

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, January 6, 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 and Wollrab

Members Absent: Member McIntyre

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant 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, Ms. Linda Olson, McLean County Farm Bureau

Vice Chairman Cavallini called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Vice Chairman Cavallini stated that the first item for action is approval of the minutes from the December 2, 2008 meeting.

Motion by Caisley/Soeldner to recommend approval of the minutes from the December 2, 2008 meeting of the Transportation Committee.

Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Cavallini asked the Committee to review the bills for December, 2008. The prepaid total is \$909, 230.92.

Mr. Soeldner asked for an explanation on the items for food. Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Highway Engineer, explained that when the maintenance crew works 12 hours in one day the union contract states that they receive a \$10.00 meal check.

Motion by Wollrab/Caisley to recommend payment of the December, 2008 bills, as submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Cavallini suggested that the Committee start with the Items of Information. He asked Mr. Eric Schmitt to address the Committee.

Mr. Schmitt reported that construction on the Ropp Road/Invenergy Wind Farm - Section 08-00056-08-SM is complete and final payment has been made. Invenergy has been billed for the extra cost. The project ran over an estimated \$19,000.00 because of low shoulders. Extra rock was needed to bring up the shoulders.

Mr. Soeldner asked for an explanation on the process of billing Invenergy for the overage. Mr. Schmitt explained that it is in the County Highway's Contract with Invenergy to submit a bill for additional costs to Invenergy for payment.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the work on the Equipment Storage Building is complete. Final payment for Change Order #2 has been made. He stated that there will be a Change Order #3. The State Farm Marshall inspected the boilers and found that a shut off and two pressure gauges were required. The 400,000 BTU boiler, used to heat the floor, exceeds the 399,000 BTU requirement. The cost for instillation of the shut off and two pressure gauges is \$1,000.00. Mr. Schmitt suggested that the February Transportation Committee Meeting be held at the Highway Department to give the new Committee Members an opportunity to see the new Equipment Storage Building.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the emergency generator has been installed and tested. An indicator light showing the generator is turned on needs to be installed.

Mr. Schmitt updated the Committee on the East Side Highway Corridor Study. He stated that the December 19, 2008 meeting to review the final corridor report was cancelled because of weather. The meeting has been rescheduled for January 9, 2009. The report will likely be forwarded to the Committee for review in February or March.

(Chairman Hoselton arrived at 8:45 a.m.)

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first item to be presented for action is the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Audit Report # 74 to be filed with the County Board – Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) - McLean County – January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007. The account balance as of December 31, 2007 was \$2,179,955.50.

Motion by Cavallini/Wollrab to recommend approval of
IDOT Audit Report #74 – Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) McLean
County – January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is the IDOT Audit Report #55 to be filed with the County Board – Township Bridge County Road Districts – January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007. The account balance as of December 31, 2007 was \$195,746.88.

Motion by Cavallini/Wollrab to recommend approval of
IDOT Audit Report #55 – Township Bridge County Road
Districts – January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item to be presented for action is the IDOT Audit Report # 55 to be filed with the County Board – Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) – County Road

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Districts – January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007. The account balance as of December 31, 2007 was \$2,489,867.26.

Motion by Cavallini/Wollrab to recommend approval of IDOT Audit Report #55 – Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) County Road District – January 1, 2007 – December 1, 2007.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance for County Highway Fund 0120 and County Bridge Matching Fund 0122.

Mr. Cavallini stated that several Emergency Appropriations are received throughout the year. Mr. Cavallini asked, is the money available to cover these Emergency Appropriations. Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, explained that the two Highway Funds (Fund 0120 and Fund 0122) are financially in good shape with more than sufficient funds available in the unappropriated fund balance to cover the two ordinances. Overall, most to the County's operating funds are doing very well. Ms. Rebecca McNeil, County Treasurer, presented a report this month to the Finance Committee for the County's General Fund. She reported that the fund balance in the General Fund is still healthy and strong, even with the decreased Sales Tax revenue. Interest on investments is less this year than in prior years. Activity in the Department of Building and Zoning is also significantly lower than in prior years. Overall, the County's financial position is still very healthy.

Ms. Wollrab asked how the funds would be satisfied if the Emergency Appropriation Ordinances were not approved. Mr. Zeunik explained that the Emergency Appropriation Ordinances are intended to correct a budget issue, to bring the budget in line with the expenses. If not approved, the final report would show these lines items were over spent but because there is a balance in the fund, the outside audit in June would show a deficit in the fund at year-end and a reduction in the fund balance.

Mr. Schmitt added that the reason for the Emergency Appropriation Ordinances for these funds is directly related to the increased cost of materials, gasoline, and diesel fuel.

The amendments for the McLean County Highway Department Fund 0120 are as follows:

	<u>Adopted</u>	<u>Add</u>	<u>Amended</u>
County Highway Department Unappropriated Fund Balance 0120-0055-0056-0400-0000	\$100,000.00	\$87,000.00	\$187,000.00

	<u>Adopted</u>	<u>Add</u>	<u>Amended</u>
County Highway Department Gasoline/Oil/Diesel Fuel 0123-0055-0056-0820-0001	\$225,000.00	\$87,000.00	\$312,000.00

Motion by Cavallini/Wollrab to recommend approval of the Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2008 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the County Highway Fund 0120.
 Motion carried.

The amendments for the McLean County Highway Department Fund 0122 are as follows:

	<u>Adopted</u>	<u>Add</u>	<u>Amended</u>
County Highway Department Unappropriated Fund Balance 0122-0055-0056-0400-0000	\$0.00	\$115,778.76	\$115,778.76

	<u>Adopted</u>	<u>Add</u>	<u>Amended</u>
County Highway Department Const. Roads/Bridges/Culverts 0122-0055-0056-0810-0001	\$95,500.00	\$115,778.76	\$211,278.76

Motion by Soeldner/Wollrab to recommend approval of the Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2008 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the Bridge Matching Fund, Fund 0122.
 Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is the Resolution and Letting Results from the December 23, 2008 County and Township 2009 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Maintenance Sections and County 2009 Non-MFT Section.

Mr. Schmitt recommended that the Committee award the following materials and contracts:

2009 MFT Maintenance Sections:

McLean County Sec 09-00000-00-GM GR 4

The successful bidders on the above section were:

Valley View Industries	\$7.50 per Ton	\$45,000.00
8785 E 2500 North Rd, Cornell, IL 61319		(McDowell / Fairbury)
Prairie Materials	\$7.65 per Ton	\$45,900.00
15887 E 1200 North Rd, Pontiac, IL 61764		(Eppards Point)

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Carri Scharf Materials	\$9.25 per Ton	\$55,500.00
7 Carri Dr, Bloomington, IL 61705		(Heyworth)
Stark Materials	\$9.75 per Ton	\$58,500.00
1805 W Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61701		(Sholty Pit)
Rowe Construction Co,	\$10.50 per Ton	\$63,000.00
a Div of RA Cullinan and Son, Inc, 1523 N Cottage Ave,		
PO Box 609, Bloomington, IL 61702-0609		(Carmichael)

McLean County Sec 09-00000-00-GM GR 4A

The successful bidders on the above section were:

Carri Scharf Materials	\$12.25 per Ton	\$12,250.00
7 Carri Dr, Bloomington, IL 61705		(Rt 9)
Rowe Construction Co,	\$9.00 per Ton	\$9,000.00
a Div of RA Cullinan and Son, Inc, 1523 N Cottage Ave,		
PO Box 609, Bloomington, IL 61702-0609		(Carmichael)

McLean County Sec 09-00000-00-GM GR 5

The successful bidders on the above section were:

Prairie Materials		\$2,700.00
15887 E 1200 North Rd, Pontiac, IL 61764		(Eppards Point)
Valley View Industries		\$2,730.00
8785 E 2500 North Rd, Cornell, IL 61319		(Fairbury)

McLean County Sec 09-00000-00-GM GR 7

The successful bidder on the above section was:

River City Supply	(Rowe Yard / Downs Plant)	\$8,000.00
1523 N Cottage Ave, PO Box 609, Bloomington, IL 61702-0609		

McLean County Sec 09-00000-00-GM GR 8

The successful bidder on the above section was:

McLean County Asphalt Co, Inc		\$4,425.00
1100 W Market St, Bloomington, IL 61701		

Arrowsmith Road Sec 09-03000-00-GM GR14

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Limestone Transit Co		\$17,325.00
1206 W Oak St, PO Box 80, Fairbury, IL 61739		

Project Description: Bituminous overlay that will upgrade the road to 80,000lb access.

3. Section 07-00113-04-FP Towanda-Barnes (CH 29) from Fort Jesse Road to Raab Road:

Total Project Costs = \$5,250,000
County Funds = \$1,050,000
Stimulus Funds Needed = \$4,200,000
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Project Description: Improving the existing 2land roadway to 5 lane roadway with new signals at Raab Road.

4. Section 07-00073-09-WR Pipeline Road (CH 31) from Ziebarth Road to Hudson Road (CH 12):

Total Project Costs = \$1,350,000
County Funds = \$ 270,000
Stimulus Funds Needed = \$1,080,000

Project Description: Bituminous widening and over lay.

The County Funds are calculated based on the typical 20% match that is required for Federal Funding.

Mr. Cavallini asked what group would review this Stimulus Package if approved. Mr. Zeunik replied that Metro Counties, which handles lobbying for the County in Springfield, is working with the Congressional Delegation. He stated that Chairman Sorensen is drafting a letter to Senator Durbin, Congressman Johnson and Congressman Halvorsen advising them that, if there is a Federal package approved and Illinois receives any money, these are the projects we would like to see included for McLean County. The main criterion is they are looking for projects that are "shovel ready" in 2009. They want to be able to let these projects and begin construction immediately, in order to provide an opportunity to upgrade and improve infrastructure and also opportunities for employment. He informed the Committee that the County is also looking at other infrastructure improvements beyond what the Highway Department has recommended.

Chairman Hoselton suggested that Mr. Sorensen also contact Ray LaHood, President-elect Barack Obama's nominee for Secretary of Transportation.

Mr. Schmitt noted that out of the four projects, the plans for the Towanda Overpass and the Horse Farm Road are completed and the Pipeline Road plans are about 50% completed.

Motion by Cavallini/Wollrab to recommend
Approval of the Resolution for Stimulus Program

Projects.
Motion carried.

Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that, during the ice storm, there was an accident on the Dawson Lake Road on one of the bridges. A pick up truck hit the railing causing damage to the railing. No one was hurt. The bridge is closed until the work is completed. The driver's insurance is responsible for the cost of the repairs to the guard railing. The project will be completed in approximately 3 weeks.

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Mr. Schmitt reported to the Committee the status of the County's Salt Supply. Since November 30, 2008, the Highway Department has used 3760 tons of salt. We started the year with approximately 1500 tons in storage and have 7500 tons guaranteed by contract for a total of 9000 tons guaranteed. The 3760 tons is 42% of the guaranteed salt supply for the winter. In past years, the Department was guaranteed to get 130% of the 7500 ton, but this year it has been changed. Once the Department uses 100% of the contract amount, it is based on availability and the price is not guaranteed. The Department may be able to purchase an additional 2250 tons if it is available from the supplier. He stated that they have started mixing FA-1 (course sand) with salt at a 50/50 ratio in an effort to conserve and extend our salt supply for the year. Mr. Schmitt noted that the cost for a ton of sand is about 10% of the cost for a ton of salt.

Ms. Wollrab asked if the sand causes a problem once the ice and snow is melted. Mr. Schmitt explained that the County does not use sand on the Towanda Barnes Road where there is curb and gutter. This prevents the sand from getting into the storm sewers. Mr. Schmitt stated that liquid calcium chloride is the best for melting ice. The temperature melting level is much lower than just salt. Salt has to have liquid to melt the ice. He stated that the Department is doing some investigation into salt brine, a liquid salt that the County would produce themselves. The County would only need to purchase the equipment. Salt brine is much cheaper than liquid calcium chloride.

For the benefit of the new Committee Members, Mr. Schmitt distributed the McLean County Highway Department 5 Year Plan 2008-2012, a map of the plan and a map showing all of the County Highways.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the new Storage Building is working out well. The building size allows the workers to be able to easily inspect their trucks.

The next meeting of the Transportation Meeting will be held at the McLean County Highway Department, 102 S. Towanda Barnes Road, Bloomington, Illinois on February 5, 2009

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 9:13 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary