

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, May 5, 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. 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

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 April 7, 2009 meeting.

Motion by Caisley/McIntyre to recommend approval of the minutes from the April 7, 2009 meeting of the Transportation Committee.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for March 31, 2009. The prepaid total for April 30, 2009 is \$410,560.20.

Mr. Caisley asked about the payment to Sprint. Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer, answered that Sprint is the long distant phone service. Mr. John Zeunik noted that the County bids the long distant service carrier. The Countywide bid results in a more economical billing rate for long distance calls.

Motion by Caisley/Cavallini to recommend payment of the April 30, 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 April 15, 2009 Township 2009 MFT Maintenance Section.

Mr. Eric Schmitt pointed out that all bids for oil and chip came in under the estimate. He recommended approval of the following bids:

2009 Road District MFT Maintenance Sections:

Steffens 3-D Construction, Inc, 2503 CR 1250 North, El Paso, Illinois 61738, was the successful bidder on the following sections:

Allin Road	Sec 09-01000-00-GM	GR1A	\$14,355.00
Anchor Road	Sec 09-02000-00-GM	GR 2A	\$54,398.00
Blue Mound Road	Sec 09-07000-00-GM	GR 2	\$58,185.00
Cheney's Grove Road	Sec 09-08000-00-GM	GR 2A	\$56,111.32

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Dale Road	Sec 09-11000-00-GM	GR 2	\$88,685.00
Danvers Road	Sec 09-12000-00-GM	GR 2	\$96,300.00
Dawson Road	Sec 09-13000-00-GM	GR 2	\$31,131.50
Hudson Road	Sec 09-19000-00-GM	GR 2A	\$50,800.00
Lexington Road	Sec 09-21000-00-GM	GR 2	\$16,965.00
Martin Road	Sec 09-22000-00-GM	GR 2A	\$64,650.15
Money Creek Road	Sec 09-23000-00-GM	GR 2	\$44,125.00
Old Town Road	Sec 09-26000-00-GM	GR 2	\$188,016.00
Towanda Road	Sec 09-28000-00-GM	GR 2	\$102,470.00
White Oak Road	Sec 09-30000-00-GM	GR 2	\$56,040.00
Yates Road	Sec 09-31000-00-GM	GR2	\$93,615.00

Beniach Construction Co Inc, 306 B Southline Rd, PO Box 20, Tuscola, Illinois 61953-0020, was the successful bidder on the following sections:

Allin Road	Sec 09-01000-00-GM	GR 2A	\$25,622.60
Chenoa Road	Sec 09-09000-00-GM	GR 2	\$45,815.00
Cropsey Road	Sec 09-10000-00-GM	GR 2A	\$30,096.20
Downs Road	Sec 09-14000-00-GM	GR 2	\$51,385.00
Dry Grove Road	Sec 09-15000-00-GM	GR 2	\$59,559.50
Funks Grove Road	Sec 09-17000-00-GM	GR 2	\$50,556.00
Gridley Road	Sec 09-18000-00-GM	GR 1A	\$27,750.00
		GR 2A	\$44,636.61
Mount Hope Road	Sec 09-24000-00-GM	GR 2	\$46,932.00
Randolph Road	Sec 09-27000-00-GM	GR 2	\$51,903.00
West Road	Sec 09-29000-00-GM	GR 2A	\$44,034.40

Emulsicoat, Inc, 705 E University Ave, Urbana, Illinois 61802 was the successful bidder on the following sections:

Empire Road	Sec 09-16000-00-GM	GR 17	\$28,800.00
Lawndale Road	Sec 09-20000-00-GM	GR 17	\$43,560.00

Motion by Cavallini/Soeldner to recommend approval of the Resolution and Letting results from the April 15, 2009 Township 2009 MFT Maintenance Section.
 Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that the next action item is the Resolution and Letting results from the April 29, 2009 County 2009 MFT Maintenance Sections.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the chip and oil bids came in approximately 17% below the estimate. The bid for signs was 24% below the estimate. He explained that the State Rural Sign Program has helped to reduce the cost of signs and has made the bidding more competitive. The State is requiring all signs to meet Retro Reflectivity Regulations. Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that most of the County's signs already meet the new retro-reflective requirements. He recommended approval of the following bids:

2009 MFT Maintenance Sections:

McLean County Sec 09-00000-00-GM GR 2

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Beniach Construction Company, Inc \$175,671.50
306B E Southline Rd, PO Box 20, Tuscola, IL 61953-0020

McLean County Sec 09-00000-00-GM GR 11 (signs)

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Rocal, Inc \$175,671.50
3186 CR 550, Frankfort, OH 45628

Motion by Soeldner/McIntyre to recommend
approval of the April 29, 2009 County 2009
MFT Maintenance Sections.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that the next action item is the Resolution and Letting results from the April 29, 2009 County Equipment Letting.

Mr. Schmitt stated that this purchase is to replace the pickup truck involved in the accident on the Towanda I-55 overpass. He recommended the Highway Department purchase from the lowest responsible bidder:

1 – 2009 ¾ -Ton Pickup Truck for \$23,875.00 from:
Lexington Ford, LLC, 302 S Spencer, Lexington, IL 61753

Motion by Caisley/Cavallini to recommend
approval of the Resolution and Letting results
from the April 29, 2009 County Equipment Letting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that the next action item is the Resolution for a 4 – Way Stop for Gillum Road (CH 29) and Downs Road (CH 36).

Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that the intersection of the Gillum road (CH 29) and the Downs road (CH 36) has been the site of several accidents. He noted that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is planning to replace the bridge on US Route 150 in Downs requiring the closing of US Route 150 from January 9, 2010 through October, 2010. Mr. Schmitt stated that, with the closing of US Route 150, a significant increase in the traffic at the intersection of County Highway 29 and County Highway 36 is expected. He recommended approval to install an all way stop at the intersection of the Gillum road (CH 29) and the Downs road (CH 36). Mr. Schmitt pointed out that, in an effort to alert traffic, rumble strips will be installed. The installation of flashing lights or flags is also being considered. The installation of the 4-way stop will be permanent. He noted that the State will mark the detour, directing traffic back on Interstate 74 at Downs and onto Route 51 south of Bloomington.

Motion by Soeldner/McIntyre to recommend approval of the Resolution for a 4 – Way Stop for Gillum Road (CH 29) and the Downs Road (CH 36).
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is the Ordinance for Altered Speed Zone at County Highway 29 at the Towanda Overpass.

Mr. Schmitt noted that this is a request for an extension of the existing speed limit of 45 mph on County Highway 29, Towanda overpass. The proposed altered speed zone will extend from 1,660 feet north of Old Route 66 to 3,634 feet north of Old Route 66. The altered speed from 55mph to 45mph through the extended area will create a speed limit of 45mph through the entire Towanda Overpass project. He stated that this ordinance will take effect immediately after the erection of signs alerting traffic of the maximum speed limits.

Motion by Caisley/McIntyre to recommend approval of the Ordinance for Altered Speed Zone at County Highway 29 at the Towanda Overpass.
Motion Carried

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is the West Road District Joint Culvert Petition – 325 North Road.

Mr. Schmitt pointed out the drainage structure located at 325 North Road 3150E on the map. He stated that West Road District has petitioned for the County's half of the funds, \$3,250. The project cost is estimated at \$6,500. He stated that the 24 inch concrete culvert will be replaced with a 36 inch metal pipe. Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of the Bridge Construction Petition.

Motion by Soeldner/Cavallini to recommend approval of the West Road District Joint Culvert Petition – 325 North Road.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is the Hudson Road District Joint Culvert Petition – 1395 East Road.

Mr. Schmitt pointed out the drainage structure located at 1395 East Road 2525N, Hudson, IL on the map. He stated that Hudson Road district has petitioned for the County's half of the funds, \$7,000. The project cost is estimated at \$14,000. He stated that the existing 30 inch metal pipe is rusted and will be replaced with a new 30 inch metal pipe. Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of the Bridge Construction Petition.

Mr. Soeldner asked if the County is involved in the process of replacing the culverts or is the work done by the Township Road District. Mr. Schmitt responded that the County actually does the replacement of the culverts in the joint culvert projects.

Ms. Wollrab questioned how the County becomes aware of the need for bridge construction from the Townships. Mr. Schmitt explained that the Township Supervisors do a routine inspection of the bridge structures. When one is in need of repair, the Township Road District petitions the County. He stated that the County does an inspection of County bridges.

Motion by Soeldner/Cavallini to recommend approval of Hudson Road District Joint Culvert Petition – 1395 East Road.
Motion Carried

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that the first item for information is the Lexington / LeRoy Road, Sec 04-00044-08-WR.

Mr. Schmitt reported that construction on the project is complete. Final paperwork is complete and final payment has been made. The project's final cost was \$70,000 under the estimated bid.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Motor Fuel Tax Revenue for January through April. He informed the Committee that the Motor Fuel Tax allotments for 2009 have been received. The budget estimate was about \$203,583.62 per month. He stated that the average received for January 2009 through April 2009 is \$200,583.62 per month; a decrease of \$2,832.13 per month for a total of \$11,328.52 or 1.39% below the fiscal year 2009 budget estimate. Mr. Schmitt pointed out that, before the April allotment, an average of \$204,756.44 per month or 1.15% above the budget estimate was received. He will keep the Committee informed on a monthly basis of the Motor Fuel Tax Revenue received. Mr. Schmitt noted that he does expect the Motor fuel Tax allotment to increase with the increase in summer travel.

Mr. Schmitt distributed the Map of the Timber Pile Bridges 2009. He stated that a consultant was hired to inspect all the County's timber pile bridges. Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that the County is slowly eliminating all timber pile bridges. He pointed out that there are two bridges in the county that required posting. The Bellflower structure which is a Federal project scheduled for replacement in 2010 and the Lawndale structure, also a Federal project, scheduled for replacement in 2011.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item of information is the Saybrook / Arrowsmith Road Bridge Replacement Project – Sec 07-00045-03- BR.

Mr. Schmitt stated that a State letting was held on April 24, 2009 which included the Saybrook / Arrowsmith Road Bridge. The low bid of \$543,126.98 was submitted by Stark Excavating, Inc., 1.5% under the estimate of \$551,236.00. The work will begin in mid-June, 2009 with completion expected by the end of August, 2009. This is a Federal Highway Bridge Program project, 80% federally funded and 20% locally funded.

Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that every 5 years a Countywide traffic count is scheduled. This is McLean County's year to conduct the traffic count. He stated that all high traffic roads in the County are included. The traffic is monitored for 24 hours. It takes 6 weeks to complete the process.

Mr. Schmitt continued with a report on the heating expense for the Highway Department Facilities. He noted that the Committee had asked how the heating expense for 2008-2009 was in comparison to 2007-2008. Mr. Schmitt presented the following comparison:

	December	January	February
Winter 2007-2008	\$925.46	\$1,548.06	\$2,400.06
Winter 2008-2009	\$1,432.45	\$3,095.29	\$3,282.09
Difference	+\$506.99	+\$1,547.23	+\$882.03

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	March	April
Winter 2007-2008	\$2,181.51	\$2,036.77
Winter 2008-2009	\$1,694.36	\$930.27
Difference	-\$487.15	-\$1,106.50

Mr. Schmitt stated that December and January were very cold months. He does not believe the comparison numbers are typical. He will continue to monitor the monthly bills.

Mr. Schmitt noted that, after the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal hold their Public Hearings on the East Side Highway Final Report, the Committee will discuss holding a Public Hearing for the County.

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, June 2, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary