None

**Adjourn:** Chair Couey entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Williamson, second by Couey to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 4:44 PM.



Myranda H. Hege  
Deputy County Clerk