

## Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, December 1, 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. Terry Lindberg, County Administrator, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer;

Others Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer, Mr. Michael Brown, Director of the Ecology Action Center, Ms. Michelle Anderson, County Auditor

Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. He stated that the first item for action is approval of the minutes from the November 3, 2009 meeting.

Motion by Caisley / Cavallini to recommend approval of the minutes from the November 3, 2009 meeting of the Transportation Committee.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for November, 2009. The prepaid total is \$275,915.89.

Motion by Soeldner / Caisley to recommend payment of the November, 2009 bills as submitted by the County Auditor. Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton noted that the first item for action will be item C on the agenda, the Storm Water Education Program Services between the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal, McLean County, Bloomington-Normal Water Reclamation District and the Ecology Action Center.

Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer, informed the Committee that this agreement is part of the MS4 Permit, required through the IEPA (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency). The 5 year permit requires an Educational Outreach Program. The County is being added to the current contract between the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal, Bloomington-Normal Water Reclamation District and the Ecology Action Center.

Mr. Michael Brown, Director of the Ecology Action Center, stated that the purpose of the Storm Water program is to educate the general public on the issue of storm water runoff contamination which threatens our local and national water supplies. Storm water runoff is a major source of clean water pollution in the United States. He stated that the Center presents a clean water program to educate 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms through out the County. Adult public outreach is done through:

- Promoting informational displays at local events.
- The Storm Drain Stenciling program which goes into areas with storm sewer systems to spray paint a clean water message. They also distribute informational door hanger.
- The Yard Smart Program which promotes the usage of fewer pesticides and promotes the usage of composts and organic pesticides.
- The Rain Barrel Program which helps prevent storm water runoff by capturing storm water on sites for reuse.
- Create and maintain McLean County Watersheds Forum website.

Mr. Brown noted that the Ecology Action Center also has drop off sites for the proper disposal of pharmaceuticals.

Ms. Wollrab asked if the Committee will receive the reports referred to in the agreement. Mr. Schmitt responded that the reports are received by the Highway Department and submitted annually to the IEPA.

Mr. Soeldner asked if the varying impact to the water supply determined the difference in payments. Mr. Schmitt responded that the MS4 Permit is mainly centered on the urbanized area. Only a small amount is in the County, determining the smaller share of costs.

Ms. Wollrab commented that this is a much needed project and that she is pleased the County is participating.

Chairman Hoselton asked if educating the farmers is part of this program. Mr. Brown answered that this contract focuses more on the educating the general public and residents. He noted that the NRCS (National Resources Conservation Service) is doing similar efforts towards the farming community.

Mr. Cavallini asked if the Ecology Action Center will speak to social clubs and other organizations. Mr. Brown responded that any opportunity they receive, they will come and speak.

Mr. Caisley noted that the City of Bloomington will enter into this contract but then their storm water is emptied into the sanitary sewer system. This increases the cost of the Bloomington-Normal Water Reclamation District. He pointed out that if the City of Bloomington is going to continue to put storm water into a combined storm and sanitary sewer system, the City should be paying a surcharge for the cost of treating the water. This would not have to be done if the City of Bloomington had separate storm and sanitary drains. Mr. Caisley advised that the Town of Normal has separated their storm sewers and sanitary drains and the City of Bloomington should do the same.

Chairman Hoselton thanked Mr. Brown for the informative presentation.

Motion by Soeldner / Wollrab to recommend approval of the Agreement for Storm Water Education Program Services between the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal, McLean County, Bloomington-Normal Water Reclamation District and the Ecology Action Center.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item to be presented for action is the Local Agency Agreement Federal Participation Sec 01-00001-01-BT – Bike Trail – Shirley to Fox Creek Road. He noted that the total project cost is \$1,800,000 with the County's share being \$360,000.

Mr. Schmitt advised that, all Federal projects require an intergovernmental agreement to allocate the funding. He pointed out that the \$360,000 will be shared with the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal and the villages of McLean, Towanda, Lexington and Chenoa. The County's share of the \$360,000 will be \$85,000. The County is currently paying for the Engineering of the project and will be credited their share on the construction cost. The cost percentages are:

- County 23%
- City of Bloomington 46%
- Town of Normal 32%
- Smaller Municipalities less than 1%

Mr. Cavallini noted that at some points on the bike trail the interstate and Old Route 66 are very close. Mr. Schmitt stated that, at some points, there is a five foot gravel shoulder separating the 10 foot wide bike trail from the interstate.

Ms. Wollrab asked if it is the local highway authority's responsibility to maintain and replace any bridges. Mr. Schmitt clarified that the responsibility is only for the building and maintenance of the Bike trail, not the highway itself. He pointed out that the reason for the addendum is because the bike trail is being built on State right-of-way.

Motion by Caisley / McIntyre to recommend approval of the Local Agency Agreement Federal Participation Sec 01-00001-01-BT – Bike Trail – Shirley to Fox Creek Road.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is a No Parking Resolution – County Highway 53 (West Street) Village of Danvers.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the Department had a request from the Village of Danvers to post No Parking signs from North Street to the edge of town. He stated that residents have been parking there full time and it is creating some concerns for safety. The statute does allow the posting of no parking signs for safety reasons. The posting will be consistent with what is posted in Hudson.

Mr. Soeldner asked if the no parking will have an effect on any local businesses. Mr. Schmitt answered that there is only one business on the north edge of town, however this business has its own parking access.

Mr. Caisley asked if the people parking along the street have been contacted. Mr. Schmitt responded that letters have been sent to the resident. The resident has offered no cooperation. He noted that the Village of Danvers will enforce the no parking zone.

Motion by McIntyre / Wollrab to recommend approval of the Resolution – No Parking – CH 53 (West Street) Village of Danvers.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is the Engineering Agreement – Scour Evaluations and Plans-of-Action – Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc (HLR).

Mr. Schmitt pointed out that as part of the National Bridge Inspection (NBIS) standards, all Township and County bridges are inspected on a 2-4 year cycle. The bridges are rated on different conditions. One of these ratings that has become important recently is the Scour condition, the washing away of the dirt,

which can potentially cause the bridge to collapse. The Scour Evaluation ratings now require a plan of action. The County had 39 bridges which potentially need a plan of action. He noted that two plans of action have been completed in house, 32 bridges have been eliminated from the plan of action and their rating changed because rip rap was installed on the banks to protect the slopes in the 1990's. Mr. Schmitt stated that there are five larger bridges left with sandy gravel bottoms that require an engineering evaluation. At the same time they will either recommend counter measures to protect the bridge or a plan of action to implement monitoring of the bridge.

Ms. Wollrab asked why the engineering evaluation is being outsourced. Mr. Schmitt explained that these 5 bridges are large structures that require a structural engineer. The County does not have a structural engineer on staff.

Chairman Hoselton stated that bridges are the number one concern in the country now and it is important to continue to do a good job and be prepared. Mr. Schmitt noted that recently the Federal Highway Administration and IDOT did an audit on the County's bridge inspection process. The County received a good evaluation.

Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that the cost will be based on hours, dependant on the evaluation and if counter measures need to be done.

Motion by Cavallini / Caisley to recommend approval of Engineering Agreement – Scour Evaluations and Plans-of-Action – Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc (HLR).  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that the next items to be presented are Items of Information. The first item is a status report on the Towanda Overpass – Sec 05-00071-04-RS.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the contractor has completed the placement of the north bound pavement. Mr. Schmitt stated that if the weather holds out and the striping can be completed, the project will be opened for traffic this week.

Mr. Schmitt continued with a report on Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Revenue. He stated that the Department has received eleven Motor Fuel Tax Allotments in 2009. The allotment received for November, 2009 was \$143,058.10. He stated that the average allotment received for the eleven months in 2009 is \$180,537.60 per month. The shortfall to date is \$22,878.15 per month for a total of \$251,659.65, 11.25% below the fiscal year 2009 budget estimate. Mr. Schmitt

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pointed out that the Department is finding ways to cut back cost to help cover this shortfall. Mr. Schmitt will continue to keep the Committee informed of Motor Fuel Revenue on a monthly basis.

Chairman Hoselton stated that, at this time, there is a recommendation for the Committee to go into Executive Session – Personnel Matters.

Motion by Cavallini/McIntyre to go into  
Executive Session to discuss Personnel  
Matters.  
Motion Carried.

The Committee went into Executive Session at 8:45 a.m.

The Committee returned to Open Session at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Terry Lindberg, County Administrator, noted that after the Executive Session, he will meet with the County Engineer to review comments of the Committee during the Executive Session. He asked for approval of the 2010 County Engineer MFT Appropriating Resolution.

Motion by Soeldner / McIntyre to recommend  
approval of the 2010 County Engineer MFT  
Appropriating Resolution.  
Motion carried.

Mr. Caisley asked the status of the salt supply. Mr. Schmitt responded that the department entered the summer with a full shed of salt. He noted that with the start of the winter months the County is in good shape.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn  
Recording Secretary