

## Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, September 18, 2001 at 4:42 p.m. in Room 700, Law and Justice Center, 104 West Front Street, Room 701 Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Bass, Members Hoselton, Emmett, Johnson, Selzer, Owens

Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Martha B. Ross, County Administrator's Assistant, County Administrator's Office

Department Heads/  
Elected Officials Present: Mr. Jack Mitchell, County Engineer, County Highway Department

Others Present: None

Chairman Bass called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m. and declared a quorum.

Mr. Mitchell presented the Agreement with MediaCom and explained that all parties have now verbally agreed to the provisions of the Agreement. The Agreement will first be presented to representatives from MediaCom for signature, then to the County Board Chairman and County Clerk for signature.

Motion by Selzer/Hoselton to Recommend Approval of the Contract with MediaCom to Use County Highways 5, 8, 12, and 18 for Construction Purposes. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell then presented a Request for Approval of Letting Results from a September 13, 2001 letting. He explained that the project, which is the subject of the letting, is the railroad project in the Village of Towanda. Rowe Construction received the award with a bid which was 12% over the estimate for the project. However, the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") recommended the award of the project despite its overage, and the Village of Towanda concurred. The project will be funded by the Department of Transportation's Railroad Division.

Motion by Emmett/Johnson to Recommend Approval of the Results of a Letting from September 13, 2001, awarding the Railroad Project in the Village of Towanda to Rowe Construction of Bloomington, Illinois.

Mr. Owens asked why the bid amounts were so high. Mr. Mitchell responded that prices have recently been escalating and that the consultant's estimate contains a myriad of small quantity items, making accurate estimates more difficult.

Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds would appear on the regular County Board agenda for September 2001. The Agreement includes the jurisdictions of the Village of Towanda and the County of McLean, as well as the Farnsworth Group, Inc. He stated that all other Highway Department matters would appear on the Consent portion of the Board's September agenda.

Mr. Mitchell announced that the Road Commissioner from the town of Bellflower, Illinois has entered into an agreement with Mr. George Kasbergen, owner of the new Stone Ridge Dairy facility, which will soon be operational near Bellflower. The agreement allows the Stone Ridge dairy to transport loads over Township roads.

Mr. Hoselton noted that, despite the fact that the Board had expressed concern over potential damage to County roads by dairy traffic, the Illinois Department of Public Health granted a permit to operate the dairy. He noted that he has received numerous telephone calls from constituents who state that Mr. Kasbergen is now utilizing County roads rather than Township roads, as per his agreement. He further noted that it is thought that weight limits for the County roads are routinely being exceeded, and that the Sheriff should be notified to that effect.

There being nothing further to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Ross  
Recording Secretary