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Members: Tim Haak, Dan Montgomery, Jeff Papa

Infrastructure Subcommittee

Lance Lantz provided very useful information on how roads and other infrastructure function and are funded within Boone County. He stated that roads are primarily funded through the Motor Vehicle Highway fund and the Local Road and Street Fund. This funding is based on revenue from the state fuel tax being distributed by the state back to local units of government based on road inventory. COIT may be used to supplement this funding (this is a county decision). Lance recommended that the county continue to receive the revenue and reach a Memo of Understanding [MOU] agreement with the county for it to continue providing all of the services currently provided by the county (preferable to the town receiving these funds and managing all of these services). Any such MOU should reflect (similar to annexation procedures today) that as road inventory is brought into the town district from the rural district, that inventory would be claimed and served by the town.

Action items: We need an accurate road inventory by the end of the year and we need to reach an interlocal agreement or MOU with the county (and such agreement needs to be comprehensive – include all services currently provided by the county: rebuilding roads, culverts, paving, plowing, etc). Lance will speak with the county roads supervisor and the surveyor to get some input and thoughts.

Culverts in backyards and not within the right of way – surveyor's office. Surveyor's office has no equipment but is responsible for non-road, non-right of way culverts in the county. The town may be able to handle surveyor functions in the near future. We also need to know who does mowing along the highways and the townships will need to ensure that they have the deeds to any non-taxpaying township cemeteries.