

## Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 404, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Hoselton, Members Caisley, Cavallini, Soeldner, McIntyre and Wollrab

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. Terry Lindberg, County Administrator, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer

Others Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer, Mr. Lafe Epperson, County Highway Fleet Manager

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 January 5, 2010 meeting.

Motion by Caisley / McIntyre to recommend approval of the minutes from the January 5, 2010 meeting of the Transportation Committee.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for December 31, 2009 and January 31, 2010. The prepaid total for December, 31, 2009 is \$400,236.85 and the prepaid and total for January 31, 2010 is \$342,733.62.

Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer, explained that as part of the union contract, if an employee works over 12 hours, they are paid a \$10.00 meal check.

Mr. Caisley asked how many employees were attending school. Mr. Schmitt responded that four employees are attending the Transportation and Traffic Highway Engineer's Conference in Champaign later this month.

Mr. Schmitt advised the Committee that the County's salt supply is in good shape.

Mr. Caisley asked where the County is acquiring right-of-way. Mr. Schmitt responded that the County has acquired right-of-way for the bridge north of Towanda on CH 29 and for the Dawson Lake Road.

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Mr. Soeldner asked if the payment to Clark Dietz was for the East Side Highway Project. Mr. Schmitt stated that this is the final payment for the last phase of the East Side Highway Project.

Motion by Soeldner / Cavallini to recommend payment of the December 31, 2009 bills and the January 31, 2010 bills as submitted by the County Auditor. Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first item for action is the Resolution for County Equipment Purchase Letting which includes the January 27, 2010 bids and the State bid for the trailer mounted attenuator. He noted that all the equipment was included in the FY 2010 Budget.

Mr. Schmitt introduced the Committee to Mr. Lafe Epperson, County Fleet Manager. He was available to answer any questions concerning the equipment bids.

Mr. Schmitt recommended that the Highway Department purchase from the lowest responsible bidder the following:

2 – 2010 International 7400 6x4 Tandem Cab & Chassis with additional Injector coverage for \$137,540.00 and trade in on two (2) 2002 International 2554 6x4 Dump Trucks less dump body hoist assemblies from:

Prairie-Archway International  
2116 N Main St  
Normal, IL 61761

1 – 2010 Wiss Wing Hydraulic Trick Mounted Wing Plows for \$25,000.00 from:

Wissmiller & Evans Road Equipment  
102 S Jeffrey St – PO Box 87  
Cooksville, IL 6173

1 – 2010 Dump Body and Hoist transfers for \$16,970.00 from:

Koenig Body and Equipment  
2428 Farmington Road  
Peoria, IL 61604

2 – 2010 Force America Truck Mounted Central Hydraulic System for \$25,000.00 from:

Wissmiller & Evans Road Equipment  
102 S Jeffrey St – PO Box 87  
Cooksville, IL 61730

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1 – 2010 Ford F150 Standard Cab Long Bed 4x2 Pickup Truck for \$16,223.00 and trade in of a 2003 Ford F150 Pick up from:

Lexington Ford, LLC  
302 S. Spencer  
Lexington, IL 61753

1 – 2010 Chevrolet CK 10753 Extended Cab Short Bed 4x4 Pickup Truck for \$19,287.17 and trade in of a 2005 Chevrolet K1500 Pickup Truck from:

Lynn Chevrolet-Buick, Inc.  
601 S. Newport Rd.  
Pontiac, IL 61764

1 – 2010 Ford Fusion SE 4-Door Sedan for \$11,825.00 and trade in of a 2003 Chevrolet C1500 Pickup Truck from:

Lexington Ford, LLC  
302 S. Spencer  
Lexington, IL 61753

1 – 2010 Harlo HP6500 2-Wheel Drive Forklift for \$39,995.00 and trade in of a 1979 Case 586C Forklift from:

Martin Equipment of IL, Inc.  
400 W. Martin Dr.  
Goodfield, IL 61742

Ms. Wollrab asked if, when accepting bids for vehicles, are repair records and miles per gallon taken into consideration or is cost the determining factor? Mr. Schmitt advised that the County usually awards the bid to the lowest bidder. He noted that, for economic reasons, they are replacing a pickup truck with a car in this year's bid. Mr. Wollrab suggested that repair records and miles per gallon be considered when looking at overall costs. Mr. Schmitt pointed out that, with smaller vehicles, the miles per gallon and repair cost can contribute to the determining factor, however with the larger trucks this is not always possible.

Mr. Schmitt stated that beginning in 2010 the County is now required to meet certain emission standards. These regulation standards have increased the cost of some of the equipment.

Mr. Schmitt explained that the contract stipulates that the department will make payment after the receipt of the property tax revenue in June, 2009.

Mr. Soeldner questioned the difference in the trade-in allowance for the 2008 Chevrolet K1500. Mr. Schmitt noted that Lexington Ford withdrew their bid because they made an error and bid a 4x2 pickup truck instead of a 4x4.

Mr. Schmitt referred the Committee to page 3, Tandem Cab and Chassis. He stated that the Department is recommending the additional injector warranty coverage for \$665.00. He noted that there have been injector problems in the past. Mr. Schmitt asked Mr. Epperson to address the Committee.

Mr. Epperson stated that, with the bio-fuel requirements, there are injector issues due to the idle time of the trucks. The County runs 11% bio-fuel in the summer to meet the required government regulations. The standard injector is set up to handle only 5% mix at this point and time. The cost of one injector is in excess of \$200.00. Mr. Epperson advised that the cost of the injector seven year warranty is easily justified.

Mr. Schmitt noted that next year the cost of the injector warranty will be written into the specifications.

Mr. McIntyre asked if gas mileage is the only reason for replacing a pickup truck with a car. Mr. Schmitt stated that it will be the County Engineer vehicle. He spends less time on the job sites and the car better fits his needs along with the improved gas mileage.

Motion by Caisley / Wollrab to recommend approval of the Resolution for County Equipment Purchase Letting – January 27, 2010 bids and the State bid for the Trailer Mounted Attenuator.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is the Local Agency Agreements for the Pipeline Road, CH 31, Section 07-00073-09-WR.

Mr. Schmitt pointed out the location of the Federal Project. The project is a resurfacing and widening project. The division of costs is:

- Federal participation                      \$1,120,000
- Matching Tax                                 \$280,000
- County Highway                              \$10,000
- Motor Fuel Tax                                \$10,000

Mr. Schmitt noted that the Engineering cost for staff time on the project is included in the County's share of the cost.

Motion by Cavallini / Caisley to recommend approval of the Local Agency Agreement, Motor Fuel Tax Resolution, Matching Tax Resolution and County Highway Tax Resolution.  
Motion carried.

Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that Mr. Soeldner asked him to address County road weight limits. He stated that, with the Capital bill passed in June 2009, all local and state highways became 80,000 pound routes unless posted otherwise. Mr. Schmitt pointed out that most of the roads in McLean County are posted. Adjustments are being considered to reflect a more realistic limit. The Department will be bringing an update of the weight limit resolution before the Committee in March. Mr. Schmitt advised that this time of year the County does post spring postings because of the freeze-thaw cycles and the deterioration caused to the roads. He stated that permits are issued and together with the Townships, the County hires Deputies to patrol the roads. Violators are ticketed for disobeying a traffic control device, a \$75.00 ticket which goes against the driving record. Repeat offenders are ticketed for an overweight limit violation, a much more costly penalty.

Chairman Hoselton asked how farmers are notified of the postings. Mr. Schmitt responded that the postings period is from January 15 through April 15. Postings are listed daily on the web site and published in the newspaper.

Mr. Soeldner asked about the progress on the grant for the White Oak boat ramp. Mr. Schmitt noted that the grant has been approved by IDOT and the project plans are in process. He stated that the project is scheduled to be done this year.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn  
Recording Secretary