

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 404, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Hoselton, Members Caisley, Cavallini, Soeldner, McIntyre and Wollrab

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, Mr. Bill Wasson, Director of Administrative Services, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer

Others Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer, Highway Department, Ms. Michelle Anderson, Financial Reporting Specialist, County Auditor's Office

Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first item for action is approval of the minutes from the March 3, 2009, March 13, 2009 and March 17, 2009 meetings.

Mr. McIntyre pointed out that the minutes of the March 17, 2009 Stand Up meeting reflect that he voted "no" on the approval of the allocation of \$1,000,000.00 from the Bloomington-Normal Urbanized Area Sub-Allocation (STU) to the Towanda Overpass project over Interstate 55 and the allocation of \$576,520.00 from the County Sub-Area Allocation (STR) to the Horse Farm Road project and the allocation of \$25,000.00 from the County Sub-Area Allocation (STR) to the City of Chenoa Bike Trail. He stated that the vote was combined and in fact he only voted "no" on allocation of \$25,000.00 from the County Sub-Area Allocation (STR) to the City of Chenoa Bike Trail. The minutes will be corrected to reflect the correct vote.

Mr. Caisley commended Mr. Phil Dick, Director of Building and Zoning, and Mr. Schmitt, County Engineer for coordinating the field trip.

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Motion by Cavallini/Wollrab to recommend approval of the minutes from the March 3, 2009, March 13, 2009 and March 17, 2009 meetings of the Transportation Committee.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for March 31, 2009. The prepaid total for March 31, 2009 is \$466,853.48.

Mr. Cavallini questioned a payment to Z-Medical under office supplies. Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer, stated that the department recently updated the office first aid kits. The medical supplies and first aid kits carried in the vehicles are replaced approximately every 2 years.

Chairman Hoselton asked for clarification of the educational classes. Mr. Schmitt explained that two new employees attended the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Documentation classes. This class trains the new employees on the IDOT bookkeeping requirements for construction projects.

Mr. Soeldner referred to the purchase of right of way. He asked if this expense is for the actual purchase of right of way or is this expense for the engineer's costs. Mr. Schmitt responded that this is for the surveying of the right of way plats for the Dawson Lake Road. Ms. Wollrab asked for a brief overview of the \$6,500 in overtime pay. Mr. Schmitt stated that the overtime is to cover the expense of responding to the winter storms on the weekends. He informed the Committee that the County's salt supply is in good shape.

2009 Non-MFT Construction Sections:

McLean County Sec 07-00161-01-BR Gridley Bridge – Gridley Rd (CH29)

The successful bidder on the above section was:

HJ Eppel & Co, Inc \$358,791.48
1400 Tuesburg Ct, Pontiac, IL 61764

Motion by Caisley/Cavallini to recommend approval of the Resolution and Letting results from the March 31, 2009 County 2009 MFT Maintenance Section.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that the next action items are the three resolutions concerning the Horse Farm Road, - CH 21 – Section 07-00058-06-WR.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the Local Agency Agreement supersedes the previous TARP agreement for the Horse Farm Road project. Now that we are using the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds, the two agreements have been combined. The division of costs is:

- ARRA funds \$576,520
- State funds \$156,900
- IDOT funds \$ 86,580

Mr. Schmitt noted that the Horse Farm Road project will be on the July 31, 2009 State letting. When there are Federal Funds involved, the project is required to go through a State letting. He informed the Committee that the County will do the engineering in house on the Horse Farm Road project.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) resolution of \$50,000 and the Matching Tax resolution of \$60,000. He noted that the two resolutions cover more than the \$86,580. The difference is to cover payroll for the project. Mr. Schmitt stated that a State letting typically takes about one month (August 31, 2009) to get the contracts awarded. The actual construction will begin approximately two to three weeks after the contracts are awarded. The road will be open to one lane traffic.

Motion by Soeldner/Wollrab to recommend approval of the Horse Farm Road, CH 21 Sec – 07-00058-06-WR LA Agreement for Federal Participation, the Motor Fuel Tax Resolution, and the Matching Tax Resolution.
Motion carried.

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Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is the Towanda I-55 Overpass – CH 29 – Section 05-00071-04-RS.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the County Highway Resolution and the Matching Tax Resolution. The local funds designated for the Towanda Overpass are:

- County Highway Tax \$205,000
- County Matching Tax \$550,000

The MFT Tax resolution was passed in 2006. The Local Agency Agreement was passed at the March 17, 2009 Stand Up Committee meeting.

Motion by Cavallini/McIntyre to recommend approval of the Towanda I-55 Overpass, CH 29 Sec 05-00071-04-RS County Highway Tax Resolution and the County Matching Tax Resolution
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the last item for action is the Martin Road District Joint Culvert Petition – 1975 North Road.

Mr. Schmitt pointed out the drainage structure located at 1975N, 900' West of Winget Dr., Colfax, IL. on the map. He stated that Martin Road district has petitioned for the County's half of the funds, \$7,400. The project cost is estimated at \$14,800. Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of the Bridge Construction Petition.

Motion by Caisley/Soeldner to recommend approval of the Martin Road District Joint Culvert Petition – 1975 North Road.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that the first item for Information is the Project Summary on the Emergency Generator.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Emergency Generator project is complete and final payment has been made. He stated that the Generator is tested weekly.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the East Side Highway Study. He distributed the final report to the Committee for review. The Public Hearing will be scheduled in May or June. It was suggested that the County wait until the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal hold their Public Hearing.

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Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that the Department has received the settlement offer of \$5,776.06 from Nationwide Insurance for the 2001 Dodge ¾ ton pickup truck that was lost as a result of the February 9, 2009 accident on the Towanda Overpass. He stated that originally the 2009 adopted budget included the replacement of two pickup trucks. It was decided not to purchase the replacement vehicles because of the economic downturn. Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that the department has reviewed their operational needs and the replacement of the totaled pickup truck is necessary. The anticipated cost of the replacement is \$24,000 minus the settlement of \$5,766, leaving a balance of \$18,224. An April 29, 2009 letting would bring the results through the May County Board cycle for approval.

Mr. Caisley asked if it is possible to buy this pickup truck on the State bid. Mr. Schmitt responded that other dealers throughout the State are able to supply the truck at a cost of \$250 over the State bid. By purchasing locally, it is more convenient to have the truck serviced.

The Committee concurred with the Highway Department's plan to replace the pickup truck.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be May 5, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary