

## Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, April 17, 2001 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 703, Law and Justice Center, 104 West Front Street, Room 701 Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: Chairman Bass

Staff Members Present: 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

Mr. Emmett called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. and declared a quorum. Vice Chairman Hoselton explained that, due to a recent medical procedure, he has difficulty reading small print. Therefore, Member Emmett will conduct the meeting.

Mr. Owens asked that all present join in a prayer for Chairman Bass, who is temporarily incapacitated.

Mr. Emmett presented the Minutes of the March 6, 2001 meeting for approval, and presented the April 2001 bills and transfers as recommended by the Auditor's Office for approval.

Motion by Hoselton/Selzer to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2001 meeting of the Transportation Committee, and the April 2001 bills and transfers as recommended by the Auditor's Office for approval.  
Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell presented the Request for Approval of Township/County MFT bids for the letting that was held on March 29, 2001. He noted that the Bid Tab was published in the County Board Packet this month, due to the fact that a lack of a quorum prohibited the Committee convening an official meeting in April 2001. Mr. Mitchell noted that all awards were made to the low bidders and recommended the acceptance of those low bids.

Motion by Selzer/Owens to Approve the Township/County MFT  
Bids for the letting on March 29, 2001.

Mr. Hoselton asked whether this was the first instance wherein one contractor received awards for all the projects that were bid. Mr. Mitchell responded that it is not the first time for such a situation to occur. He noted that the bids at hand are for skip patching, which frequently goes to McLean County Asphalt. In the past, Freesen, Inc. has been the successful bidder for some of these jobs, although they were not successful in this round of bids.

Mr. Owens asked when the work would commence. Mr. Mitchell responded that the work may commence at any time after the bid award is made, but not while the weather is as cold as it is currently. He noted that the work should be completed in the year 2001, with seal coat work to be completed by August 30<sup>th</sup> and the intermittent overlay to be completed by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Owens asked what would happen in the event that the work is not completed on time. Mr. Mitchell explained that the County might cash the bid check and move on to the next bidder, noting that the County would not wish to undertake the job if it commenced after the completion date.

Mr. Hoselton noted that the item referred to as a bid check is really a bid bond. Mr. Mitchell explained that a bid bond is more difficult to cash than a bid check. He noted that the bond serves as a surety to complete the job.

Ms. Johnson remarked that Empire Road is not listed on her copy of the Bid Tab. Mr. Mitchell responded that Empire Road is a Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Section, which is awarded by Township only. Some materials may be provided by different suppliers, wherein the south part of the Township would be served by one supplier, and the north side of the Township would be served by a different supplier.

Mr. Owens asked whether the same circumstance applied to Cropsey Road. Mr. Mitchell responded that such was the case.

Mr. Emmett stated that Freesen, Inc. over bid on every project. Mr. Mitchell explained that Freesen, Inc. is not set up to pursue this type of work. They were attempting to acquire some additional work. He noted that McLean County Asphalt is well-prepared for the smaller jobs.

Mr. Hoselton noted that Freesen, Inc. may be simply attempting to keep their name on the list of bidders.

Mr. Mitchell announced that a merger has taken place, but it is not yet completed. Rowe, Freesen, Inc., and Illinois Valley have announced plans to merge to form one entity. At this time, they are pursuing joint venture projects until the merger is finalized.

Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell presented the Request for Approval of the Lake Run 2001 Lake Bloomington Bicycle Ride Permit. He noted that the County would receive a certificate of insurance for this event. In the event that an accident occurs, the County would not be liable for damages, as a result of the issuance of the certificate.

Motion by Selzer/Johnson to approve Agenda Items 8 (F) (1) (b) and (c) in the same motion. Item 8 (F) (1) (c) is a Request for Approval of Tri-Shark Triathlon Bicycle Ride Permit. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell remarked that the recent article in The Pantagraph stated that Mr. Kasbergen, owner of the proposed Stone Ridge Dairy facility, is expecting a ruling from the Department of Agriculture within a few weeks. He asked whether the Committee would like for him to send a letter to Mr. Kasbergen, reminding him of the County's position regarding the roads surrounding the dairy and their accompanying weight regulations.

Mr. Selzer stated that he would not like the Committee to become proactive with regard to the Stone Ridge Dairy. He noted that the County Board has made its position clear. Mr. Emmett noted that Mr. Kasbergen has stated that he will not attempt further action on the dairy until the autumn 2001.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Ross  
Recording Secretary