

## Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. at the McLean County Highway Department, 102 S. Towanda Barnes Road, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Hoselton, Members Clark, Caisley, Baggett, Dean and McIntyre

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, Mr. Mark Leake, County Highway Department, Ms. Michelle Anderson, Financial Reporting Specialist, County Auditor

Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. He stated that the first item for action is approval of the minutes from the October 7, 2008 meeting.

Motion by Caisley/Clark to recommend approval of the minutes from the October 7, 2008 meeting of the Transportation Committee.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for October, 2008. The prepaid total is \$350,427.36.

Mr. Caisley asked what projects Lewis Yockey and Brown Inc. are working on. Mr. Schmitt answered that they are doing some surveying and right of way acquisition on the Hudson Stuckey road.

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

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first item to be presented for action is the 2009 County Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Maintenance Resolution.

Mr. Schmitt stated that \$2,005,000.00 is appropriated from the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) allotment for the Maintenance on County or State Highways. The Estimated Costs are as follows:

Day Labor/Labor and Equipment	\$840,000.00
Day Labor Materials	<u>\$984,369.00</u>
Total Estimated Maintenance Costs	\$1,824,369.00
Maintenance Engineering	<u>\$180,000.00</u>
Maintenance and Engineering      Total Cost	\$2,004,369.00

Mr. Schmitt explained that these funds are for non construction general maintenance work. The MFT funds also cover part of the salaries for County Highway employees.

Motion by Caisley/McIntyre to recommend approval of the 2009 County Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Maintenance Resolution.  
Motion Carried

Mr. Schmitt continued with the McLean County Agreement of Understanding for Maintenance and Construction. He stated that the agreement, with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), gives the County Highway Department the authority to approve certain state funded projects in house without seeking the approval of IDOT. The Agreement of Understanding is specific to the County Engineer and will exist as long as Mr. Schmitt is County Engineer. Mr. Schmitt noted that the Agreement of Understanding for Maintenance and Construction is not legally required.

Motion by Clark/Baggett to recommend approval of the McLean County Agreement of Understanding for Maintenance and Construction – Eric Schmitt, McLean County Engineer.  
Motion Carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first items of information to come before the Committee are the Project Summaries.

Mr. Schmitt reported on the Colfax/Weston Road (CH13) - Section 05-00130-14-RS. He stated that the project is almost complete, only cleanup and dirt work remains. Final paper work has not yet been completed. This project is funded completely with Federal funds and TARP money.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the Towanda Barnes Road and Oakland Avenue Traffic Signal Project is completed. Final payment has been made.

Mr. Caisley noted that the project costs reflect a cost of \$450,000 to the County and \$430,000 to the City of Bloomington. He thought the project was a 50 – 50 project with the City of Bloomington. Mr. Schmitt responded that the County costs are estimated. The City reflects actual costs. The City decided to install water mains under the intersection increasing their costs by \$30,000. He pointed out that the project split was actually \$20,000 under budget.

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Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that the Danvers/Carlock Road (CH 53) - Section 07-00148-04-FP resurfacing project has been completed and final payment has been made. This project ended up being \$47,000 under the original bid.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Ropp Road/Invenergy Wind Farm - Section 08-00056-08-SM. He stated that the pre-construction has begun with the milling of butt joints and placement of the binder course. The surface should be completed today. Completion date for the project is next Friday.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the work on the Equipment Storage Building is almost complete, only punch list items remain. He stated that the Highway Department is very satisfied with the results of the project. Mr. Schmitt pointed out that the department is checking into sealing the concrete floor before the trucks are moved into the building. Several materials are being considered. Sealing the concrete floor should help keep the salt from breaking or cracking the concrete floor.

Mr. Schmitt updated the Committee on the East Side Highway Corridor Study. He stated that the final report, for the County's review, should be received by the end of the week.

Mr. Schmitt stated the automatic transfer switch for the emergency generator has been installed. The concrete pad should be completed this week.

Chairman Hoselton asked for further questions or comments.

Mr. McIntyre asked what percentage of the completed project bids are comparable to the engineer's estimate. Mr. Schmitt responded that the bids are usually within 5% of the actual estimate. He stated that if the bid, is 5% higher than the engineer estimate, Illinois Department of Transportation requires justification in order to award the bid. If the bid is 10% higher than the engineer's estimate, IDOT requires the project be rebid. He added that the estimate, 90%-95% of the time, is within 5% of the bid.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 8:25 am. He stated that the Committee would now be taking a tour of the new equipment storage building.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn  
Recording Secretary