

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 404, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Hoselton, Members Caisley, Cavallini, Soeldner, McKibbin and Black

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer;

Others Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer, Mr. Ross Breckenridge, Illinois Department of Transportation, Ms. Rita Bane, Deputy County Auditor

Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. He stated that the first item for action is approval of the minutes from the November 1, 2011 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Motion by Caisley/Cavallini to recommend approval of the minutes from the November 1, 2011 meeting of the Transportation Committee.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for November 30, 2011. The prepaid total is \$1,009,004.80.

Mr. Cavallini asked about Buchanan Communications. Mr. Schmitt, County Engineer, responded that Buchanan Communications is the company where the Department purchased the new required narrow band radios funded by the Illinois Terrorist and Task Force. The County will receive reimbursement for half of the cost of the radios.

Mr. Soeldner asked what schooling the Department will be attending at the University of Illinois. Mr. Schmitt stated that there is paving conference that five employees will be attending.

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Motion by Soeldner/Black to recommend payment of the November 30, 2011 bills as submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton introduced Mr. Ross Breckenridge, Illinois Department of Transportation for a presentation entitled "IDOT in Motion"

Mr. Breckenridge thanked the Committee for their time. He informed the Committee that in 2008 IDOT launched a missing demographic of people using the website for project information. "IDOT in Motion" is a digital communications system that allows the Department to instantly communicate vital information to the daily commuting public. Using Constant Contac Autoresponder Software, the Office of Operations and Communications distributes targeted e-mail updates to residents based on their subscription preferences. The Department is having great success with the program and has seen a 30% decline in traffic in typical construction areas. The emails are sent with a specific subject line to avoid numerous unwanted e-mails. Mr. Breckenridge pointed out the different areas targeted:

- Districts 1 through 9, any kind of news
- Adopt a Highway
- Special projects
- Illinois Bridges
- Ferry closings

IDOT has been soliciting e-mail addresses since 2008 and is approaching a total of 6 ,000 collected e-mail addresses, a major success for the Department.

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Mr. Soeldner asked if IDOT had considered making amber alerts available. Mr. Breckenridge responded that they are currently working on getting amber alerts started.

Mr. Soeldner asked how current the information is. Is information posted as it happens? Mr. Breckenridge responded that if an accident closed a road for a given amount of time it would be posted. The program is targeted more for the daily commute.

Mr. Caisley asked if commute times are available. Mr. Breckenridge answered that travel times are not given.

Mr. Black asked if he signed up for his District #5, approximately how many e-mails would he receive in a day. Mr. Breckenridge reported that approximately two to four a week may be received.

Chairman Hoselton thanked Mr. Breckenridge for the presentation.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first item to be presented for action is the Resolution and Bid Tab for November 29, 2012 County & Township 2012 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) and 2012 Non-MFT Projects.

Mr. Schmitt, County Engineer informed the Committee that contracts are let in November or December of every year to purchase materials for the following year. He explained the different Groups of materials noting that the price is per ton picked up at the quarry plus an addition \$.15 per ton mile from the quarry to the project. The location of the quarry is a determining factor in bidding. The quantity listed is an estimate of the total amount needed for the following year. All bids are accepted except for bids on County and Township stockpiled material.

Mr. Schmitt noted that a bid was not received on stockpiled McLean County GR 14. Cheney's Grove GR 14 bids were over the estimate by almost 10%. Downs Township GR 14 was also over by 15.4%. Typically there are three bidders on each grade. Only one was received. He recommended that Cheney's Grove and Downs bids be rejected and rebid along with McLean County GR 14.

Chairman Hoselton asked how the current prices compare to last year. Mr. Schmitt responded that the GR 3 and GR 4 prices remained relatively close. The increase in stockpiled materials was influenced by the rising cost of fuel.

Mr. Black asked if a rebid would create any time sensitive situations. Mr. Schmitt responded that there is not a time line involved.

Mr. Schmitt advised that approval of the stockpiled bids is usually done in the December Board cycle so that the weight limit restrictions can be posted. If the weights limits are posted in January, materials can be hauled before the weight limits are posted. All three locations to be rebid do have access to 80,000 lb roads. If we delay by rebidding and return in January, 2012 it will not affect the material hauling.

Mr. Caisley asked how the \$.15 per mile was determined. Mr. Schmitt responded that the \$.15 per mile is \$.15 per ton. The average load weight is 12-13 ton.

Mr. Soeldner asked if the estimated quantities are based on last year. Mr. Schmitt responded that they are based on last year. GR 4 increased slightly from last year. Final amounts of material will be determined by the winter weather and the amount of shoulder work required in the spring.

Mr. Schmitt recommended the following bids:

2012 MFT Maintenance Sections:

<u>McLean County</u>	<u>Section 12-00000-00-GM</u>	<u>GR 3</u>
The successful bidders on the above Section were:		
Carrie Scharf Materials	\$9.25 per Ton	\$5,550.00
7 Carrie Dr, Bloomington, IL 61705		Heyworth
Rowe Construction	\$9.25 per Ton	\$5,550.00
A Division of United Contractors Midwest Inc.		
1523 N. Cottage Ave, Bloomington, IL 61701		Heyworth
Stark Materials	\$9.25 per Ton	\$5,550.00
1805 W. Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61701		Becker
Valley View Industries	\$11.30 per Ton	\$6,780.00
8785 E 2500 North Rd, Cornell, IL 61319		McDowell
VCN Prairie Aggregate	\$12.25 per Ton	\$7,350.00
15494 E 1200 North Rd, Pontiac, IL 61764		CM16

<u>McLean County</u>	<u>Sec 12-00000-00-GM</u>	<u>GR 4</u>
The successful bidders on the above section were:		
Valley View Industries	\$9.00 per Ton	\$42,300.00
8785 E 2500 North Rd, Cornell, IL 61319		Fairbury/McDowell
VCNA Prairie Aggregate	\$9.25 per Ton	\$43,475.00
15494 E 1200 North Rd, Pontiac, IL 61740		Pontiac
Carrie Scharf Materials	\$10.75 per Ton	\$50,525.00
7 Carrie Dr, Bloomington, IL 61705		Heyworth
Rowe Construction	\$10.75 per Ton	\$50,525.00
A Division of United Contractors Midwest Inc.		
1523 N. Cottage Ave, Bloomington, IL 61701		Carmichael

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Stark Materials \$11.25 per Ton \$52,875.00
1805 W. Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61701 Sholty/Becker

McLean County Sec 12-00000-00-GM GR 4A

The successful bidders on the above section were:

Carrie Scharf Materials \$7.75 per Ton \$3,875.00
7 Carrie Dr, Bloomington, IL 61705 Bloomington
Rowe Construction \$10.00 per Ton \$5,000.00
A Division of United Contractors Midwest Inc.
1523 N. Cottage Ave, Bloomington, IL 61701 Downs/Norhttown
Stark Materials \$11.25 per Ton \$5,125.00
1805 W. Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61701 Commercial Acres

McLean County Sec 12-00000-00-GM GR 7

The successful bidder on the above section was:

River City supply \$9.00 per Ton \$6,300.00
1523 N Cottage Ave, Bloomington, IL 61702 Rowe Yard

McLean County Sec 12-00000-00-GM GR 8

The successful bidder on the above section was:

McLean County Asphalt Co, Inc \$96.00 per Ton \$4,320.00
1100 W Market St, Bloomington Bloomington

McLean County Sec 12-00000-00-GM GR 9

The successful bidders on the above section were:

HJ Eppel & Co, Inc. \$65.00 per ton \$8,850.00
1400 Tuesburg Ct. Pontiac, IL 61764
McLean County Asphalt Co, Inc \$70.00 per Ton \$6,300.00
1100 W Market St, Bloomington
River City supply \$75.00 per Ton \$6,750.00
1523 N Cottage Ave, Bloomington, IL 61702

Downs Road District Sec 12-140000-00- GM GR15

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Limestone Transit Co \$15.98 per Ton \$7,990.00
1206 W Oak St, PO Box 80, Fairbury, IL 61739-0080

Martin Road District Sec 12-22000-00-GM GR 14

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Limestone Transit Co \$15.87 per Ton \$5,554.50
1206 W Oak St, PO Box 80, Fairbury, IL 61739-0080

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2012 Non MFT Maintenance Section:

McLean County Sec 2012 Non-MFT GR 5

The successful bidder on the above section was:

VCNA Prairie Aggregate	\$10.55 per Ton	\$5,275.00
15494 E 1200 North Rd, Pontiac, IL 61764		

McLean County Sec 2012 Non-MFT GR 6- Grad 4

The successful bidder on the above section was:

VCNA Prairie Aggregate	\$23.00 per Ton	\$11,500.00
15494 E 1200 North Rd, Pontiac, IL 61764 Pontiac		

McLean County Sec 2012 Non-MFT GR 6- Grad 5

The successful bidder on the above section was:

VCNA Prairie Aggregate	\$26.00 per Ton	\$13,000.00
15494 E 1200 North Rd, Pontiac, IL 61764 Pontiac		

McLean County Sec 2012 Non-MFT GR 19

The successful bidders on the above section were:

Carrie Scharf Materials	\$5.75 per Ton	\$11,500.00
7 Carrie Dr, Bloomington, IL 61705		Heyworth
Stark Materials	\$6.25 per Ton	\$12,500.00
1805 W. Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61701		Becker/Sholty
Rowe Construction	\$6.75 per Ton	\$13,500.00
A Division of United Contractors Midwest Inc.		
1523 N. Cottage Ave, Bloomington, IL 61701		Carmichael

Motion by Caisley/Soeldner to recommend approval of the Resolution and Bid Tab for November 29, 2012 County & Township 2012 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) and 2012 Non-MFT Projects except McLean County GR 14, Cheney's Grove Road District GR 14 and Downs Road District GR 14 which will be published to be rebid.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton advised that the next item for action is the Lexington Joint Bridge Repair - Sec 2011 Lexington Joint Bridge Repair .

Mr. Schmitt pointed out the location of the project, 3570 E 600 North of 2650N. He stated the Department has made a survey of the condition of the south abutment and has determined that additional rip rap is needed. The present condition of the area
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around the abutment is inadequate. The estimated cost of adding rip rap is \$11, 800. The County's share of the cost is \$5,900.

Motion by Cavallini/McKibbin to recommend approval of the Lexington Joint Bridge Repair Sec 2011.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is the Engineering Services Agreement - Lewis, Yockey & Brown - CH 12 Right-Of-Way (ROW Plats - Sec 05-00135-08-WR.

Mr. Schmitt noted that this Engineering Services Agreement provides surveying and right-of-way plats for CH 12 MFT project for 2013. In the past, right-of-way contracts have been done under miscellaneous contracts. Right-of-way contracts will now be specific to the project. The cost of \$26,250.00 is based on fourteen parcels (\$1,875 per parcel).

Mr. McKibbin asked for an explanation why the Department needs to contract out this type of work. Mr. Schmitt responded the Department does not have a licensed land surveyor on staff. Under State Statutes a licensed land surveyor must sign off on the plats.

Motion by Black/Cavallini to recommend approval of the Engineering Services Agreement - Lewis, Yockey & Brown - CH 12 Right-Of-Way (ROW) Plats - Sec 05-00135-08-WR.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the Route 66 Bike Trail - Sec 11-00001-02-BT, Shelbourne Dr & Towanda Ave to CH 29 Jefferson St in Towanda.

1. Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation
2. Engineering Agreement - Hanson Professional Services

Mr. Schmitt noted that these agreements are for the second section of the Bike Trail Construction. He reported that in August of 2010, the Department applied for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funding for the Historic Route 66 Bike Trail project from the intersection of Shelbourne Drive and Towanda Ave in north Normal to County Highway 29 in Towanda. The Department received notification on October 29, 2010 that we had been approved to receive \$1,528,400.00 in funding for the engineering and construction of this section of the trail.

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Mr. Schmitt stated that the Engineering Agreement with Hanson Professional Services calls for a fee of \$172,477.00. The Local Agency Agreement calls for 80% federal funding (ITEP) and 20% local match. The 20% local match shared by the parties in the

Intergovernmental Agreement for the Route 66 Bikeway Development and Maintenance of November, 1999 is \$34,495.40. The County's share of 24.9% would be \$8,589.35, funded through the County Parks and Recreation Department, included in their FY 2012 Budget. He added that the Engineering Agreement is based on hours of work with multipliers determining the fee. The project is scheduled for construction in 2013.

Mr. Schmitt distributed a corrected Local Agency Agreement reflecting an amended project number.

Mr. Soeldner noted that part of the Bike Trail, at CH 29 has previously been done. Mr. Schmitt responded the old alignment of Route 66 is there. This project will extend and repave the surface. Part of the roadway has a painting showing Route 66 across the United States. The Department is working with Towanda to find a way to preserve this map.

Mr. Schmitt added that with this section of the road, instead of gravel between the two pavements, limestone oil and chip will be used to ease maintenance and define the separation of the two trails.

Mr. Caisley stated that \$174,000 to engineer 4 miles of bike trail seems excessive. Mr. Schmitt responded that the original study came into Normal at a different location going under the rail road tracks. The cost of going under the rail road tracks was very expensive. The Town of Normal preferred the current plan at Towanda and Shelbourne. Tying into the intersection requires an intersection design study and pedestrian signal crossings will need to be installed. All these factors contribute to the increased cost.

Mr. Soeldner asked for a breakdown of the local entities and the costs . Mr. Schmitt advised that all of the entities were contacted before the Department applied for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funding. The local entities involved in the Intergovernmental Agreement are:

Lexington	\$450
McLean	\$210
Towanda	\$140
Chenoa	\$414
Town of Normal	\$10,500
City of Bloomington	\$14,000

Mr. Caisley asked if it is possible to do the engineering in house or have the engineering done by the Town of Normal.

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Mr. McKibbin agreed that the amount seems excessive. He wonders if there are alternatives.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the Department is struggling to keep up with the reduced staffing levels and increased state requirements. The Department does not have the

manpower.

Mr. Caisley wonders if hiring the manpower would benefit the County. Mr. Wasson noted that the County would not be employing anyone on a long term basis. By going through staff reductions, it was recognized that staff reduction may cause you to be somewhat dependant on the contractual model. This contract is not an easy engineering process. This corridor will run between a high speed rail corridor and the interstate. The expertise and experience of Hanson Professional Services is required.

Mr. Schmitt added that with a federal project, most of the dollars are spent on required overlays and engineering details. The Department has always tried to spend the federal dollars in a way that best benefits the County.

Mr. Soeldner stated that, in the future, additional staff may be to the advantage of the County.

Mr. Black added that the trail is something the Community loves and is money well spent not just for today, but for the future as well.

Motion by Black/Cavallini to recommend
approval of the Route 66 Bike Trail -
Sec 11-00001-02-BT, Shelbourne Dr &
Towanda Ave to CH 29 Jefferson Street in Towanda.
Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation
Engineering Agreement - Hanson Professional Services

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that the next items to be presented to the Committee are items of information. He presented Projects Summaries.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the final paperwork for the Old Route 66 Bike Trail from Shirley to Fox Creek Road in south Bloomington is completed. The other Local Agencies have been billed for their share of the cost. The over run on the project was due to the need of additional pipe and dirt work.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the Bellflower Spur (CH 5) - Sec 10-00024-04-RS resurfacing project is complete. The overrun was due the need for additional shoulder material and the IDOT required safety edge. The State has removed the safety edge requirement. It is now optional. The County does not have shoulder edge maintenance problems.

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Mr. Schmitt continued with the Congerville Road (CH 55) and Danvers (in town) Sec 11-00065-01-RS. The project and paperwork is complete.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the Shirley Road (CH 34) - Section 11-00093-05-RS. Construction is complete. Final paperwork and final payment needs to be completed.

Mr. Schmitt stated that he Towanda Barnes road @ Il State Route 9 is complete. The overrun of \$13,000 was due to the use of additional pavement markings.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Sweeney Road. The resurfacing project is from CH 12 to Old Route 66. The new safety edge was required on this project also. This project is complete. The project was \$2,800 under the original bid.

Mr. Schmitt reported that a meeting with representatives from the Village of Downs was held to discuss the jurisdictional transfer of Washington Street (CH 36) in Downs from the east edge of pavement of Seminary Street (CH 27) to the west edge of pavement of US Route 150. The County would be responsible for the engineering and construction costs associated with the reconstruction project. The project is in the Highway Department's 5-Year Plan for construction in 2013. Once an agreement has been reached with the Village of Downs and both government bodies have approved the necessary resolutions, the transfer will have to be approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation to be finalized. The cost of total reconstruction with curb and gutter is estimated to slightly exceed \$1,000,000.00. CH 36 is more of a residential street than a county highway. Typically a county highway is from a village to another village or from a village to a state road.

Mr. Caisley asked if a board of local improvements could be established with a special assessment for construction of curbs and gutters. Mr. Schmitt noted that the Village of Downs has no interest in contributing to the cost of the project. Mr. Wasson noted that the strong benefit here is the jurisdictional transfer at the completion of the project. Due to the deteriorated condition of the pavement the County would be required to make the improvement. The jurisdictional transfer is a benefit for the County.

Mr. Caisley suggested that Ms. Hannah Eisner, First Assistant State's Attorney be asked for an advisory opinion on a local improvement project.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the Village of Downs is ready to move forward. The Department would like to bring the paper work to the Committee in January.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Road Upgrades on the Meadows Road (CH23) for the Illinois State University Composting Facility. The composting facility takes food waste from ISU and different facilities in town instead of sending the food waste to the landfill. McLean County is considering having the Jail and the Nursing Home get involved. The Department has been working with ISU to generate funding options for the upgrade of

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the roadways to the ISU Composting Facility located at the ISU Farm north of Lexington. To operate effectively, the composting facility needs year around 80,000 lb road access to get food waste to the facility.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the most viable funding options that have developed are the use of \$500,000 that was allocated to the Highway Department through the Illinois Jobs Now Capital Bill for Infrastructure Improvements and Truck Access Route Program

(TARP) funds. In November, the Highway Department applied for FY2013 TARP funds totaling \$320,120. The estimated cost of the contract construction project to upgrade the roads is \$1,000,000. If the Department receives the TARP funding, \$820,120 of the \$1,000,000 needed

Mr. Schmitt advised that this project will divert an estimated 2250 tons of food waste from the landfill annually. The project is in the Highway Department's current 5-Year Plan for construction in 2012.

Chairman Hoselton asked if the project has EPA approval. Mr. Schmitt responded that the ISU Farm Composting facility is EPA approved.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any further business to be brought before the Committee. Hearing none, at 9:17 a.m. the Committee went into Executive Session - Personnel Matters for 2012 County Engineer MFT Appropriating Resolution

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary