

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 404, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: Member Baggett

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. Jack Mitchell, County Highway Engineer, Ms. Jennifer Ho, Risk Management

Others Present: Mr. Eric Schmitt, Assistant County Engineer, Ms. Jennifer Sicks, Transportation Planner, Regional Planning Commission

Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. He stated that the first item for action is approval of the minutes from the May 6, 2008 meeting.

Motion by Caisley / Clark to recommend approval of the minutes from the May 6, 2008 meeting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for May 31, 2008. The prepaid total is \$416,868.92

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

Motion by Clark / Cavallini to recommend payment of the May 31, 2008 bills as submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton determined that the first item to be presented is informational. He welcomed Ms. Jennifer Ho, Risk Management, to address the Committee.

Ms. Ho reported that, per a discussion with Mr. Caisley, and considering the hardship experienced by Grundy County, the County has purchased coverage for licensed County vehicles when they are not in use and are stored or parked at any location. The annual cost is \$13,890.00 in premiums with a deductible of \$50,000.00. The policy covers 125 vehicles with a total replacement value of \$4,340,767.00. She stated that given the remote possibility of a catastrophic event the coverage is justified. The Property Coverage of Licensed for Road Vehicles was presented to the Finance Committee and approved by the County Board in March, 2008. Ms. Ho thanked the Committee for the opportunity to explain the County Highway's fleet insurance.

Chairman Hoselton thanked Ms. Ho for her presentation to the Committee.

Chairman Hoselton advised the Committee that the first item to be presented for action is a Resolution and Bid from May 22, 2008 County Non-MFT Construction and Township MFT Maintenance Letting. He invited Mr. Jack Mitchell, County Engineer, to address the Committee.

Mr. Mitchell referred the Committee to the revised resolution and recommended that the Committee award the following materials subject to Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) approval.

2008 Non-MFT Construction Section:

McLean County	Sec 08-00161-00-SC	Townline Rd/Sec V (CH 24)
The successful bidder on the above section was:		
AC Pavement Striping Co.		\$139,547.55
695 Church Rd, Elgin, IL 60123		

2008 MFT Maintenance Section

Danvers Rd	Sec 08-12000-00-GM	GR 13
The successful bidder on the above section was:		
Rowe Construction Co, a Div of RA Cullinan and Son Inc		\$29,700.00
1523 N Cottage Ave, P.O. Box 609, Bloomington, IL 61702-0609		

Chairman Hoselton asked Mr. Mitchell to explain micro-surfacing. Mr. Mitchell explained that micro-surfacing is a 3/8 inch thick mixture of fine slag and oil. The mixture is augured onto the pavement, spread out, and leveled. It is designed to fill in the wheel rutting and seal cracks in the pavement. This process has performed well and is being used on the Townline Road.

Motion by Caisley / Cavallini to recommend approval of the revised Resolution and Letting Results from the May 22, 2008 County Non-MFT Construction and Township MFT Maintenance Letting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that the next item for action is the Resolution Appointing New County Engineer.

Mr. Mitchell congratulated Mr. Eric Schmitt, Assistant County Engineer, for successfully passing the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) exam. He stated that the resolution will appoint Eric Schmitt as County Engineer effective June 28, 2008 at a base annual salary of \$91,812.03. The appointment is for a six year period.

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Motion by Clark / Dean to recommend approval of the Resolution Appointing Eric Schmitt as the New County Engineer.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is a Resolution Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the new County Engineer.

Mr. Mitchell noted that the Resolution will appropriate MFT funds to pay the salary and expenses for the new County Engineer through the end of year 2008.

Chairman Hoselton asked Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, to explain how the annual salary of \$91,812.00 was arrived. Mr. Zeunik explained that the County Engineer is a pay grade 17, which has a salary range of \$72,581.00 - \$108,867.00. The County Personnel Ordinance defines the mid point as the point at which the employee is determined to be at full competency in the position. Mid point of the salary range for the County Engineer is \$90,724.00. By Mr. Schmitt successfully passing the exam administered by IDOT and with the Committee's recommendation of Mr. Schmitt to be the new County Engineer, Mr. Schmitt satisfies the criteria to be appointed at the mid-point of the salary range. Consideration was also given to the merit review due Mr. Schmitt in his current position.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing none, he asked for a motion.

Motion by Dean / Caisley to recommend approval of the Resolution Appropriating MFT Funds – New County Engineer.
Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell noted that the construction on the Danvers / Carlock Road - Combined Sections 03-00148-02-AS and 03-00148-04 BR, is 95% complete, with primarily clean up dirt work and seeding remaining.

Chairman Hoselton asked how Entler Excavating's work has been. Mr. Mitchell answered that although the weather has been a factor, Entler Excavating's performance has been slow.

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

Mr. Mitchell reported on the Henning & Spady Bridges – Weston Rd – CH13 – Combined Sections 05-00130-12-BR and 05-00130-11-BR. He stated that the structures are complete and the road is open to traffic. Only minor clean up work remains. He reported that during the last heavy rain this area received 4-5 inches of rain in less than an hour.

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The road had to be closed due to water covering the road. He noted that the Henning and Spady culverts themselves however, were acting at full capacity and taking the water.

Mr. Mitchell pointed out that the drainage work on the Towanda Barnes Road and Oakland Avenue Signal – CH 29 – Section 06-00168-01 TL is completed. The construction has begun and the widening is under way.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the construction on the Horizon Wind Farm Phase I – Post Construction Lexington / LeRoy Rd (CH 21) & Ellsworth Rd (CH 17) Combined Sections 07-00044-11-CG and 07-00134-08-SM is completed with only clean up work remains to be done.

Mr. Mitchell informed the Committee that the footings for the new garage have been poured, the drain is in the floor, and the work continues.

Chairman Hoselton requested that Tarter Construction submit drawings on the building, scheduling, and a list of sub contractors.

Mr. Dean asked about the progress with the generator. Mr. Mitchell responded that quotes for the transfer switch have been submitted and sent to the consultant for confirmation of specs. Once the switch is ordered, it will take 6-8 weeks to receive. Quotes for installation will be taken separately.

Mr. Mitchell referred to the East Side Highway Study report distributed to the Committee. He stated that the Study is moving quickly. The Citizen's Advisory Group met on May, 22 2008. The main discussion was to hear input on the preferred corridors. In general, corridors using M3 have the most CAG support and the corridors using M2 have the less support of the CAG. Mr. Mitchell referred the Committee to the Purpose-Need Criteria Evaluation and Comparative Analysis. The project consultant believes M2 would be the better choice.

Mr. Zeunik noted that the main issue now is that the CAG is strong in their recommendation of corridor M3 (2150 east). One of the CAG's primary recommendations was to use an existing alignment when possible. The Citizen's Advisory Group also envisions growth to be well beyond the limits identified in the Comprehensive Plan by 2035. They believe the corridor needs to be closer to where new growth will be located. The Clark Dietz study team feels that corridor M2 is more defensible in terms of looking at the Purpose and Needs Statement and the Comprehensive Plan. Neither the Town of Normal nor the City of Bloomington's comprehensive plan projects growth that would reach

all the way out to 2150 between now and 2035. He stated that this is the first time that the Context Sensitive Solutions approach has been used, and this is why there has been so much attention and participation at the meetings by representatives from IDOT and the Federal Highway Administration. The CAG and the Project Study Group will meet the

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week of June 16, 2008. At the end of July, there will be a general stakeholders meeting to present where they currently are in the process.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the engineers for the Town of Normal and the City of Bloomington are in favor of corridor M2 (1/2 mile east of Towanda Barnes) because of the sewage costs.

Mr. Dean wanted clarification that corridor M4 is no longer an option and the no build is still a discussion point. Mr. Mitchell verified that Corridor M4 is not an option and that the no build option is still a discussion point.

Chairman Hoselton announced that the next Transportation Committee will be July 8, 2008.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary