

## Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was held on February 4, 2003 at 7:30 a.m. at the Law and Justice Center, Room 700, 104 West Front Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Bass, Members Hoselton, Owens, Cavallini, Dean and Rodgers

Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator; Mrs. Carmen Zielinski, Administrator's Office; Ms. Jennifer Sicks, Transportation Planner, Regional Planning; Mr. John Mitchell, County Engineer

Others Present: None

Chairman Bass called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. Chairman Bass presented the Minutes of the January 4, 2003 meeting for approval.

Motion by Owens/Dean to approve the minutes of January 4, 2003 meeting of the Transportation Committee. Motion carried.

Chairman Bass presented the bills for approval.

Mr. Hoselton referred to line item that documents a \$4,805.00 expense for Lakeland Community College in Mattoon, IL. Mr. Hoselton wanted to know what this expense is about. Mr. Mitchell answered that several of his technicians attended a course at Lakeland because the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has moved away from the Methods Specs for Asphalt and Concrete and are utilizing a QCQA Spec where a contractor has to provide personnel to conduct inspections. Because of this, the County Highway has to have trained and certified personnel on this course.

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Motion by Hoselton/Owen to approve the bills for January 2003 as submitted. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell presented the results of a letting from January 29, 2003. Mr. Mitchell explained that the letting was for the sale of property in Lexington, Illinois. This property is located in the City of Lexington, on the corner of P.J. Keller Highway and Old Route 66 and consists of 0.47 acres. This property was sold to Mr. Mark Killian for \$2,500.00.

Motion by Hoselton/Cavallini to recommend approval of the results of a letting from January 29, 2003 for the sale of property in Lexington, Illinois. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell presented a resolution of the results of a letting from January 29, 2003. This letting was for various County Road District 2003 MFT Maintenance Sections. This letting refers to the Freight on Board (FOB) Projects for McLean County. In this instance, the County would travel to the gravel pit or quarry and pick up material with County equipment. The Highway Department accepts all the bidders subject to mileage and availability throughout the year. The Highway Department will start purchasing the materials needed from the lowest bidder. When this lowest bidder runs out of the material required, the Highway Department will move to the next lowest bidder for the items. The mileage rate for these services is based on 15 cents per ton-mile haul charge, one way. Mr. Mitchell noted that Group 7 is being re-bid because the bids were higher than the estimated amount.

Motion by Owens/Rodgers to recommend approval of the results of a letting from January 29, 2003 for various County Road District 2003 MFT Maintenance Sections. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell presented the results of a letting held on January 29, 2003 for the purchase of one (1) 2003 Motor Grader, one (1) 2003 4-Wheel Drive Tractor, two (2) 2003 Tandem Cabs & Chassis and two (2) Dump Bodies and Hoists.

Motion by Rodgers/Cavallini to recommend approval of the results of a letting held on January 29, 2003 for the purchase of one (1) 2003 Motor Grade, one (1) 2003 4-Wheel Drive Cab Tractor, two (2) 2003 Tandem Cab & Chassis and two (2) Dump Body and Hoist. Motion carried.

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Mr. Mitchell requested approval of a resolution to purchase equipment from the State bid for four (4) 2003 Pick-Up Trucks. Mr. Mitchell stated that Landmark Ford, Springfield, IL., has the State bid for the two (2) 2003 ½ ton Ford F150 Long Bed pickups at \$27,867.00. Green Chevrolet, Peoria, IL. has the State bid for two (2) 2003 ½ Ton Chevrolet 1500 Extended Cabs at \$35,759.16.

After some discussion, Chairman Bass asked for a vote.

Motion by Hoselton/Cavallini to recommend approval of a resolution to purchase equipment from the State bid for four (4) 2003 Pick-Up Trucks.  
Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell presented an update on the proposed new Garage Facility. He stated that the Property Committee directed Facilities Manager, Jack Moody, to study whether other facilities could be built on the Route 9 site. Mr. Mitchell mentioned of a study conducted in 2001, where it was determined that by purchasing the new Government Center, all of the space needs from the Law and Justice Center would be met. Mr. Moody has pointed to the need to study sewer and water availability on the Route 9 site.

Mr. Mitchell explained that the sewer system will be the hardest and most expensive issue to consider because of the location of the site. The facility is 2 ½ miles east of Towanda-Barnes Road and city sewer are not being considered for anytime in the near future.

Chairman Bass clarified that when the County purchased this property, the funds to pay for the property came from the County Highway Fund. Mr. Mitchell answered that Chairman Bass was correct on this statement.

Mr. Hoselton noted that today's discussion regarding the New Garage is just for information purposes. Any decision regarding this issue would start with the Property Committee who would then recommend it to the Executive Committee who would then present it to the County Board for their approval.

Mr. Mitchell referred back to the water and sewer issues listed by Mr. Moody. Mr. Mitchell stated that it is obvious that it will be years before this facility has a public sewer system. But, talking with the McLean County Health Department, in the spring, some percolation tests will be run to determine if a traditional septic system would work. The other issue that needs to be considered is a water source. Until the City of Bloomington builds a sewer system that reaches this facility no public water will be

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available either. So, the immediate answer for a water source is wells. A test well would cost around \$8,000.00. Mr. Mitchell noted that as with any well, there is not guarantee that you will reach water the first few times a well is drilled. Again, Mr. Hoselton noted that this is just for information of the Transportation Committee. The topic will be continued at the Property Committee Meeting of February 6, 2003.

Mr. Mitchell requested approval of an Agreement for an Access Management Study with Hanson Professional Services, Inc. This study would prepare a planning report, a model access management policy and a model access management ordinance. Mr. Mitchell noted that McLean County, the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal applied for grants through the Illinois Tomorrow Program. The County requested \$40,000.00 to do an Access Management Study that would be in cooperation with the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal, as well. The County received a \$36,000.00 grant and the parties involved have to come up with the remaining \$4,000.00.

Ms. Jennifer Sicks, Transportation Planner, Regional Planning, explained that this issue was sent out for Request for Proposals. This Performance Agreement has been reviewed by Mr. Eric Ruud, First Assistant State's Attorney.

Mr. Hoselton asked if the County had an agreement with Bloomington and Normal agreeing to the matching of funds regarding this project. Mr. Mitchell explained that their budgeting process allows for a \$10,000.00 expenditure without having to perform a separate agreement. An Official Letter has been requested but not received from them at this time.

Motion by Hoselton/Owens to recommend approval of an Agreement for the Performance of an Access Management Study with Hanson Professional Services, Inc. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell referred to a letter sent to Mr. Les Wellenreiter, Mayor of Danvers. Mr. Mitchell thanked the Danvers Village Board, Superintendent Scott Seniff for their cooperation and help provided to McLean County when work was being done on North Street, County Highway 18 and 55 in the Village of Danvers.

Mr. Mitchell noted that McLean County spent \$163,500.00 on contracts work with Rowe Construction Company and another \$61,500.00 of County labor and equipment time to complete the project. These figures don't include the investment of \$1,300,000.00 on the Danvers-Yuton Road from the Danvers School to Yuton. Mr. Mitchell informed the mayor that there is a plan to reconstruct County Highway 53, the Danvers-Carlock Road in the year 2004. Mr. Mitchell noted that this time frame is subject to the completion of surveys, plans and the ability to obtain the necessary Right-of-Way from Danvers to Carlock.

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Mr. Owens informed the Transportation Committee that he would not be present at March's meeting because he would be in Washington, D.C. attending the NACo Conference.

There being nothing further to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Bass at 8:44 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carmen Zielinski  
Recording Secretary

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