

Scioto Township Trustees  
Special Meeting  
March 22, 2011.

Chas: It is 6.50 p.m. and I call the meeting to order. Join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Sandra Stults, Rodger C. Finks, and Chas Kaiser.

Chas: Purpose of this meeting is to open the bids for the contract of mowing the cemeteries and park and also discuss awarding the contract. Budget Appropriations for this year.

Fiscal Office: I will open them as they came into the office.

1. Dale Grooms – Grooms Lawn Service – 113 Lawn St. Ashley, Ohio

Rodger: Groom's bid is \$1,050.00 per mow and trip.

Chas: That includes what?

Rodger: Park and cemeteries.

Chas: How many cuts are we figuring?

Rodger: For the purpose of the bid package there was 30, but that would only be if 30 were necessary. More than likely 25 to 26 mowings. Looks like all the paper work is here and in order.

Rodger: If you want to open all of them I'll hand one to Chas and he can look through it and I'll give on to Sandra to look through and I'll look through one.

2. Bob Harris II - Pro Turf Landcare- 1944 County Road 219 – Marengo, Ohio

Chas: \$1,250.00 per mowing.

Rodger: All paper work?

Chas: All paper work in order.

Rodger: Security check?

Chas: \$1,875.00

3. Mark Halter – Jo Har Lawnscape – 4112 Warrensburg Road, Delaware, Ohio

Sandra: \$1,255 per mowing.

Rodger: All paper work and security check, is file complete?

Sandra: I'm having him look at it to make sure all paper work is complete.

Chas: Jo Har is missing Worker's Comp. Everything else is in order.

4. Walter Halle – American Tree & Landscape – 16081 Snyder Rd – Richwood, Ohio

Rodger: \$2,228.10 per mow. All paper work and security check package is complete.

5. One Call Service – Jim Bozzacco – 505 London Road – Delaware, Ohio

Rodger: \$3,840.00 per mow. All paper work and security check, package is complete.

6. Mike Kelley – Ostrander Implement DBA Stoney Creek Lawn Care- 9265 Marysville Road – Ostrander Ohio

\$1200.00 per mow everything is order except for Worker's Comp.

7. Kevin McIntyre – Buckeye Landscape – 608 Taylor Rd. – Blacklick, Ohio

Chas: \$1,648.00 per mow. No insurance and no Worker's Comp.

Chas: With the Township's interest in mind we need to review the lowest four.

Rodger: That would be: Groom's, Ashley with a bid of \$1,050.00 , Pro Turf Landcare, Marengo with a bid of \$1,250.00, .Stoney Creek Lawn Care, Ostrander with a bid of \$1.200.00 and Jo Har, Delaware with a bid of \$1,225.00.

Chas: Groom's has been in business for 5 years.

Sandra: Pro Turf since spring of 2008, 3 years.

Rodger: Stoney Creek Lawn Care, 18 months of professional experience in the lawn care. Jo Har was established in 1967.

Chas: Capabilities of Grooms at the present time we can trim and mow all 4 cemeteries in one day and the park the second day. Has Porter Township and Kingston Township as references.

Joe: Joe Bozzacco, don't believe I will waste any more of your time.

Rodger: You may withdraw if you would like and take your bid package with you.

Joe: I believe I will. Thank you.

Sandra went out to call a couple of references on Dale Grooms. I did get a hold of Steven Volpe from Kingston and he said he has done a good job for them. They have had him the last couple of years. Could not get a hold of anyone from Porter.

Rodger: I guess at this point you know, I hate to say no, but in interest of the Township dollars we don't have to spend elsewhere. I think you know, Grooms has put in the lowest bid by \$150.00 you know. I don't see a reason not to choose Grooms. Unless someone could come up with a reason not to.

Sandra: I'd like to try and keep our business in the Township if we can for our local businesses.

Rodger: I don't disagree, but, ugh.

Sandra: About \$200.00 difference?

Rodger: \$150.00 difference, typical mow season is probably being 26 mows. Talking about almost \$4,000.00 difference over the year.

Chas: I think the strike we have against Grooms; he is not here to represent himself. So we can ask questions.

?: I do know a little about him. I'm not going to say anything bad about him. I don't know his work. He rents the house from my father-in-law in Ashley. All I know he is a decent guy.

Chas: Paper work is in order.

Rodger: I see no reason not to. Ugh and you know, I know 2 other people who has put in bids and you know, they are close but you know, when you are talking \$4,000.00 worth of tax payers funds per year. Ugh.

Jerry Vining: Guess I'm going to ask a couple of questions. This guy is going to drive 30 miles one way, in order to do what he is saying he's going to bring 6 mowers. He has that capability to do that, 4 people, 6 mowers and trimming equipment?

Chas: Let's call Grooms. I'd like to know what equipment he does have.

Jerry: If he is going to mow all those cemeteries in one day, he will need 6 mowers.

Rodger: That's what he has put into the bid package. If you put that into a bid package you better be able to do it. If he is going to come out and mow all those cemeteries in one day he better have at least 6 people.

Jerry: I don't know, personally myself in my management skills, I believe I'd be asking for a list of equipment or something. Do you truly have the capability; 2 days a week do

you bring that much man power from Ashley to Ostrander to mow my cemeteries. That's the question I would ask.

Rodger: It's in the bid package that you have to provide all the equipment and take it home with you.

Jerry: I know what it says and also cost it out and I know what it cost to drive that many miles.

Rodger: I do too.

Jerry: I know what my bid would have been, driving 2 miles. That's what I would have bid driving 2 miles at 17%.

Chas: What is your plan as far as production?

Mike Kelley: Right now we have 2 mechanics. I'm going to bring on 2 additional people to assist with the mowing and then myself if needed. There will be 2½ of us. I could knock it out in a day, but I plan on 3 ½ days of mowing and that's with 2 ½ people. But all my equipment is brand new. If I would have a breakdown, I would not have equipment issues. The two people I am hiring are right here in the Township.

Sandra: I have Mr. Grooms on speaker phone and we are recording.

Chas: One of the questions we have, is you are in at the lowest bid, so we have to ask what your intentions are. How much equipment do you have and the time frame that type of stuff?

Dale: Right at the minute I have a Grasshopper with a 6 ft deck. I have a 3 ft walk behind mower, 2 brand new Echo weed eaters, blowers, hedge trimmer's ant hill blower and I am adding another Grasshopper 6 ft deck.

Chas: You would be equipped with 2 6 ft Grasshoppers?

Rodger: You realize there are spots between the tombstones you can't get a 6 ft deck?

Dale: Yes, I do, that's the reason for the 3 ft deck.

Chas: What kind of man power do you have?

Dale: I have a nephew that helps me and if I need extra help I've got several people I can call as needed when I need help and they would come and help me.

Rodger: You wouldn't have a problem, I think you stated in your bid package you would come in and now all 4 cemeteries in one day.

Dale: I believe I can. It would be pushing it. Three of them would be no problem at all.

Chas: Did you get a contract from Porter and Kingston yet?

Dale: Kingston has yet to put the bid out. Porter, I have not heard from. I think their meeting is tonight, but I'm not 100% sure.

Chas and Rodger: Okay.

Chas: Is there any reason why you didn't come to our open meeting for the opening of the bid packages tonight.

Dale: If you read the way it was set up in the bid packet none of the bidders were to have contact with any of you.

Rodger: Until tonight.

Dale: I asked the Clerk this morning and she wasn't sure and didn't think so. If you would have needed me all you had to do is call.

Chas: Just a question.

Rodger: You are confident you could go ahead and do those without any trouble?

Dale: Yes, cemeteries and park mowing like that is not new to me. I also did Delaware Career Center North Campus last year. Larger acreage mowing I am familiar with.

Sandra: The width you have is 6 ft?

Dale: Yes.

Chas: I don't have any other questions.

Sandra: You don't have regular staff, just your nephew and whom else you can pull together?

Dale: Like I said I have my nephew and if I need extra help I've got several, I've got another nephew, got two boys of my own who will jump in and help me if I need help. I know what you are thinking;" It should be a three man crew." We have never been where we needed a three man crew.

Rodger: So, I think you will be hopping to try and get them all done in one day. You know, but you know, maybe 2 or 2 ½ in one day would be pushing it and finish the cemeteries the next day, may be realistic. But I'm not going to doubt your word. I've

never seen you work, so you know, you may go full bore all day and get it done in one day. I don't, I'm not going to question your word on that. We will see how that works out if we go ahead with the bid tonight.

Dale: If it takes 2 ½ days it takes 2 ½ days. Once I start you I won't stop until I am done.

Rodger: Okay.

Dale: I do realize we are to stop mowing at 5:00 p.m. The thing that will help me with you is I do the Waste Water Plant for the Village of Ostrander.

Rodger: You cut that? I didn't know that.

Dale: Yes, I do.

Sandra: So moving your equipment over here from Ashley is no problem?

Dale: No.

Chas: Very good.

Rodger: Everything sounds good, will give you a call back in a little while. Appreciate your time.

Dale: No problem. Thank you.

Rodger: He is willing to back off the 1 day mowing. The contracts for Porter and Kingston have not been awarded.

Jerry: I didn't think they have.

Chas: He also does the sewer plant here in Ostrander at the present time.

Rodger: We would have you all in there on the conference call but it would have gotten very crowded.

Sandra: I have a couple of question: Rock Creek is that---

Rodger: Stoney Creek.

Sandra: Stoney Creek, sorry, do you have a delegated crew for mowing or just pick up people as you can?

Mike Kelley: I have one dedicated full time this past couple of years and I usually pick up a high school kid. That's the way it has been in the past. But I'll probably go with 2 full times. The 2<sup>nd</sup> guy would be full time and myself and I'd be the half.

Sandra: Jo Har

Mark Halter: We usually have 2 crews. Our plan was to start out with 2 and maybe go to 3. We do a fair amount of commercial around Delaware. We have PPG for 4 of 5 years. That's largest client.

Chas: Rodger, I realize the savings that Grooms has got, but after speaking to him too, his employees are all family based and he's got one nephew working and can pull help in as needed. Does not mean you are on payroll.

Rodger: I agree.

Sandra: It doesn't have to be a formal company, but still ---

Chas: What do you mean?

Sandra: As far as you have that many employees and they are there every day and all that stuff. I'm just not really happy the way he explained the way things were. I've got my son, no my nephew.

Chas: He's got one 6 ft Grasshopper right now.

Rodger: He said two.

Chas: He's got 1 right now. 2 if he gets more bids. What if one of those two goes down? That's my reservation.

Sandra: What kind of equipment do you have?

Mike Kelley: Everything. Honestly, if I wanted to say literally, I have 25 zero turn mowers out there at my disposal. The company uses demos from the previous year. Stoney Creek will be using demos from the previous year. We always have 2 or 3 of those. At the end of the season when they will sell them off and bring in new ones again. So during to the course of the year there will always be equipment available.

Sandra: Any trouble getting in between the tombstones?

Mike: I've got 48, 52, 60, 72 inch and I have a new super weed eater that I am interested in using. Instead of the physical weed eaters that gets the pattern. I actually have one that will do a 28 inch swatch. Kind of interesting. I have never personally used it but I want to see it. It is a string trimmer and it is hand held. It's a hand held string trimmer. But it

is a monster. I'm kind of anxious to use it. I think it will work around the tombstones when you can do a 28 inch swath, you can do an awesome job out there.

Sandra: Getting up around the tombstones is kind of a problem.

Mike: I don't want to get 6 inches and count on that mower to get the rest. I want to be comfortable.

Chas: We had to replace one base last year. A \$500.00 bill for just one base.

Sandra: Jo Har, what kind of---

Mark Halter: We have 3 zero turns right now. Also 2 18 inches and a 36 inch walk behind. This will probably be good in the cemeteries.

Chas: What is the zero turn's width size?

Mark: 60 inches.

Chas: 60 inches – 5 foot.

Mark: Yes, we are fully prepared to purchase more if needed.

Sandra: What's your man power like?

Mark: We usually have 7 or 8 during the summer between mowing and landscaping and we have a lot of people who have worked for us in the past who are always calling us. They have experience. We have a full line of guys if we need them for that purpose. We have a set number of guys for the work we have them we rely on our backup. So with our full time guys we have, we should be able to employ and what we have coming in we would be able to do Scioto.

Rodger: I think you gave us your information earlier.

Pro-Turf, Bob Harris II: No, not me.

Rodger: Well, then it is your turn.

Bob: I have one guy dedicated and another guy to pick up if I get this job. Usually if I need extra help I have a guy I can call. I have another guy that if I were awarded the bid That he would have the job. I've got 3 guys and myself and 2 other guys. One guy I can call on any time if needed. He does not work he is retired. My equipment, I have a 72 inch base lined up if I need it. I have a 60, 52, 48 inch.

Rodger: The only one we haven't heard from yet is you.

Buckeye Landscape-Kevin McIntyre: I'm out of this.

Rodger: I didn't want you to feel left out.

Chas: Any input from American Tree?

American Tree- Walter Halle: What kind of input do you want?

Chas: Opinion.

Walter: Oh, I don't know, I don't have any opinion.

Sandra: Where are you out of?

Walter: Richwood.

Rodger: You aren't the one doing Magnetic Springs Cemetery are you? Mar Dell.

Walter: No.

Rodger: Someone from Richwood is doing that.

Sandra: Maple Dell.

Chas: What is the full budget amount?

Rodger: The full budget amount at the present is \$33,500.00.

Jerry: That was based on 30 mows?

Rodger: That is what we put into the Appropriation Budget. Now we can adjust that up or down a little bit here and there.

Chas: Mike, we are willing to work with us as far as cutting on a needed basis?

Mike: I think the advantage we have got, there is going to be times when these cemeteries are going to be real active and then there are times you want to mow, but you are not going too. I follow that pattern very close and know where not to be at what time. I don't know if that's an advantage but if something is going on at Fairview, you are not going to be there today. In preparation you go the day before and make sure it looks darn nice.

Chas: That and you pass one everyday going back and forth to work.

Mike: I pass almost all of them. I pass 3 of the 4 everyday. We also have 2 full time mechanics on top of that. If I do have a break down, I can jump on a machine and go.

Yes, very willing to work with you.

Rodger: Other than your personnel and with Groom's, I don't, you know. I can't fault anyone person in this room on their personnel issue. Jo Har you probably use a lot of high school kids during the summer.

Jo Har: Some.

Rodger: You might have a couple experienced people there you might bring in somebody else.

Mike: I already do know who they are. I didn't know if you wanted me to mention they were here.

Jerry: Now, do you have an idea?

Rodger: No.

Jerry: Do you want me to mention his name?

Rodger: No.

Jerry: Okay, won't say then.

Sandra: I like the idea of our park looking like a golf course.

Rodger: That, ugh, you know, I'm not going to fault anyone on their personnel choice. I think whomever gets the contract will staff appropriately.

Chas: What about staffing equipment appropriately?

Rodger: That once the contract is awarded, it's theirs. Would anyone in this room have a problem if we had an issue with the bidder, coming in and standing by their bid at some point during the summer?

Sandra: They may have taken on other clients by now.

Rodger: That's why I am asking.

Mike: I've got bids out at Buckeye Valley and at Concord as well. They will be awarded in the next couple of weeks.

Jerry: So the question you are asking is what's the risk?

Rodger: Yes.

Jerry: Pretty simple.

Rodger: The risk is, anybody can go under you know, somebody can get hurt, hopefully not, but ---

Mike: I don't mean to interrupt you, but I'm local, these other guys are local as well, but having local people whose income and tax dollars are staying in the township, I know that part independently at this standing moment out there that does indicate that local people would probably in the big circular way put about \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 of those dollars in taxes right back into Scioto Township. Where as an outsider would not necessary do that.

Rodger: Well I could understand that with Buckeye Landscaping, they're down more to Columbus, bigger competitor of yours than any of the other bidders. For the most part Mike, you are Scioto Township, Delaware County. Jo Har, you are Delaware City, Delaware County. Actually you are Radnor Township.

Jo Har: I'm not sure.

Rodger: I think you are in Radnor Township; Groom's is Ashley, what's their Township?

Sandra: Oxford Township, Ashley Village, Delaware County.

Rodger: You are Richwood. American Tree?

Bob: Morrow County, Marengo.

Mike: Whomever you award this contract, have you been out looking at the grass, you are going to be out there mowing within 10 days.

Sandra: Suppose to snow.

Rodger: It's supposed to get cold.

Mike: Whomever you award this to needs to be ready. It's going to happen quickly.

Rodger: What do you think?

Chas: I think we need to put them in 1-2-3 order and see how we come out.

Rodger: I've got 1-2-3-4. The question on number 1 would be staffing and equipment.

Chas: Shouldn't be any question.

Rodger: According to the bid package they said they could do it. 2-3-4 are real close regardless.

Jerry: That tells you something right there.

Chas: Yes.

Rodger: Yes.

Sandra: They are on the mark.

Jerry: That tells you there are some professionals in the room and went out and done a good job.

Chas: Rodger, who did you have for number 1?

Rodger: I had low bidder, Grooms. Then Stoney Creek, and tossup between Pro Turf and Jo Har.

Chas: Okay.

Rodger: Now of the group, I personally know Harold Rittenhouse. I know what kind of a gentleman he is and I know what he expects from his employees. I know Mr. Kelly personally and I know Ostrander Implement. Mr. Grooms says he knows or seen me before. I can't put a face to the name. He was married to one of the Lavender girls.

Jerry: Oh yeah, Phyllis the one originally lived in Ostrander and now in Radnor.

Rodger: I think the ones that lived on Houseman Road.

Chas: Sandra, who do you have?

Sandra: I have, Stoney Creek as first, Jo Har as second, Pro Turf as third. I'm not comfortable with Grooms. Don't feel he can do what he says. I'm just not comfortable with it.

Chas: I have, Stoney Creek, Jo Har and Grooms. I'd love to take the low bidder, but my gut feeling just won't let me. I'll say this, if you are willing to take all the calls. That means all of them then I'd go with Grooms. That puts you in charge of all the cemeteries.

Sandra: You don't want to upset old people.

Fiscal Officer: Can I get answering service on my phone.

Chas: Just call forwarding – RODGER.

Fiscal Officer: The cemeteries have been so great the last 2 or 3 years. The residents have called and expressed what a fine job, keep it up, they look marvelous. I don't want them to go backwards.

Rodger: I don't either.

Fiscal Officer: The way they were before, to me, it was embarrassing. I've got all my family here and it is embarrassing to go out there and have to stop pull weeds before you can even get up to the monument. We haven't had to do that the last 2 or 3 years.

Sandra: The people that have been doing it are vested in the community.

Fiscal Officer: They care, not saying no one cares.

Sandra: It's their family also.

Chas: Bring Junior on board last year really stepped up the quality quite a bit.

Jerry: He did a fantastic job. He did the right thing no matter what else was going on he did the right thing. Those kinds of people are hard to find. I don't know where he is working right now.

Chas: That man was out there on his own time blowing off the tombstones with his own blower because there was grass on them.

Jerry: Went with me the first time and said this is what I want done. If there is grass on or around them I want it cleaned off. He had a thing made up to get rid of the grass and make it look nice. Okay, that's what I will do.

Chas: So being said, what's your vote?

Rodger: I will go along with the majority. We have got to have a reason not to go with Grooms and the feeling that he's not ready to take on this type of commitment

Chas: I just don't think his capability isn't there right now. He only has 16 ft mower and looking to get another one.

Sandra: Doing the cemetery in Porter and cemetery in Kingston isn't like getting out there and doing the entire park.

Chas: Don't know how many they have either.

Rodger: I don't know, can't answer that.

Chas: having 4 cemeteries is.

Sandra: I know, at least 1 in each of those Townships.

Mike: There is going to be times you are going to want to go 12 mph. If a car goes by and sees you going 12 mph, they are going to call somebody.

Sandra: Yeah, they are going to call her! (Fiscal Officer)

Rodger: If you are mowing the back end of Newhouse Cemetery its wide open back there that's not a big a deal.

Mike: That's different.

Rodger: If mowing the park and going 12 mph your mower isn't bouncing all over going down through there and it's not leaving a big mess, go for it. I can't see you doing it. I don't know of very many lawns around here you can actually go 12 mph.

Chas: Motion to award Stoney Creek the Township Cemeteries and Park in lieu of seeing the Workers Comp form.

Mike: I'll take it off the wall and make a copy and bring it in.

Rodger: That's all we need. I'll second the motion.

Fiscal Officer: Vote please? Sandra: Start with those two. Chas: Yes, Rodger: Yes. Sandra: I'm going to abstain but only because both of his sons were in my Scout Troup and I don't want anyone to say I was showing favoritism toward the kids that I really liked.

Chas: Fair enough.

Rodger: We really appreciate all of you coming in and bidding. Things were close on the lower 4 bidders

Chas: Pro Turf and Jo Har you were within \$5.00 of each other. An advantage Mike has is that he doesn't have to travel.

Jo Har: We are about 5 miles. He lives in the Township and we respect that. We don't have a problem with that.

Rodger: This coming season we'll be bidding again. This is a one year contract.

Mike: Next year or do it this fall and do a two year contract. Get started about November or December.

Rodger: We'll be a little further on the ball the next time.

Sandra: This is a result of working on the budget and trying to cut costs.

Rodger: Other than that, I really appreciate it.

Sandra: Thank you for coming out.

Chas: We have made our decision; Mike Kelly is here representing Stoney Creek. It's been awarded to Stoney Creek.

Rodger: We can execute at this point.

Sandra: All the checks have been returned to the parties that were here. The only thing we do need is ask Mr. Kelly is for a breakdown of his bill for the park and cemeteries.

Chas: And his worker's comp.

Rodger: We need to make sure Mike has his bill broken down to as show how much is for the park and total for the cemeteries. There is \$24,000.00 available for the cemeteries and \$9,500.00 for the park. That's right between those and if we need extra in between--. If it's 25 mows it's \$30,000.00 and if it's 30 mows it's \$36,000.00.

Sandra: What do we have?

Chas & Rodger: \$33,500.00.

Chas: We are in line.

Jerry: You'll end up with 22 mows max probably. If you keep up with it and don't get pulled off of it. Last year the way the man power worked out, as it dropped out you got behind. If you don't get behind that 3<sup>rd</sup> July mow you'll drop. You'll drop 2 in August, 2 in September and 2 in October.

Rodger: If we have a typical summer.

Jerry: Yeah, unless it just totally bonkers you should be well under that I would think. The key is not to get behind.

Chas: Key is to keep up with it at first.

Rodger: I don't feel uncomfortable leaving the contract as it is. The only other thing and I think we put it in the budget, appropriation budget. Doesn't it need to be done by the end of the month?

Chas: Did you have a chance to look at the budget?

Sandra: Tight at grandma's girdle.

Rodger: In that budget we need to take out \$5,000.00 out of 4901-760-700 and move it to Contracts in the General Fund 1000-330-360.

Chas: Reason?

Rodger: The salt bill came in and we are already \$384.09 over budget on contracts and pulling from Permissive, Road and Bridge and General Fund. I know I've said something to Jim and Gary and I believe you've said something to them. Any purchase needs to be scrutinized very carefully over the year. Gary wanted light bulbs and I told him I thought I'd seen some down at Houston Street over the top of the microwave or up in the attic. I asked him to check and don't know if he has.

Chas: We need to shop thrifty. I know you have been doing that with office supplies. I think we have that down pretty decent.

Chas: I spoke to Jim and Gary personally about cutting out their paid lunch. They both agreed it was a fair idea. We'll give them another half hour each day starting April 1<sup>st</sup>. They both have agreed if there was any time, they both agreed and appreciate their job, there was some mention possible volunteer lay off if we had to. They both agreed they'd be apt to taking time off if there wasn't anything going on in their own accord.

Sandra: So they wouldn't be taking vacations, sick time?

Chas: No, vacation time that is due to Jim Bennett, it's not final yet, but he is willing to take himself off the health plan and go back on Linda's at no extra cost to us. He does not have eye or dental. If he wants those 2 items, since that is a separate company he is going to save us \$700.00 and some dollars a month. I've got to hand it to him it's a savings for us. Then again we don't have that \$3,000.00 to set aside in HRA for him. That money I'd like to set aside for his vacation time. So that we've got that money available. I think he will start pulling vacation time if he is not working. I want that made available. I think Susie was going to check with Esther on that.

Sandra: I appreciate both guys are willing to work with us on that and make sure they have jobs.

Chas: We would like to keep their jobs.

Rodger: I think any lay off would be a last resort item. We have no funds available for any road projects at all NOTHING.

Sandra: That's if we take the OPWC.

Rodger: The OPWC grant we cannot fund.

Chas: We have got nothing!

Rodger: That \$5,000.00 we moved -----

Sandra: We can't do the loan thing?

Chas: That's not out of the question. The loan, it's the only way we are going to do it short of getting down on my knees and pleading with the Commissioners for help. I haven't spoken personally to Chris Bauserman yet.

Sandra: He's waiting to hear from you.

Rodger: The conversation I had with him they are not willing to fund our part, they can't, legally they can't, and it would show favoritism to a certain Township. They are not looking to add no road miles. He didn't know about my zero interest loans. But he would ask the Commissioners to help us. He was going to ask Chris Betts about the loan.

Chas: They'd rather keep it here instead of going any place else also. He'd like to see improvement on the County roads.

Sandra: Eldon has been working on him advocating for us big time.

Rodger: The other portion is that the project estimate went from \$603,000.00 to \$626,000.00 plus. Which would mean our portion if we got what we asked for would be another \$22,000.00 in addition to our original \$55,000.00.

Chas: Isn't that based on per capita?

Rodger: Our original estimate was, we were going to come up with \$55,000.00 to get it below the \$500,000.00 mark. The County would come up with \$50,000.00. That was a little bit of cushion in there for the rest of it. Then they jumped it from \$603,000.00 to \$626,000.00 plus.

Chas: Maybe the work will come in lower because people are hungry now too. Hope they bid it out correctly.

Rodger: The dollar amount per mile on chip and seal this year is approximately \$10,000.00.

Chas: That's crazy. I know all materials went up but still that's crazy.

Sandra: We aren't going to chip and seal any roads?

Rodger: We've got money to do nothing. We can't even do the culvert over on Warren Road.



