

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, January 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, Cavallini, and Clark

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Jack Mitchell, County Engineer

Others Present: None

Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. He stated that the first item for action is approval of the minutes from the December 4, 2007 meeting.

Motion by Dean / Caisley to recommend approval of the minutes from the December 4, 2007 meeting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for December, 2007. The prepaid total is \$1,585,287.16.

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

Mr. Dean asked if all food items were because of overtime. Mr. Mitchell responded that they are because of overtime.

Mr. Dean asked what does the department purchase from KAR Company. Mr. Mitchell responded that the Highway Department purchases hydraulic hose, fittings, nuts, bolts, etc.

Motion by Dean / Clark to recommend payment of the December, 2007 bills as submitted by the County Auditor. Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee the first item to be presented for Action is Illinois Department of Transportation Audit Report #73 to be filed with the County Board. Chairman Hoselton asked Mr. Jack Mitchell, County Engineer, to address the Committee.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the complete audit for each fund is available for review at the Highway Department office. He presented the Summary Audits as follows:

Audit Report #73 is to determine the status of Motor Fuel Tax Funds as of December 31, 2006. Receipts to the Motor Fuel Fund were \$494,101.36, received as follows:

Interest 2006	64,725.42
Reimbursement	5,364.94
Supply Allotment	389,011.00
B-N Airport	35,000.00

Total Received	\$494,101.36
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The net balance in the account on December 31, 2006 totaled \$2,061,400.89.

Audit Report #54 is to determine the status of Township Bridge Funds as of December 31, 2006. Receipts to the Township Bridge Fund were \$59,464.38, received as follows:

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Interest 2006	12,685.23
Reimbursement	46,779.15

Total Received	\$59,464.38
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The net balance in the account on December 31, 2006 totaled \$292,323.17.

Audit Report #54 is to determine the status of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for County Road Districts as of December 31, 2006. Receipts to the Motor Fuel Tax Fund were \$233,189.39, received as follows:

Interest 2006	97,301.39
Reimbursement	53,741.55

Supple. Allotment	82,146.00
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Total Received	\$233,189.39
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The net balance in the account on December 31, 2006 totaled \$2,232,849.91.

Motion by Caisley / Cavallini to recommend the following audits to be forwarded to the County Board and to be placed on file:
Audit Report #73 to be filed with the County Board – Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) McLean County – 01/01/2006 – 12/31/2006; Audit Report #54 to be filed with the County Board – Township Bridge County Road District – 01/01/2006 – 12/31/2006; Audit Report #54 to be filed with the County Board – Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) – County Road Districts 01/01/2006 – 12/31/2006.

Motion carried

Chairman Hoselton stated the last item to be presented for action is the Resolution and Letting Results from the December 19, 2007 County 2008 MFT Maintenance. He asked Mr. Mitchell to address the Committee.

Mr. Mitchell presented the following recommendations for Committee review and approval.

2008 MFT Maintenance Sections:

McLean County Sec 08-00000-00-GM GR 7

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Rowe Construction Co, a Div of RA Cullinan & Son, Inc. \$13,125.00
1523 Cottage Ave, PO Box 609, Bloomington, IL 61702-0609

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McLean County Sec 08-00000-00-GM GR 8
The successful bidder on the above section was:
 McLean County Asphalt Co, Inc. \$6,268.50
 1100 W Market St, Bloomington, IL 61701

McLean County Sec 08-00000-00-GM GR 14
The successful bidder on the above section was:
 Rowe Construction Co, a Div of RA Cullinan & Son, Inc. \$17,900.00
 1523 Cottage Ave, Po Box 609, Bloomington, IL 61702-0609

Mr. Mitchell stated that the County Highway does stock pile some chips while other materials come directly from the Gravel Pits or Quarries. The decision on whether or not to stockpile is dependant on the location of the Road Project.

Chairman Hoselton asked if it would be more cost effective for the contractor to be responsible for purchasing and delivering the chips to the job site. Mr. Mitchell answered that the department has examined this very closely over the years. The chips can be purchased at a lower cost in the winter when demand is low, which makes it more cost effective for the County to stockpile the chips, rather than bidding it through the road work contract. He stated that the location of the job site determines if the chips are stockpiled or purchased from the gravel pit. The sealcoat chips are stockpiled at the County Highway Department and at the Saybrook Township yard. He stated that the County will bid the sealcoat chips both ways.

Mr. Caisley asked if limestone or pea gravel is used. Mr. Mitchell responded that the County does not specify. Both limestone and pea gravel are allowed. They are both good products.

Motion by Cavallini / Caisley to recommend
approval of the Resolution and Letting Results
from the December 19, 2007 County 2008
MFT Maintenance Sections.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated the first item for information is the Project Summary. He asked Mr. Mitchell to address the Committee.

Mr. Mitchell informed the Committee the only current contract work is the Henning and Spady Bridges – Weston Rd – CH 13 Combined Sections 05-00130-12-BR. He stated that construction has begun. The plan is to have the project completed by spring, depending on the weather. The road is currently closed and will reopen, hopefully, by the end of April.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the guardrail is up and was completed Friday on the Danvers Carlock Road. Two layers of asphalt will be applied in the spring.

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Mr. Mitchell continued with the East Side Highway Study Report. He referred the Committee to the report.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee for questions concerning the East Side Highway Study Report.

Mr. Cavallini questioned the Project Study Group Meeting sign-in sheet. He stated that most of the names have a professional connection to the project. He asked the number of people showing up to these meetings that represent the public.

Mr. Mitchell explained that the Project Study Group Meeting does not reflect the Citizens Advisory Group. They meet separately.

Mr. John Zeunik, McLean County Administrator, stated that the Citizens Advisory Group has a representative and an alternate representative from every affected stakeholder; the agricultural community, home owners, businesses, and land owners. He stated that the Project Study Group is made up of representatives from the local governments and the consultants.

Mr. Dean asked to see a current markup of the 2150 and 2300 East Corridors.

Mr. Zeunik presented a map illustrating the proposed Corridors. He stated that the agricultural community wanted to avoid a lot of angles and the Citizens Advisory Group wanted to look at using existing right of way whenever possible. The Citizens Advisory Group recommended three alternatives; to improve Towanda Barnes Road, with possibly three ways to continue it to I-74 and then to I-55, 2150 East Corridor and 2300 East Corridors. From the map, Mr. Zeunik pointed out 2150 East and 2300 East (the furthest east) to the Committee.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the consultants ran a year 2035 travel demand model on 2150 East Corridor. The results showed marginal relief to Veteran's Parkway and Towanda Barnes Road.

Mr. Zeunik stated that the consultant has done studies on the impact that each would have on Towanda Barnes Road and on Veteran's Parkway. The consultant's current analysis is that in 25 to 30 years, 2300 East Corridor will not provide any relief to the traffic volumes on Veteran's Parkway or Towanda Barnes Road.

Mr. Zeunik explained that this the first time that the Contact Sensitive Solution process, which heavily involves citizens input and participation has been used. He stated that the consultants are very pleased with the Citizen's Advisory Group.

Mr. Cavallini stated that the current plans are coming from the Citizen's Advisory Group rather than the Consultant's group.

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Mr. Mitchell stated that the East Side Highway Study is approaching \$100,000.00 over budget. This could change as the Study continues. The Steering Committee will meet January 11, 2008. At that time, the exact status of the project and the budget will be reported.

Mr. Dean questioned why the Study would be over budget.

Mr. Mitchell explained the main reason is that the Contact Sensitive Solutions is taking longer than expected.

Mr. Zeunik stated that of the \$1,100,000.00 (\$800,000.00 Federal Grant and \$100,000.00 from each of the local governments) approved for this study so many hours were allocated to the different phases for completion of the project. Because this is the first time they have gone through the Contact Sensitive Solutions Process, the hours allocated for that phase of the project have not matched the actual time spent. He stated that the State and representatives from IDOT have attended the meetings and recognize that this has been a time consuming process. Because the Contact Sensitive Solutions is a State Law, the hope is that the State will come up with the additional dollars to cover the additional time it has taken.

Mr. Mitchell explained the process used to project out 30 years, what the increase in residential, commercial and business will be. The results are used to conservatively estimate the increase in traffic.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the consultants have put a lot of time and effort into getting the public involved. He suggested that the Committee attend a meeting and express any concerns they might have.

Mr. Dean asked Mr. Zeunik to explain how Enbridge is looking at the East Side Highway Study.

Mr. Zeunik stated that per a County Board approved resolution, a deposition has been presented to the Illinois Commerce Commission (the "ICC") presenting testimony on the Study area. The proposed pipeline route, which Enbridge has submitted to the ICC, is right along the 2150 East Corridor. He explained the problem McLean County has with the pipeline is not the fact the proposed highway crosses the pipeline. The concern is if Enbridge is given the right of way they are requesting for the pipeline, then that is no longer an alternative for an East Side Highway because a highway cannot be built over the pipeline. McLean County has suggested that the pipeline be moved further east, away from the Study area. The ICC has asked Enbridge to address the concerns of McLean County.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee for any further questions concerning the East Side Highway Study. Hearing none, he continued with the Horizon Wind Farm update – Phase 1 and Phase 2.

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Mr. Mitchell reported that Phase 1 is complete and running. For Phase 2, all the bases have been poured, 110 wind mills are erected, 96 are mechanically complete, and 84 are on line.

Chairman Hoselton stated the last Item of Information is the Salt and Overtime Status Report.

Mr. Mitchell stated that from November 26, 2007 through New Year's Day the Maintenance Crew has incurred the following costs:

Overtime	\$72,000.00	\$106,000.00 over budget
Salt	\$191,000.00	4,960 ton of 7,000 ton budget @ \$38.54 per ton

He informed the Committee that 1,300 ton of salt has been ordered along with another 600 ton. Bills for repairs to the trucks, plows and equipment and the cost of 7,000 gallons of fuel have not been processed which makes it difficult to report costs.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none; he adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary

