

## Road Advisory Committee - March 3, 2021

Present in person: Paul Hefner Chairman, Gary Swain, Kirby Robertson,  
Sherry Maupin, Jeff McFadden, Mary Rosen,  
Present by Zoom: Ed Allen, Dean Martens

Paul called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Jeff McFadden gave an overview of the top 10 roads to repair this year. Funding is not available to meet all needs.

Kirby Robertson asked about Old State Hwy to be taken back to gravel. Jeff McFadden discussed the process. Jeff informed the group that E. Lakefork will be rebuilt in 2026.

Paul Hefner provided an overview of the mission statement. It was discussed that this needed further review and that each Board member create a version for discussion.

Gary Swain requested the last 5 minutes of the meetings to come up with the next agenda.

Commissioner Maupin stated there will be an upcoming need for more input as development occurs in Valley County.

A financial conversation was had. The Rd Dept needs \$4 million in the operating budget. Currently the County received \$3 million from road use funds. Commissioner Maupin stated she felt SRS funds should be used for special projects since these are not guaranteed operating funds.

A discussion was held on whether a levy would be needed for future funding. Dean Martens raised a concern that Cities already tax residents and that may be double taxation.

Jeff McFadden discussed putting in place a replacement schedule for all equipment. All agreed this was required to plan for future equipment needs. Sharing equipment with other entities is a consideration.

A discussion was held on creating MOU's for road maintenance. This is being given to the Prosecuting Attorney's office for updates. This will need discussed when complete.

Commissioner Maupin discusses the capital improvement process; large purchases need to be prioritized; all purchases over \$25,000. Dean Martens asks if this is County wide or department wide. Sherry advises it is County wide.

Jeff updated the Board on the Road to Stibnite. It is too soon to tell if damage occurred. Commissioner Maupin stated no County funds will be used to clear the slide. Perpetua is removing the slide at their expense.

Jeff will work on Capital Investment schedule. Kirby asks Jeff to bring the top 10 roads and options for the next meeting. Sherry wants for the next meeting: plan for funding, equipment costs, top 10 roads, staffing, future building. She would like to add levy conversation, details of the ownership of Road Department site, continue mission statement.

Paul adjourns meeting at 5:05pm

Paul Hefner \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Respectfully submitted,

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