

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, June 2, 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, Mr. Bill Wasson, Assistant County Administrator, 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

Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first item for action is approval of the minutes from the May 5, 2009 meeting.

Motion by Cavallini/Soeldner to recommend approval of the minutes from the May 5, 2009 meeting of the Transportation Committee.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for May 31, 2009. The prepaid total for May 31, 2009 is \$406,233.73.

Mr. Cavallini asked for clarification on contract services to the McLean County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer, responded that the contract with the Sheriff's Department is for the patrol of compliance with spring postings on County road weight limitations.

Motion by Soeldner/Cavallini to recommend payment of the May 31, 2009 bills, as submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first item to be presented for action is the Resolution and Letting results from the May 27, 2009 Township 2009 TBP Maintenance Section.

Mr. Eric Schmitt pointed out that the bid came in 4.12% over the estimate. He stated that this is due to the project's location distance from the concrete plant. He recommended approval of the following bids:

2009 TBP Maintenance Sections:

Martin Road Sec 07-22134-00-BR Meiners Bridge

The successful bidder on the above section was:

HJ Eppel and Company \$286,937.40
1400 Tuesburg Ct, Pontiac, IL 61764

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Motion by Caisley/Wollrab to recommend approval of the May 27, 2009 Township 2009 TBP Maintenance Section.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that the next action item is the Gridley Road – Sec 09-18131-00-BR – Township Bridge Program, Preliminary Engineering Service Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc (HLR).

Mr. Schmitt stated that the preliminary engineering agreement is for HLR to design the Gridley Township bridge. The project is scheduled for 2011 – 2012.

Mr. McIntyre asked if the engineering agreement is a standard form. He asked if the default clause was to protect the County if the work is partially done. Mr. Schmitt answered that this is a standard contract for smaller bridge projects and takes into account the awarded costs of the project verses the estimate.

Mr. Schmitt stated that this will be a Township Bridge project. He noted that the County receives approximately \$330,000 a year in Township Bridge Funds (TBF). The Gridley Township bridge project is funded:

- 80% Township Bridge program, which is funded through the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT).
- 20% locally funded.
 - 10% County
 - 10% Township

Mr. Schmitt noted that HLR designs a lot of the Township and County bridges. The Department and HLR have a good working relationship.

Motion by Caisley/Cavallini to recommend approval of the Gridley Road – Sec 09-18131-00-BR – Township Bridge Program, Preliminary Engineering Service Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc (HLR).
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is the Lake Run Club – Evergreen Lake 5K – Change of location.

Mr. Schmitt reported that this is a McLean County Highway Department Bicycle Ride / Run / Walk Permit as well as a McLean County Highway Department Special Event Road Closure Permit. The 5K race is a repeat event with a change of location. The

race is moving to Comlara County Park from Moraine View State Park and is scheduled for August 8, 2009.

Mr. McIntyre asked if the reason the permit comes to the Committee is because of the Highway Department. Mr. Schmitt pointed out that the first time a permit is requested to close a road for a bike run or a race, the Department presents the request to the Committee. After that, the approval is handled by the Department. Once approved by the Committee the permit does not go the County Board. The basis for the Highway Department issuing a Special Event Road Closure is the use of county roads. He noted that, after the permit is approved, a copy is given to the Sheriff's Department. The coordination with the Sheriff's Department and the Emergency Management Agency is done through the organizing agency.

Mr. McIntyre asked if there is a minimal liability required to be provided for these events. Mr. Schmitt responded that the standard liability required is \$1,000,000.

Motion by McIntyre/Cavallini to recommend approval of the Lake Run Club – Evergreen Lake 5K – Change of location.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first item of information is the Project Summary – Gridley Road Bridge – Sec 07-00161-01-BR.

Mr. Schmitt reported that construction began on May 5, 2009. The existing structure has been removed and the pile have been driven. The contractor for the project is H.J. Eppel. The estimated date for completion is July 17, 2009.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Motor Fuel Tax Revenue for January through May. He informed the Committee that five Motor Fuel Tax allotments have been received for 2009. The budget estimate was about \$203,583.62 per month. He stated that the average received for January 2009 through May 2009 is \$194,291.01 per month. The shortfall to date is \$9,124.74 per month for a total of \$45,623.70, 4.49% below the fiscal year 2009 budget estimate. Mr. Schmitt pointed out that, before the May allotment, the average was \$200,583.62 per month or 1.39% below the budget estimate. He noted that he does expect the Motor fuel Tax allotment to increase in June, July, and August. This increase will bring the monthly average up. He will keep the Committee informed on a monthly basis of the Motor Fuel Tax Revenue received.

Mr. Caisley asked if the Department is reporting the MFT funds to the individual Townships. Mr. Schmitt responded that the report is sent to the Townships.

Ms. Wollrab asked if the amount of MFT funds received is based on the price of gasoline. Mr. Schmitt responded that the MFT funds received is based on the gallons of

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gasoline sold. As the price of gasoline increases, we usually will see a decrease in the MFT funds received because consumers purchase less gasoline.

Chairman Hoselton, on behalf of the Transportation Committee, welcomed Mr. Terry Lindberg as the new McLean County Administrator. Mr. Lindberg thanked the Committee for their continued support.

Mr. Soeldner asked Mr. Schmitt for an update on the stimulus money. Mr. Schmitt reported that the Towanda Overpass project will be on the June 12, 2009 state letting. The Horse Farm Road project will be on the July 31, 2009 state letting. He stated that the state will receive the money from the federal government. The state will use the stimulus money first and then bill the County for their share of the project.

Mr. McIntyre asked for clarification on the overall County liability insurance. Mr. Lindberg stated that the County is self insured to \$250,000 and has purchased umbrella coverage for up to \$10,000,000.

Mr. Caisley suggested that, if the Committee wanted an explanation on insurance coverage, Ms. Jennifer Ho, Risk Manager, could be scheduled to address the Committee.

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 on Tuesday, July 7, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary