

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 404, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: 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 Highway Engineer,

Others Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Highway Engineer, Ms. Jennifer Sicks, Transportation Planner, Regional Planning Commission

Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m. He stated that the first item for action is approval of the minutes from the June 3, 2008 meeting.

Motion by Caisley / Cavallini to recommend approval of the minutes from the June 3, 2008 Transportation Committee meeting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for June 30, 2008. The prepaid total is \$3,824,048.75

Chairman Hoselton asked for any comments or questions concerning the Bills.

Motion by Clark / Dean to recommend payment of the June 3, 2008 bills as submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first item for action is a Resolution and Bid from the June 22, 2008 Township MFT Construction Letting. He invited Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer, to address the Committee.

Mr. Schmitt introduced Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer. The Committee welcomed Mr. Stokes.

Mr. Schmitt presented the Resolution and Bid from the June 22, 2008 Letting. He explained that the bid is over the estimate by 37%. Because of this, the Letting was bid twice, once in May and again in June. The bid did not change. Mr. Schmitt noted that part of the reason the cost is so high is that it's a small project that contains oil and chip. There is a good possibility the project will carry over into next year. With that being a possibility, the unknown cost of oil also affects the bidding. He recommended approval to award the following project:

2008 MFT Maintenance Section

Cheney's Grove Road Sec 07-08119-00-SP 3700 East Rd
The successful bidder on the above section was:
 Rowe Construction Co, a Div of RA Cullinan and Son Inc \$52,096.80
 1523 N Cottage Ave, P.O. Box 609, Bloomington, IL 61702-0609

Motion by Caisley / Cavallini to recommend approval of the Resolution and Letting Results from the June 22, 2008 Township MFT Construction Letting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that the next items for action are two Bridge Construction Petitions – Hudson Road District.

1. 2008 Hudson Joint Culvert #1 – 1475 East and 2550 North Roads
2. 2008 Hudson Joint Culvert #2 – 1475 East and 2555 North Roads

Mr. Schmitt stated that the primary use of the County's Bridge Matching fund is to cover the County's 50% share of the cost for Joint Culverts when petitioned by the Townships. He continued by pointing out the locations of the two culverts. Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of both Bridge Construction Petitions.

Motion by Clark / Caisley to recommend approval of the Bridge Construction Petitions; Hudson Joint Culvert #1 - 1475 East and 2550 North Roads and Hudson Joint Culvert #2 - 1475 East and 2555 North Roads.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated the next item for action is the Illinois Agriculture In The Classroom (IAITC) Bicycle Ride Permit.

Mr. Schmitt explained that any new Bicycle Ride Event that uses County roads needs approval by the Committee. After that, an annual event does not need the approval of the Committee. The Permit is signed by the Highway Department. He stated that this is a fundraising bicycle ride involving part of the Congerville road, the Danvers – Carlock road and the Danvers – Yton Road. The Event is scheduled on September 4, 2008.

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Motion by Dean / Clark to recommend
approval of the IAITC Bicycle Ride
Permit Request for September 4, 2008.
Motion Carried.

Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that the construction on the Bentown / Holder Road - CH 25 - Section 04-00040-03-WR has been completed.

Mr. Schmitt reported on the Seegmiller Bridge – Weston Rd – CH13 – Section 05-00130-13-BR. He stated that the existing structure has been removed and they have started to drive the piling. Scheduled completion is August 15, 2008.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Towanda Barnes Road and Oakland Avenue Signals. He stated that the construction is well under way with the widening on the south side complete. They are ready to pour the curb on the north side. After that it will be a matter of getting the signals in place. He noted that this is a joint project with the City of Bloomington.

Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that construction on the Danvers / Carlock Road - CH 53 – Section 07-00148-04-FP has begun with the completion of milling to profile and smooth the road; at an additional cost of \$34,216.50. This is a 3.6% increase to the project.

Mr. Caisley asked what caused the unevenness of the road. Mr. Schmitt answered that there was a problem with the paving operations and the construction thickness on the base. He stated that binder on top of an aggregate base is sometimes difficult to lay a smooth final product.

Chairman Hoselton asked if the Contractor was responsible. Mr. Schmitt answered yes.

Mr. Caisley asked if we had explored, with the State's Attorney's Office, the possibility of recovering some of the loss. Mr. Schmitt answered that they have not.

Chairman Hoselton noted that the Contractor has a performance bond and the procedure would be to contact the bond company and let them know that the finished work does not meet the criteria of the bid.

Mr. Schmitt explained that the County milled the road to remove the ripples. The smoothness of the road is no longer a problem. The cost was \$34,000.00 with

\$10,000.00 of that offset by using the milled off material on the shoulder. Mr. Schmitt will write Entler and Eppel and try to recover the \$24,000.00 spent by the County to correct the problems on the Danvers / Carlock road.

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Mr. Schmitt stated that construction on the Equipment Storage Building is underway. The heat pipes have been installed and the floor is poured.

Chairman Hoselton asked if a set of blueprints for the construction of the storage building have been received from the contractor. Mr. Schmitt answered that the County does have a set of plans for the project; however, the detailed blueprints were just received. He will schedule a time for Chairman Hoselton to review them.

Mr. Schmitt stated that with the in-floor heating system, special precautions were taken to avoid cracking in the floor.

Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that the plans for the stand-by emergency generator were received on June 30, 2008. He stated that the plans have been sent to Mr. Jack Moody, Director of Facilities Management, for review. The plans will go to an August letting.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the East Side Highway Citizen's Advisory Group met on June 18, 2008. They have not come to consensus on the elimination of corridors or a preferred alignment. The Project Study Group met on June 20, 2008, and feel that the project should move forward. A Public Informational Meeting has been scheduled for July 29, 2008 at Normal Community High School, a change from July 22, 2008 due to a scheduling conflict. The next Project Study Group meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2008.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the last informational item is the Colfax / Weston Road – Overlay Project Bid – Section 05-00130-14-RS.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the Colfax / Weston Road (CH 13) project will begin in late July, early August with completion expected by mid-October. This is a federally funded project that is typically split 80% federal and 20% local. The local share of this project will be covered by the TARP funds, making the project 100% funded.

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that Mr. Schmitt has been asked to send a letter to all Township Supervisors informing them of the County's position on the procedures required for culvert installations. There are several new Township Supervisors that may need to be updated on these procedures.

Mr. Caisley asked how frequently Township Highway Commissioners are informed of the amount of Motor Fuel Tax Funds that are available. Mr. Schmitt answered that the Townships are informed twice a year by the County Highway Department

of the amount of Motor Fuel Tax Funds that are available. Those calculations are based on mileage for the Townships and vehicle registrations and license plate registrations for the County. Because the funds are based on price per gallon of

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fuel, the County is seeing a significant decrease in the MFT funds. The amount has decreased by approximately 7.5% so far this year.

Mr. Caisley requested that the MFT funds available to the Townships be included in the informational letter being sent to the Township Supervisors.

Chairman Hoselton announced that the next Transportation Committee will be August 5, 2008.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary