

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, June 5, 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. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer

Others Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer, Ms. Rita Bane, Deputy County Auditor.

Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. He stated that the first Item for Action is approval of the minutes from the May 1, 2012 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Motion by Caisley/Black to recommend approval of the minutes from the May 1, 2012 meeting of the Transportation Committee.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for May 31, 2012. The prepaid total is \$1,163,427.06.

Mr. Black asked if Old Dominion Brush is a new vendor. Mr. Schmitt, County Engineer, responded that Old Dominion Brush replaces the bristles on the pull broom.

Mr. Caisley asked if the reason for payment to the City of Bloomington was for maintenance of traffic signals. Mr. Schmitt reported that there was a problem with the traffic signal at Fort Jesse Road and Towanda Barnes Road. As a safety precaution, a traffic signal will flash red if the traffic signal shorts. He noted that this payment also pays the power bill.

Mr. Caisley asked the reason for payment to the Town of Normal Schooling and Conferences. Mr. Schmitt advised that Mr. Stokes, Assistant County Engineer, and

himself attended a Bicycle Summit held by the Town of Normal. Mr. Schmitt and Mr. Stokes will receive continuing education credit for attending the Bicycle Summit.

Mr. Soeldner asked for an explanation of the payment to Testing Service Corporation. Mr. Schmitt responded that Testing Service Corporation does the County's soil boring for all bridges. Having Testing Services Corporation do the soil testing is less expensive than going through the Engineer contracted for the bridge design.

Motion by Soeldner/Cavallini to recommend payment of the May 31, 2012, 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 May 30, 2012 County and Township Maintenance Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) and Non Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Letting.

Mr. Schmitt presented the letting held on May 30, 2012. He noted that the Cooksville Road is a recycling and resurfacing project.

The sign project will cover the costs to replace any non-reflective signs needing replaced. Mr. Schmitt and Mr. Stokes annually check signs at night to see if they are in need of replacement.

Dale Township Road District is a small mill and fill project in the Lucca Forrest Subdivision.

The Lexington Road District project on Carmichael Road is a gravel and dirt work project.

Non-MFT projects will patch various roads and the patch work at the Highway Facility.

Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of the following bid:

2012 MFT Construction Section:

McLean County Sec 11-00039-04-RS Cooksville Road (CH 17)
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 \$1,480,994.76

2012 MFT Maintenance Sections:

McLean County Sec 12-00000-00-GM GR 11 Signs
The successful bidder on the above section was:
 Valcon Signs
 408 E Berry Ave, Foley AL 36536 \$33,033.65

Dale RD Sec 12-11000-00-GM GR10 Lucca Forest Dr.
The successful bidder on the above section was:
 McLean Count Asphalt Co
 1100 W Market St, Bloomington, IL 61701 \$77,575.50

Lexington RD Sec 09-21132-00-AS GR 13 Carmichael Rd
The successful bidder on the above section was:
 Limestone Transit, Inc
 1206 W Oak St, PO Box 80, Fairbury, IL 64739 \$99,840.00

2012 Non-MFT Maintenance Sections:

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McLean County	Sec 2012 Non-MFT	GR 10 Various
The successful bidder on the above section was		
McLean County Asphalt		
1100 W Market St, Bloomington, IL 61701		\$41,435.00

Mr. Cavallini asked the life of a reflecting sign. Mr. Schmitt responded that the sheeting used has a 10 year guarantee. Annual night inspection, depending on the direction the sign faces, extends the reflectivity to 13-17 years.

Mr. Soeldner asked if it is unusual only one bid was submitted for the Cooksville Road. Mr. Schmitt advised that two bids are usually received for hot mix project. This project has regrinding and recycling of material. There is only one company in Illinois that does this type of work. A company in Wisconsin also does this type of work. They did not submit a project bid.

Motion by Black/Cavallini to recommend approval of the Resolution and Bid Tab for May 30, 2012 County and Township Maintenance Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) and Non Motor Fuel Tax Letting Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton reported that the next Item for Action is the Engineering Agreement with Lewis, Yockey, and Brown (LYB).

Chairman Hoselton asked how Lewis, Yockey, and Brown compare with other engineering firms. Mr. Schmitt responded that hourly rates are very similar. This contract is the annual land surveying and platting service agreement for various projects. The Agreement is based on a time and material.

The Department is going to a Request For Proposal (RFP) process for the Washington Street project in Downs. The Department sent bid requests to 13 different engineering firms. Statement of interest was received by all 13 firms. The statements of interest were reviewed and narrowed down to 3 firms. Three firms will be interviewed based on the submitted qualifications, and their approach to the project. With the restricted right of way, ideas on the best way to approach the project are a significant factor. The three engineering firms to be interviewed are:

- Hanson
- CNT
- Farnsworth Group

Motion by Caisley/McKibbin to recommend approval of the Engineering Agreement – Lewis, Yockey, and Brown.LYB)
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next Item for Action is the Randolph Road District Joint Culvert Petition, 2012 Randolph Road District Non-MFT Joint Culvert – 075 North Road.

Mr. Schmitt presented slides showing the existing culvert, pointing out the erosion problems and explaining how they will be corrected. The present drainage structure is inadequate. The old drop box will be removed and rip rap will be laid. The existing 54 inch arch pipe will be replaced with a 54 inch round pipe. The flow line will be lowered to help with the grade drop. The estimated cost of the new drainage structure is \$15,000. The County's share of the cost is \$7,500. Randolph Road District is currently taxing at the required rate which exceeds .02% of the assessed evaluation, which is required to qualify for the Joint Culvert Petition.

Motion by McKibbin/Soeldner to recommend approval of the Randolph Road District Joint Culvert Petition, 2012 Randolph Road District Non-MFT Joint Culvert – 075 North Road
Motion carried.

Mr. Brown acknowledged his appreciation for Mr. Schmitt's visual presentation.

Mr. Caisley asked what is done with the old culvert. Mr. Schmitt responded that the culvert will be taken to Morris Tick's and the concrete is recycled.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the Meadows Road – Sec 11-00005-02-WR Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Truck Access Route Program (TARP) Agreement and the 80,000 lb Weight Limit Resolution.

Mr. Schmitt referred to the map pointing out the location of the project. The Department is working together on this project with the Township and the ISU Farm to upgrade the road to 80,000 lbs. ISU has a composting facility on the farm. TARP funding of \$320,300 was applied for and received. The County received \$500,000 from the Illinois Jobs Now from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. This money will be applied towards the County share of the costs. An agreement for funding will be presented to the Committee in July.

Mr. Caisley asked what the participation of Chenoa Township is. It appears the beginning and end of the project are in Lexington Township. Mr. Schmitt advised that the actual project goes along the Township Road parallel to Interstate 55 2,000 feet into Chenoa Township.

Mr. Schmitt presented the 80,000 lb Weight Limit Resolution stating that the project will update the road to 80,000lbs.

Motion by Black/Cavallini to recommend approval of the Meadows Road – Sec 11-00005-02-WR Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Truck Access Route Program (TARP) Agreement and the 80,000 lb Weight Limit Resolution.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next items to be presented to the Committee are items of information. The first item of information is project summaries.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Roselands Bridge deck and approach pads have been poured. The Department put rock on the road and built shoulders. The road will be paved the week of June 4, 2012 with the project completed by June 15, 2012, one week ahead of schedule. The old bridge was narrow with a concrete wall on each side. The new bridge has been widened from the original 24 feet to 32 feet. He presented slides showing the progression of the project.

Chairman Hoselton commented that all bridges being replaced in the County are being widened.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Funk Farm Road Resurfacing project from the Shirley Road to the Funks Grove Road. The paving is complete. The shoulders are complete and the rest of the work should be done by June 11, 2012. Recycled materials were used for the shoulders. He presented slides showing the progression of the project. He noted that the Department requires two rollers, a rubber tire to push down the material followed by the steel drum to smooth the surface. Rip rap was placed under the bridge to solve the erosion problem.

Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that the Hickory Creek II Bridge project on Carver Road at Lake Bloomington started Monday. The road will be widened over the next two weeks. Once the road is completed the bridge will be removed. The road is closed. Due to the large amount of traffic on this road, the Department has done an extensive public notification process. Letters have been sent to the Lake Association, publication

in the newspaper and the notification was placed on our website. The project completion date is August 31, 2012. The bridge will be widened to 40 feet. In this area there is a lot of walking traffic. There will be 8 foot shoulders to accommodate the pedestrian traffic. In the future, if there is a need for a bike trail in the future, the area is ready to be paved. The bottom of bridge deck has also been raised 12 inches.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the Field Trip scheduled immediately following the July 3rd meeting which will meet at the Highway Department.

Mr. Schmitt presented a map and pointed out the projects that Committee will see on the field trip.

Mr. Soeldner suggested we stop at the Highway Facility on Route 9. Mr. Schmitt stated that it would be an opportunity for the Committee to see the screen built by the Department to screen material which has resulted in cost savings.

Mr. Schmitt presented the first Quarter Report, January 1, 2012 – March 31, 2012 of the Stormwater Education and Public Participation Program for the Bloomington/Normal. The Ecology Action Center has completed the following tasks as part of the Stormwater Education and Public Participation Program

- Education Programs
- Informational Events and Presentations
- Yard Smart Program
- Other Efforts as the Watershed Plan Implementation Committee and fundraising for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Mr. Cavallini asked how the funding raising for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event is coming.

Mr. Wasson, County Administrator responded that the Ecology Action Center has received some contributions. Recently it was discovered that IEPA has funded Household Hazardous Collection Events in other central Illinois communities. Those communities are not in McLean County's district. We continue to express our desire to our IEPA District for funding a Household Hazardous Collection Event. Local municipalities, the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal and the County have committed funds.

Mr. Caisley asked if good participation was received at the last Event. Mr. Wasson advised that there was a good response at the last Household Hazardous Collection Event with over 2,000 household participating. It has been nearly 5 years since IEPA funded the last program. The City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal and the County

are developing a project based upon the idea that it has been several years since the last event and a very good turnout would be expected.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the County currently has 1280 tons of salt left to purchase by the end of the month. Because the County has selected under the Joint Purchasing Agreement with the State to renew last year's contract, the salt supplier has agreed to store the salt until the end of the year at no cost to the County. The County is required to prepay for the salt. He noted that it is the opinion of the Department to still purchase the storage facility.

The Transportation Committee will meet next on Tuesday July 3, 2012 at the Highway Department.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any further business to be brought before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 8:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary