

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 404, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: Member Baggett

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

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 / Cavallini to recommend approval of the minutes from the December 4, 2007 meeting of the Transportation Committee.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for November, 2007. The prepaid total is \$1,087,411.52.

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

Member Cavallini referred to page four of the bills requesting an explanation of the expenditure to Westmiller and Evans in the amount of \$5,574.00.

Mr. Mitchell explained that Westmiller and Evans is an equipment supply house. He asked Mr. Eric Schmitt, Assistant County Engineer if he remembered what items were purchased. Mr. Schmitt replied he thought it was for delineators. Mr. Mitchell concurred the purchase was for delineators (a four foot flexible post used to mark hazard areas for the snow plows).

Member Dean asked for an explanation of the \$19,782.73 expenditure to Hagerty Steel. Mr. Mitchell explained the increase this year is due to the purchase of 10 pre wet kits, which are tanks that discharge calcium chloride into the salt box to help prevent the salt from freezing and to improve the performance of the salt when the temperature drops below 17° – 18° F.

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

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee the first item for action to be presented is the Resolution & Letting Results from the November 28, 2007 County Non-MFT Combined Construction Projects and Township Stockpiles. Chairman Hoselton stated that all the bids received show a very small increase above the engineer's estimates. Chairman Hoselton recommended the Committee approve the request. The County Highway Department is asking for approval to award the following materials and contracts:

2008 Non-MFT Construction Sections:

**McLean County Weston Road (CH 13) Combined sections
05-00130-12-BR (Henning Bridge) & 05-00130-11-BR (Spady Bridge)**

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Stark Excavating, Inc

\$396,421.04

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2008 MFT Maintenance Sections

Allin RD	Sec 08-01000-00-GM	GR 14	
The successful bidder on the above section was:			
Towanda Company			\$6,588.00
201 W. Jackson St, PO Box 230, Towanda, IL 61776			
Anchor RD	Sec 08-02000-00-GM	GR 14	
The successful bidder on the above section was:			
Limestone Transit, Inc			\$9,300.00
PO Box 80, Fairbury, IL 61739-0080			
Bellflower RD	Sec 08-04000-00-GM	GR 14	
The successful bidder on the above section was:			
Limestone Transit, Inc			\$20,090.00
PO Box 80, Fairbury, IL 61739-0080			
Cropsey RD	Sec 08-10000-00-GM	GR 14	
The successful bidder on the above section was:			
Limestone Transit, Inc			\$8,435.00
PO Box 80, Fairbury, IL 61739-0080			
Dale RD	Sec 08-11000-00-GM	GR 14	
The successful bidder on the above section was:			
Towanda Company Inc			\$12,816.00
201 W. Jackson St, PO Box 230, Towanda, IL 61776			
Gridley RD	Sec 08-18000-00-GM	GR 14	
The successful bidder on the above section was:			
Limestone Transit, Inc			\$18,800.00
PO Box 80, Fairbury, IL 61739-0080			
Hudson RD	Sec 08-19000-00-GM	GR 14	
The successful bidder on the above section was:			
Carri Scharf Materials			\$9,600.00
7 Carri Dr, Bloomington, IL 61704			
Martin RD	Sec 08-22000-00-GM	GR 14	
The successful bidder on the above section was:			
Limestone Transit, Inc			\$17,625.00
PO Box 80, Fairbury, IL 61739-0080			
Normal RD	Sec 08-25000-00-GM	GR14	
The successful bidder on the above section was:			

Carri Scharf Materials
7 Carri Dr, Bloomington, IL 61704

\$6,750.00

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West RD Sec 08-29000-00-GM GR 14

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Carri Scharf Materials \$5,223.75
7 Carri Dr, Bloomington, IL 61704

Motion by Caisley / Clark to recommend approval of
Resolution and Letting Results from the November 28, 2007
County Non-MFT Combined Construction Projects
and Township Stockpiles.
Motion Carried

Chairman Hoselton stated the next item for action to be presented is the Resolution for Improvements to Towanda Barnes Road (CH 29) – Ft Jesse Rd to Northtown Road and the appropriation of \$420,000.00 from the County Motor Fuel Tax Funds and/or County Matching Funds. Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that this is for Engineering services, not Construction.

Mr. Caisley asked how much is right of way acquisition and how much is engineering expense. Mr. Mitchell responded that the bulk of it is engineering costs. He explained that the County Highway Department is appropriating Motor Fuel Tax and / or County Matching Fund so that either fund can be used for the work or for the right of way purchase.

Mr. Cavallini asked what percentage of the engineering funds represents the total cost of the project. Mr. Mitchell responded the exact amount will not be known until they go to construction, however, the engineering fees are usually within the 8% -10% range.

Chairman Hoselton expressed his concern that, with Towanda Barnes being one of the alternatives for the East Side Highway, are we possibly getting Towanda Barnes ahead of the race. Mr. Mitchell responded that for safety reasons, the Highway Department needs to proceed and get through the next full mile, getting the traffic signals in at Raab Road. He explained that the design is for the two miles, up to Northtown Road. By the time the Highway Department is ready to complete the project, the East Side Highway Study will have a recommended proposal.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee for other questions or comments.

Motion by Dean / Cavallini to recommend approval of the Resolution
for improvements to Towanda Barnes Road (CH 39) and the
appropriation of \$420,000.00 from the County Motor Fuel
Tax Funds and/or County Matching Funds.

Chairman Hoselton stated the next item for action is the 2008 County Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Maintenance Resolution. Chairman Hoselton questioned the wording of "allotment for the maintenance on county or State highways".

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Mr. Mitchell explained the County Highway Department does not maintain State highways. The County Maintenance Resolution is a standard State form.

Motion by Caisley / Dean to amend the County Maintenance Resolution by striking "or State".
Motion carried.

The County Highway Department is asking for approval of the appropriation of \$1,975,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax allotment for the maintenance on County highways and meeting the requirements of the Illinois Highway Code.

Mr. Mitchell referred the Committee to the Estimate of Maintenance Costs breaking down the \$1,975,000.00 as follows:

Total Estimated Maintenance Cost	\$1,784,373.50
Maintenance Engineering	\$190,000.00

Mr. Mitchell stated that there is very little increase from last year.

Motion by Caisley / Dean to recommend approval of the appropriation of \$1,975,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax allotment for the maintenance on County highways and meeting the requirements of the Illinois Highway Code.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee the first item to be presented for information is the Project Summary.

Mr. Mitchell presented the following Project Summaries:

Danvers / Carlock Rd – CH 53 – Combined Sections
Sec 03-00148-02-AS & Sec 03-00148-04-BR

Mr. Mitchell informed the Committee the road was opened to traffic on Friday. The guardrail needs to be installed and final clean-up work will be completed in 2008.

Bentown / Holder Rd – CH25-04-00040-03-WR

Mr. Mitchell stated the stabilization, binder and most of the curb are completed. The surface operations have been suspended until next spring because of weather.

Lexington / LeRoy Rd – CH 21 & Ellsworth Rd – CH 17

Mr. Mitchell stated the temporary radii have been removed and restored with the new curbing. The paving operations have been suspended until next spring because of weather.

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Colfax / Weston Rd – CH 13-07-00130-15-PV

Mr. Mitchell reported that the construction and final paperwork are complete.

Mr. Mitchell informed the Committee that both Danvers / Carlock and Bentown / Holder qualified for State TARP (Truck Access Route Program) funds.

Mr. Mitchell continued with the East Side Highway Study Report. He stated that the consultant will be considering the Citizens Advisory Group's three (3) possible alignments along with the alternatives from the Bernadin Lockmueller Feasibility Study. The report should be available soon. Mr. Mitchell explained that 3-5 alternatives will be analyzed before a final recommendation is made, possibly in May, 2008.

Mr. Mitchell asked Eric Schmitt to report on the Horizon Wind Farm.

Mr. Schmitt reported Phase II is coming along well. Phase I had to be shut down to connect Phase II's power. At that time improvements were made to the substation of Phase I. Turban erection should be completed by mid January. All bases are completed, 92 towers are erected, and 85 of them are mechanically complete.

Chairman Hoselton asked for further comments from the Committee.

Mr. Mitchell stated that after the agenda went out, the Highway Department received a letter form Contech, the pipe supplier, offering to extent their current pricing through year 2008.

Motion by Caisley / Dean to schedule a Stand Up
Committee meeting before the County Board meeting
on December 18, 2007 to consider the offer from
Contech.
Motion Carried.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the first Tuesday of January is January 1st and would recommend rescheduling the meeting to Tuesday, January 8th.

Motion by Clark / Caisley to schedule the January
meeting to be held on January 8, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee for a motion to go into *Executive Session* to discuss Personnel matters.

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Motion by Dean/ Clark to go into *Executive Session* to discuss Personnel matters. The Committee members and the County Administrator are asked to remain in *Executive Session*.
Motion carried.

The Transportation Committee went into *Executive Session* at 8:55 a.m.

Motion by Dean/ Cavallini to return to Open Session at 9:35 a.m.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton advised Mr. Mitchell that the Committee recommended a 5 step merit increase that would take him from step 90 to step 95 on the salary range for the County Engineer's position. The merit increase and the 2.5% across the board increase together represent a 4.27% increase over his present annual salary.

Chairman Hoselton asked if a member of the Committee wished to offer a motion at this time.

Motion by Caisley/ Cavallini to recommend approval of A Resolution Appropriating the 2008 Motor Fuel Tax Funds and Setting the County Engineer's Annual Salary at \$106,689.12 and the County Engineer's Travel and Conference expenses at \$5,200.00.
Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Committee at this time, Chairman Hoselton adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary