

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 404, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Hoselton, Members Black, Caisley, Soeldner, McKibbin and Cavallini

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer

Others Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer

Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. He stated that the first Item for Action is approval of the minutes from the March 6, 2012 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Motion by Caisley/Cavallini to recommend approval of the minutes from the March 6, 2012 meeting of the Transportation Committee.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for March 31, 2012. The prepaid total is \$428,255.12.

Mr. Soeldner asked for an explanation of payment to Barker's Collision Inc. Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer, responded that the Department had repair work done on two of the County's vehicles.

Mr. Caisley referred to two payments of \$21.00 to the County Recorder. He asked if the County was exempt from County Recorder fees. Mr. Schmitt advised that the Department is not exempt from County Recorder fees.

Mr. Cavallini asked if the salt purchases are complete. Mr. Schmitt responded that the sheds are full. The Department has ordered 500 tons more. This is not the last of the salt the County is required to receive. We are waiting to hear from our supplier as to the amount of salt we will be required to order.

Motion by Soeldner/McKibbin to recommend payment of the March 31, 2012 bills as submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first Item for Action is the Resolution and Bid Tab for March 27, 2012 County and Township Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Letting.

Mr. Schmitt presented the oil and chip letting held on February 28, 2012. He noted that some of the prices bid are over the estimate. There are three types of oil on the letting.

1. HFP contains additives. Cold oil.
2. CRS2 an emulsion with added water. Cold oil.
3. PG4628 and PG 5228 which are the prices over the estimated bid. Hot oil.

Mr. Schmitt explained that PG 4628 and PG 5228 material is not available locally. The increased price of oil has caused the PG material prices to increase along with the shipping costs of \$50 - \$75 per ton. These increases are reflective in the increased bids.

Chairman Hoselton asked if a Performance Bond is required. Mr. Schmitt responded that with the oil and chip work, the bidder can either put up a bond or a bid check. Mr. Schmitt recommended approval on the following bids:

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2010 MFT Maintenance Sections:

Steffens 3-D Construction, Inc, 2503 CR 1250 North, El Paso, IL 61738 was the successful bidder on the following sections:

McLean County	Sec 12-00000-00-GM	GR 2	\$451,242.50
Allin RD	Sec 12-01000-00-GM	GR 2	\$41,713.75
Anchor RD	Sec 12-02000-00-GM	GR 2	\$71,380.00
Arrowsmith RD	Sec 12-03000-00-GM	GR 2	\$86,435.00
Bellflower RD	Sec 12-04000-00-GM	GR2	\$68,128.75
Blue Mound RD	Sec 12-07000-00-GM	GR 1	\$118,917.50
Cheney's Grove RD	Sec 12-08000-00-GM	GR 2A	\$67,795.15
Chenoa RD	Sec 12-09000-00-GM	GR 2	\$35,437.50
Cropsey RD	Sec 12-10000-00-GM	GR 2	\$38,812.50
Danvers RD	Sec 12-12000-00-GM	GR 2	\$77,225.00
Dawson RD	Sec 12-13000-00-GM	GR 2	\$38,980.00
Downs RD	Sec 12-14000-00-GM	GR 2	\$47,812.50
Dry Grove RD	Sec 12-15000-00-GM	GR 2	\$61,777.50
Funks Grove RD	Sec 12-17000-00-GM	GR 2	\$26,834.00
Gridley RD	Sec 12-18000-00-GM	GR 2	\$91,185.00
Hudson RD	Sec 12-19000-00-GM	GR 2	\$73,750.00
Lexington RD	Sec 12-21000-00-GM	GR 2	\$62,522.50
Martin RD	Sec 12-22000-00-GM	GR 2	\$47,992.50
Money Creek RD	Sec 12-23000-00-GM	GR 2	\$60,585.00
Mount Hope RD	Sec 12-24000-00-GM	GR 2	\$31,075.00
Normal RD	Sec 12-25000-00-GM	GR 2	\$37,050.00
Old Town RD	Sec 12-26000-00-GM	GR 2	\$93,275.00
Randolph RD	Sec 12-27000-00-GM	GR 2A	\$53,570.00
Towanda RD	Sec 12-28000-00-GM	GR 2	\$57,225.00
West RD	Sec 12-29000-00-GM	GR 2	\$31,892.50
White Oak RD	Sec 12-30000-00-GM	GR 2	\$26,625.00
Yates RD	Sec 12-31000-00-GM	GR 2	\$94,145.00

Emulsicoat, Inc, 705 E. University Ave, Urbana, Illinois, 61802 was the successful bidder on the following sections:

Empire RD	Sec 12-16000-00-GM	GR 17	\$61,800.00
Lawndale RD	Sec 12-20000-00-GM	GR 17	\$31,860.00

Motion by Soeldner/Black to recommend approval of the Resolution and Bid Tab for March 27, 2012 County and Township Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Letting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next Item for Action is the Resolution and Bid Tab for March 28, 2012 County and Township Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) and Non-MFT Letting.

Mr. Schmitt reported that these bids are for materials for crack sealing maintenance projects. He noted that Pure Asphalt Company, Chicago, Illinois is a new bidder. Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of the following material and construction contracts:

2012 MFT Maintenance Sections:

McLean County Sec 12-00000-00-GM Crack Sealer

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Pure Asphalt Company
3455 W 31st Pl, Chicago, IL 60623 \$48,000.00

Downs RD Sec 12-14000-00-GM GR13

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Towanda Company, LLC
201 W. Jackson St, PO Box 230, Towanda, IL 61776-0230 \$30,540.00

2012 Non-MFT Construction Sections:

McLean County Sec 11-00049-06-RS Funks Farm Rd – CH 41

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Rowe Construction, a Div of United Contractors Midwest Inc.
1523 N Cottage Ave, PO Box 609, Bloomington, IL 61702-0609 \$618,268.72

Motion by Caisley Cavallini to recommend approval of the Resolution and Bid Tab for February 28, 2012 Township Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) and County Non-Non MFT Letting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton presented the Resolution and Bid Tab for the March 28, 2012 County Equipment Letting.

Mr. Schmitt reported that modifications were made to the specifications to better improve the product.

Mr. McKibbin asked if now is the best time of year to take bids for snow equipment. Mr. Schmitt responded that there really is not a difference when purchasing Wing Plows.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the bids were competitive. The FY 2012 Budget allocates \$22,000 for the two wing plows. The bid was \$18,870.

Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of the following bid:

2 – 2012 Henderson HWS RH Wing Plows	\$18,870.0
Koenig Body and Equipment, Inc	
2428 W Farmington, Rd	
Peoria, IL 61604	

Motion by McKibbin/Soeldner to recommend approval of the Resolution and Bid Tab for the March 28, 2012 County Equipment Letting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton presented the Hudson Road District Joint Culvert Petition – 2012 Dry Grove Joint Culvert #1 – 1475 East Road.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Hudson Road District Joint Culvert is located on the road going north out of Hudson. The County Engineer has made a survey of the watershed and determined that the present drainage structure is inadequate. The significantly undersized existing 18 inch CMP pipe culvert and the 18 inch concrete pipe will be replaced with four 36 inch arched pipes. The estimated cost of the new drainage structure is \$16,000. The County's share of the cost is \$8,000.

Mr. Caisley advised that this is the road the County has agreed to take as part of the County Highway system. Will this construction be consistent with what the County would require of a County Highway? Mr. Schmitt responded that some length would need to be added; however, this would require the purchase of right-of-way.

Motion by Caisley/Cavallini to recommend approval for the 2012 Hudson Road District Joint Culvert Petition #1 – 1475 East Road.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton presented the Engineering Services Agreement – Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc:

1. County Highway 12 – Killian Bridge – Sec 12-00135-12-BR
2. County Highway 6 – Schlipf III Bridge – Sec 12-00100-01-BR
3. County Highway 15 – Moore Bridge – Sec 12-00060-00BR

Mr. Schmitt pointed out on the map the location of each drainage structure. The two box culverts and one bridge were built in the 1930's and are deteriorating. The plan is to replace all three in 2013.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the Engineering Agreements are somewhat different than those done in the past. In the past the agreements had the dollars set based on percentages. We now are paying per hours worked with a maximum amount to be paid:

1. County Highway 12 – Killian Bridge – \$24,000 – Project Cost \$280,000
2. County Highway 6 – Schlipf III Bridge – \$24,000 – Project Cost \$280,000
3. County Highway 15 – Moore Bridge – \$30,000 – Project Cost \$500,000

Mr. Schmitt noted that comparing the new way of calculating the Engineering Agreement costs with the old system, the box culverts are slightly higher and the cost on the CH 15 Bridge is \$3,000 less than when calculated using percentages. Environmental costs are now included in the Engineering Agreement. In the past Environmental costs were an addition to the cost of the original Engineering Agreement.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the cost per hour with a maximum cost is the system being used by most Counties.

Motion by Black/Soeldner to recommend approval of the Engineering Services Agreement – Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc for County Highway 12 – Killian Bridge – Sec 12-00135-12-BR, County Highway 6 – Schlipf III Bridge – Sec 12-00100-01-BR and County Highway 15 – Moore Bridge – Sec 12-00060-00BR.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that the next items to be presented are Items of Information.

Mr. Schmitt stated that there are no projects summaries. All of last year's projects are completed. New construction will begin next week.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the information on additional salt storage shed. He referred to the information about alternatives for additional salt storage sheds. He presented two different types of alternatives.

The first shed has metal tubing for the frame system. The sheds come in a variety of sizes. The following will be sufficient for our needs:

- 500 ton 38'(W) x 60'(L) Approximate cost of materials - \$12,000
- 1000 ton 42'(W) x 72' (L) x 21'3" (H) Approximate cost of materials - \$17,000

The above material costs do not include the 4' base walls required for construction. The material type and cost are still being researched.

The second shed has a truss system for the frame. The sheds come in a variety of sizes. The following will be sufficient for our needs:

- 2500 tons 65'(W) x 100 (L) x 22'8"(H) Approximate cost of materials - \$31,000

The above material costs do not include the 6' base walls required for construction. The material type and cost are still being researched.

Mr. Soeldner asked if timing would permit the construction of one of the storage sheds before the County has to take delivery of the additional salt. Mr. Schmitt responded that as the Department goes into summer operations, it will be difficult to get the storage shed project completed. He advised that it would be in October or November before the Department could begin construction on the storage shed. Mr. Schmitt stated that if the Department has to take delivery of the salt, he recommended purchasing a tarp to cover the salt temporarily rather than paying the high storage fees.

The shed could then be built in the fall.

Chairman Hoselton advised that one of the alternative storage sheds is being erected on Route 165. Mr. Schmitt added that there are several Townships with this type of a storage shed. He stated that there are different ways one can be constructed. More research will be done to determine the best process for the County.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the 1000 ton shed would be a good size for the County. The funding is available through the Highway Fund. The bid for equipment saved \$38,000.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the thought is to place the storage shed on the property on Route 9. The shed could also be used to house equipment during the summer.

Mr. Soeldner asked if the extra storage space will make a difference in the delivery of the salt. Mr. Schmitt responded that it would give us a more flexibility.

Mr. Schmitt presented a list of the 2012 Adopt-a-Highway Participants and the section of roads they maintain. He explained that participants go through safety training. He presented a County Highway map pointing out the available areas to be adopted.

Mr. Cavallini asked if the information on the Adopt a Highway Program is available on the website. Mr. Schmitt responded that the information is on the website; however, the list of participants is not. Mr. Cavallini suggested including the participants.

Mr. Black advised that a map showing the areas adopted and areas needing adoption could possibly encourage more participation.

Mr. Schmitt presented a pictorial presentation on the process used for shoulder maintenance. He noted that the process is done on all 368 miles of the County Highways ever spring. Shoulder maintenance helps to protect the edges of the road and improves the safety of the road.

Mr. Schmitt addressed the Construction Project Public Outreach Program. He reviewed the County Highway Website pointing out how the Highway Department Engineering Staff has increased the public outreach concerning construction projects. The following outreach activities for construction projects and road closures performed last year were:

- Construction and road closure notices published in the Pantagraph.
- Posted construction and road closures notices on the website.
- Placed a voice message on the automated phone answering system.
- Faxed road closures information to Metcom, Fire Departments, Police Departments, School Districts, EMA, Adjacent Municipalities and Bloomington Area Radio Stations.

Mr. Schmitt added that this year the Department will be sending notices concerning road projects to municipalities and townships prior to the start of work to inform the elected official and local residents.

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Mr. Schmitt advised that the Committee Field will be in June or July.

Mr. Black informed the Committee that he has met with a representative for Illinois Go Rail informing him of the benefits of freight rail. Mr. Black encouraged him to attend a Committee Meeting.

The Transportation Committee will meet next on Tuesday May 1, 2012.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any further business to be brought before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 9:00a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary