

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 404, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Bass, Members Hoselton, Baggett, Dean, Cavallini and Caisley

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator

Department Heads Present: Mr. Jack Mitchell, County Engineer

Others Present: Mr. Eric Schmitt, Assistant County Engineer; Ms. Christine Brauer, Member, Regional Planning Commission; Ms. Jennifer Sicks, Transportation Planner, Regional Planning Commission

Chairman Bass called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Chairman Bass asked the Committee to review the bills from December, 2006 and advised that Mr. Jack Mitchell, County Engineer, would address any questions that the Committee may have.

Mr. Cavallini asked why there is a payment to United Rentals. Mr. Mitchell responded that this was for the rental of a lift.

Mr. Hoselton asked if the Highway Department compares prices for all suppliers so that they can be certain that they are getting the most inexpensive supplies. Mr. Mitchell asked what in particular Mr. Hoselton is referring to. Mr. Hoselton responded that he was referring to all supplies. Mr. Mitchell replied that the Highway Department takes quotes from all known vendors for supplies in excess of \$1,000.00.

Mr. Caisley asked if all of the County's Motor Fuel requirements could be put out for bid annually. Mr. Zeunik replied that the all the vehicles budgeted in the General Fund are consolidated into one bid annually. The Highway Department follows the same process with the vehicles that are not used as heavy equipment vehicles. Mr. Caisley asked what about the fuel for all of the vehicles. Mr. Zeunik responded that the Highway Department bids for the diesel fuel and bio-diesel that the department uses. For all other fuel, the County has an agreement

with the City of Bloomington which allows the County to use the City's fuel pumps to refill its vehicles for less than the pump price.

Motion by Hoselton/Cavallini to recommend payment of the December, 2006 bills as submitted by the County Auditor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bass stated that he neglected to ask for approval of the December 5, 2006 minutes of the Transportation Committee. He asked for a motion.

Motion by Caisley/Dean to recommend approval of the Minutes from the December 5, 2006 Transportation Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Bass stated that the first item for action on the agenda is consideration of the letting results from a December 27, 2006 letting for County and Township projects. Mr. Mitchell informed the Committee that they have a copy of the bid tab and the proposed Resolution that will be considered by the County Board on January 16, 2007. This letting is the purchase of materials for County and Township projects that will be utilized throughout the year. All bids are accepted subject to availability and mileage. The mileage is figured at \$.15 per ton mile. The Highway Department then figures which location would be the most economical to purchase materials for each particular project. Mr. Mitchell went through each section, explaining to the Committee which product each vendor would provide. These bids include the stockpile materials.

Mr. Caisley asked if the stockpiled products were loaded onto County trucks.

Mr. Mitchell responded when purchasing stockpiling material, the cost includes the price of the product, hauling of the material and dumping it on to the County's site. County Highway staff load the materials on County trucks.

Mr. Mitchell stated that he would be glad to address any other questions that the Committee may have.

Mr. Dean asked why all companies did not submit bids in all categories. Mr. Mitchell responded that he could not answer that question. He mentioned that he advertises all lettings and proposed projects both with the Illinois Department of Transportation and the local newspaper. Any contractor and/or vendor who wishes to bid at any letting is welcome to do so.

Motion by Dean/Hoselton to recommend approval
of the Letting Results from a December 27, 2006
Letting for County and Township Projects.
Motion carried.

Chairman Bass asked Mr. Mitchell to present the project summary to the Committee.

Mr. Mitchell gave an update on each of the following projects:

1. Horizon Wind Farm Resurfacing - Resurfacing was done on County Highways 21, 17 and 15 in order to accommodate for the wind farm construction. Paperwork is done and the project is complete.
2. Old Route 150 Bridge Replacement - This project is complete. Mr. Baggett commented that the Highway Department did a very good job on this project.
3. City of Chenoa, Letcher Street Joint Culvert - This project is complete. The project is billed 50/50, the City of Chenoa and the Highway Department sharing responsibility equally. Mr. Hoselton asked why this project ended up 21% over budget. Mr. Mitchell responded that the original estimate did not contain the *day labor*. He apologized for the Highway Department's oversight.
4. LeRoy School Road Resurfacing - This project is complete.

Mr. Mitchell informed the Committee that the minutes from the December 8, 2006 East Side Highway Steering Committee were included in the Committee's packet for their information. The Steering Committee will be meeting monthly. The next meeting will be held on January 12, 2007 in Room 404 of the Government Center.

Mr. Dean asked who are the entities on the enclosed time line. Mr. Mitchell responded that HDR and Huff & Huff are co-consultants. Clark Dietz is the primary consultant on this project. HDR will assist with the *Contact Sensitive Solutions* portion of the project, data collection, the stakeholders and the project purpose. Huff & Huff will assist with some data collection, project purpose and the environmental aspect of the project.

Mr. Dean asked who is "AGC". Mr. Zeunik responded that AGC is the Al Chalibi Group. Mr. Zeunik stated that AGC is will be assisting with the demographic collection and projections regarding the demographic information.

Mr. Hoselton asked if Mr. Mitchell could provide the Committee with a list of the contractors, contacts, and their responsibilities. Mr. Hoselton asked if he could get copies of the any pertinent information regarding the current East Side Study. Mr. Mitchell responded that he would be happy to provide that information for Mr. Hoselton. Mr. Dean asked if Mr. Hoselton could provide Mr. Caisley a copy so that he could familiarize himself with the topic. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would be happy to provide that information to Mr. Caisley.

Chairman Bass asked how the Twin Groves Wind Farm was progressing. Mr. Mitchell replied that 28 towers have been constructed to date.

Mr. Dean asked how the White Oak Wind Farm plans were progressing. Mr. Zeunik responded that the Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding public hearings on January 16th, 17th and 18th at the Community Commons Building at Heartland Community College. Mr. Mitchell advised the Committee that the Road Use Agreement will come to the Transportation Committee the same month that the Special Use Permit will be considered by the ZBA and the County Board. Mr. Zeunik stated that the ZBA will not recommend approval of this Special Use permit without a Road Use Agreement.

Chairman Bass asked if there were any other questions or comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Caisley/Hoselton to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Northcutt
Recording Secretary