

## Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 404, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Christine Northcutt, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Jack Mitchell, County Engineer

Others Present: Mr. Eric Schmitt, Assistant County Engineer; Mr. Jeff Tracy, Project Manager; Mr. Eric Geurts, Engineering Tech II; Mr. Mark Leake, Highway Maintenance Coordinator; Ms. Connie Johnson, Accounting Clerk II; Ms. Christine Brauer, Member, Regional Planning Commission; Ms. Jennifer Sicks, Transportation Planner, Regional Planning Commission

Acting Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. He asked Mr. Jack Mitchell, County Engineer, to say a few words on behalf of the Committee's late Chairman, B.H. "Duffy" Bass.

Mr. Mitchell stated that he wanted to take a moment to recognize Duffy Bass. He noted that he had worked with Mr. Bass since he began working for McLean County 18½ years ago. Mr. Bass had been the Chairman of the Transportation Committee since 1995. Mr. Mitchell asked the Committee to observe a moment a silence in Mr. Bass' honor.

Mr. Dean recited a brief prayer thanking Mr. Bass for his years of service and leadership to McLean County.

Acting Chairman Hoselton stated that the first item for action is approval of the minutes from the March 6, 2007 meeting.

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Motion by Cavallini/Dean to recommend approval of the minutes from the March 6, 2007 meeting of the Transportation Committee. Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills from March, 2007. He advised that Mr. Mitchell would address any questions that the Committee may have.

Mr. Dean stated that he noticed that the Highway Department has begun paying Clark Dietz, the consulting firm that is handling the East Side Highway Study. Mr. Dean asked how the payments will be handled with the State funding and the shared responsibility between the County, the Town of Normal and the City of Bloomington. Mr. Mitchell responded that the Highway Department pays the bills as the bills are received from Clark Dietz. When the Highway Department receives its cancelled check back, the Department can submit the cancelled check to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for 80% reimbursement. The Highway Department then sends a bill to City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal for their one-third portion of the 20% that is not paid by the State funding.

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

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Mr. Mitchell stated that the first item for action is the Resolution approving the letting results from a March 28, 2007 Letting for County and Township 2007 Maintenance Sections. The bid tab and Resolution is located in the Committee's agenda packet. Mr. Mitchell stated that Beniach was the low bidder for the Danvers Road District. Rowe Construction was the low bidder for the Funks Grove Road District. Contech Construction Products was the only bidder for PVC pipe. Rowe Construction was the low bidder in the Normal Road District. The Normal Road District project is a Non-MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) project. This is awarded through the Normal Road District. The County merely set up the proposals and took bids for the Road District.

Acting Chairman Hoselton asked if there were any other comments or questions. Hearing none, he called for a motion.

Motion by Cavallini/Baggett to recommend approval of a Resolution and Letting Results from a March 28, 2007 Letting for County and Township 2007 MFT Maintenance Sections. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the next item is the annual Surveying Agreement between the McLean County Highway Department and Lewis, Yockey and Brown, Inc. Mr. Mitchell informed the Committee that for the past five or six years, the Highway Department has entered into an annual surveying agreement with Lewis, Yockey and Brown to do various surveying work for the County. Mr. Mitchell explained that Lewis, Yockey and Brown completed the right-of-way work and located the section corners for the project on Holder Road. They have always done a good job. Only three of their hourly rates have been increased this year over last year's contract. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would recommend approval of this contract.

Mr. Dean asked what the "Party Chief" does. Mr. Mitchell responded that the "Party Chief" is in charge of the survey crew.

Motion by Dean/Caisley to recommend approval of an Annual Surveying Agreement between McLean County and Lewis, Yockey and Brown, Inc. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell stated the next item for approval is Bridge Design Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc. to replace the Heartland Bridge. Mr. Mitchell explained that on County Highway 36, across the Sangamon River, there is a two span bridge with a decorative rail which is posted at 22 ton. Because that is the main road between Saybrook and Arrowsmith, the Highway Department recommends that the bridge be replaced.

Mr. Mitchell advised that the Highway Department will apply for federal funds to complete this job, but this bridge is designated as a "historic bridge". This fact may make it more difficult to obtain federal funding. There are two other bridges similar to this bridge in the County and the Highway Department is proposing that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) add one of those bridges to the historic list in exchange for removing the Heartland Bridge from the list. Mr. Mitchell stated that, in the end, the federal funding may not be obtained, in that case, the County Bridge Fund will be used.

Mr. Mitchell stated that Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc. has been doing the bridge design work for the Highway Department for some time. They have always done an excellent job. Mr. Mitchell stated that he recommends approval of this agreement.

Acting Chairman Hoselton asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he called for a motion.

Motion by Cavallini/Baggett to recommend approval  
of a Bridge Design Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini  
and Renwick, Inc. for the Heartland Bridge.  
Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the next item on the agenda is the Timber Bridge Engineering Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc. Mr. Mitchell informed the Committee that this agreement is for Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick to inspect all of the County and Township timber bridges to see which ones may need to be posted or replaced. The Highway Department has been entering into this agreement every three years for the past 20 years. The last time this was completed there were 21 timber bridges. Currently, there are only 17. The piling on these bridges is made of timber. The majority of the time these bridges have a timber backing behind the timber piling and a timber wing wall. Mr. Mitchell informed the Committee that Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc. sounds the bridges and then cores the piling, if necessary, to determine the level of deterioration. Mr. Mitchell recommended approval of this agreement.

Motion by Caisley/Dean to recommend approval  
of a Timber Bridge Engineering Agreement with  
Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc.  
Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the next item on the agenda is a Joint Bridge Petition for a culvert on the Township line between Empire and Dawson Townships. This is a box culvert on 800 North Road which is very narrow and deteriorating quickly. The culvert is on the Township line between Empire and Dawson, so the cost will

be shared by the two Townships. The Townships' share is determined by assessed valuation. The County pays 50% and the remaining 50% is shared by the two Townships. The County's share comes out of the Joint Bridge Fund. The County's cost for this project will be approximately \$12,500.00. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would recommend approval of this item.

Motion by Dean/Cavallini to recommend a Joint Bridge Petition submitted by Empire Township and Dawson Township. Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Hoselton asked if Mr. Mitchell would present the items for information.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the Kath Bridge on the Danvers-Carlock Road is done except for some rip-wrap work and some minor clean up.

Mr. Mitchell stated that he has included a rather thick report in the Committee's agenda packet on the East Side Highway. There was a public meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> at Normal Community High School. There were 53 people who attended the afternoon session and 45 people who attended the evening session. There were also individuals from IDOT and others who were interested in observing the *Context Sensitive Solutions* process. The East Side Highway Study is the first major project to utilize this process, so other agencies are interested in watching the process. The meeting broke into five separate sub-meetings where interested parties expressed their concerns. Those concerns were recorded onto flip charts and photos of those flip charts are included in the Committee's agenda packets.

Mr. Mitchell informed the Committee that the next public meeting on the East Side Highway is April 19, 2007 in Room 400 of the Government Center. There will be two sessions, one in the afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and one in the evening from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Acting Chairman Hoselton asked Mr. Eric Schmitt, Assistant County Engineer, to give the Committee an update on the Horizon Wind Farm. Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that there are 96 towers up in Phase I of the Horizon Wind Farm; 44 are commissioned, which means they are capable of producing energy; 33 are producing energy at this time. Mr. Schmitt said that Horizon is planning on beginning Phase II of the operation between April 15<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Baggett asked how many towers will be located in Phase II of the project. Mr. Schmitt responded that there will be 120 towers in Phase II.

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Acting Chairman Hoselton asked if there were any questions for Mr. Schmitt. Hearing none, he asked Mr. Eric Geurts, Engineering Tech II, to present the Adopt-A-Highway update.

Mr. Geurts informed the Committee that the McLean County Adopt-A-Highway program will experience a one time large expense due to a federal and IDOT requirement that Adopt-A-Highway participants wear the ANSI Class II safety vests when participating in the program. The Highway Department has been able to find a supplier of vests which sells the vests for \$10.90 each. This will be a one time investment of \$2,725.00.

Mr. Dean asked if the Committee needed to approve this expenditure. Mr. Mitchell responded that the Highway Department wanted to make the Committee aware of this expense. For liability reasons, it is a necessary purchase. If the Committee does not object, the Highway Department will make this purchase. The Committee agreed.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the last item on the agenda is the Highway Department's new garage. He showed the Committee drawings which depicted how the equipment will be arranged in the new heated garage and in the cold storage sheds. He informed the Committee that this item will be taken before the Property Committee this month. Because this is a new building, its construction will be under the Property Committee's oversight.

Mr. Mitchell informed the Committee that \$400,000.00 was budgeted for this construction of the garage plus the replacement of the garage doors on the cold storage building. The current estimate is \$370,000.00 for the garage and \$12,000.00 for the garage doors for the cold storage building. It appears the project will be right in line with the budgeted amount.

Mr. Dean asked if the construction work will be bid out. Mr. Mitchell responded that the construction work will be bid. The design work, site prep and the heating aspects will be done in house.

Acting Chairman Hoselton asked if there were any other questions or comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Cavallini/Baggett to adjourn at 9:05 a.m.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Northcutt  
Recording Secretary