

## Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 404, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. Terry Lindberg, County Administrator, Mr. Bill Wasson, 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. Connie Johnson, Deputy County Auditor,

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 June 1, 2010 meeting.

Motion by Caisley/Cavallini to recommend approval of the minutes from the June 1, 2010 meeting of the Transportation Committee.

Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for June 30, 2010. The prepaid and fund total for June 30, 2010 is \$1,037,704.79.

Mr. Schmitt, County Engineer, noted that as part of the bills, the Department is transferring part of line item 0795-0005 (data communications) to line item 0769-0001(interest expense) and to line item 0832-0002 (lease/purchase office equipment). He stated that the Highway Department is working with the Information Technology Department to replace the old T-1 network connection line with a new microwave network connection to Information Technologies at the downtown location. He advised that the Department is in the process of purchasing the microwave system at the same cost the Department was paying for the old system. Mr. Schmitt noted that the new system will be 7 times faster than the current system.

Mr. Lindberg, County Administrator, stated that the new system will link the Highway Department, Animal Control and Parks and Recreation to the County, improving speed and quality of the connection. The system is located in the Government Center with an antenna added to the EMA tower and a grain bin in Hudson providing

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the link to be able to use the microwave rather than the T-1 lines. Mr. Lindberg advised that there will be no additional cost to the County and in four years; the County will own the system.

Motion by Soeldner/Black to recommend  
payment of the June 30, 2010 bills and  
as submitted by the County Auditor.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton reported to the Committee that he represents the County on the McLean County Transportation Study Policy Committee. The Committee covers a geographic area of two miles either side of Bloomington-Normal extending from Downs to Towanda. The Committee meets quarterly and will meet again in October. Chairman Hoselton stated that Mr. Eric Schmitt also attends the meetings. Members include:

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- Chairman Carl Teichman, McLean County Regional Planning Commission.
- Mr. Stan Hoselton, Chairman, County Board Transportation Committee.
- Mr. Chris Koos, Mayor, Town of Normal.
- Mr. Steve Stockton, Mayor, City of Bloomington.
- Mr. Dennis Markwell, Program Development Engineer, IDOT District 5.

Chairman Hoselton noted that he will keep the Committee updated on the activities of the McLean County Transportation Study Policy Committee.

Mr. Soeldner suggested presenting the idea of the extension of Raab Road to the Transportation Study Policy Committee. Mr. Eric Schmitt responded that the Committee is the planning process for the metropolitan urbanized area. All Transportation work in this area is included in the five year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Chairman Hoselton asked Mr. Schmitt to compile a letter from the Committee asking the Transportation Study Policy Committee to consider looking into the extension of Raab Road.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first Item for Action is a Resolution and Letting Results from the July 1, 2010 County Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) and Non-MFT Construction Sections. He asked Mr. Eric Schmitt to address the Committee.

Mr. Schmitt pointed out the 4.5 mile overlay project, Gillum Road, on the map. He stated that the project is part of the budget for 2010. The bid came in 1.8% over the estimate. He continued with the Dawson Lake Project, noting that this is part of the Wind Farm Project post-construction work. The Wind Farm Project completely funds all related road work. The bid came in 6.5% under the estimate. Mr. Schmitt recommends approval of both bids.

2010 MFT Construction Section:

McLean County      Sec 10-00074-01-RS                      Gillum Road (CH 29)  
The successful bidder on the above section was:  
    Rowe Construction, a Div of United Contractors Midwest Inc.      \$1,648,262.26  
    1523 N. Cottage Ave., Bloomington, IL 61701

2010 Non-MFT Construction Section:

McLean County      Sec 08-00090-01-SC                      Dawson Lake Road (CH 36)  
The successful bidder on the above section was:  
    Beniach Construction Company, Inc.                                      \$492,309.70  
    306 E. Southline Rd., PO Box 20, Tuscola, IL 61953-0020

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Motion by Caisley/Cavallini to recommend approval of the Resolution and Letting Results from the May 26, 2010 Township TBP Construction Section.  
Motion Carried.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the 2010 Funks Grove Road District (RD) Non-MFT Joint Bridge Repair Petition, Chapel of Trees Bridge – 550 North Road.

Mr. Schmitt referred to the map, pointing out that a tree fell on the bridge destroying part of the guard rail. New rail will be installed. He stated that the total cost of the project is \$11,000. The County's share of the cost is \$5,500. Mr. Schmitt advised that the project is part of the budget for 2010.

Motion by Black/Soeldner to recommend approval of the 2010 Funks Grove Road District (RD), Non-MFT Joint Bridge Repair Petition, Chapel of Trees Bridge – 550 North Road  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton advised that the next Item for Action is the Local Agency Amendment #1 for Federal Participation, Old Route 66 Bike Trail – Sec 01-00001-01-BT.

Mr. Schmitt pointed out that this amendment to the original agreement appropriates the money deobligated by IDOT last month. He advised that any overrun on the Bike Trail project will be covered by the \$1,440,000 total project budget.

Motion by Cavallini/Caisley to recommend approval of the Local Agency Amendment #1 for Federal Participation, Old Route 66 Bike Trail – Sec 01-00001-01-BT.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the Items for Information. Project Summary, Towanda Overpass – Sec 05-00071-04-RS.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Contractor has completed the final punch list. Final paperwork needs to be completed.

Mr. Soeldner asked if the 101.34% (\$30,000) over the estimate is due to the extra time it took to complete the project. Mr. Schmitt responded that the overrun on this project was because the project required some undercut on one side of the road

due to a soft base under the pavement which was causing water to continually drain from the road.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Saybrook/Arrowsmith Road Bridge. He stated that construction is complete. Final paperwork is complete.

Mr. Schmitt reported that construction on the Horse Farm Road project is also completed. Final paperwork is complete and payment has been made. He noted that this project was done last year using stimulus and TARP funds. There was no cost to the County.

Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that construction on the Old Route 66 Bike Trail has begun. Aggregate base is down and the project is moving along. The total distance of the Bike Trail project is 3.1 miles.

Mr. McIntyre asked if parking was available on the site. Mr. Schmitt responded that at this point, the only parking available is at the south end of the trail, at Shirley, IL.

Mr. McIntyre asked if there has been an arboretum area set aside on this section of the bike trail. Mr. Schmitt advised that there are not, however there are sections of native prairie grass along the trail which will remain undisturbed.

Mr. Schmitt referred to the proposed bridge drawing he distributed to the Committee. He noted that the bridge, located on County Highway 59 over Sugar Creek, was one of the 5 bridges evaluated for potential scouring due to the strong currents. He advised that the Engineering recommendations are to install riprap on two slopes and the two piers in the middle. He distributed pictures showing the condition of the channel. Mr. Schmitt stated that the Department would like to go to letting the end of the month and present the bid to the Committee for approval in August, 2010. The estimated cost is \$130,000. He noted that the funding is available in the 2010 budget.

Mr. Soeldner asked if the creek will need to be dammed during the work on the bridge. Mr. Schmitt responded that part of the cost is for the possibility of building cofferdams to allow for the work to be done on the base.

Mr. Caisley asked if the work could be done in-house. Mr. Schmitt stated that the biggest problem the Department could not handle the trucking of the required material. He advised that the project would be done this year in September, the driest time of the year.

Mr. Soeldner asked if the project would affect farmers during harvest. Mr. Schmitt responded that the bridge will not require being closed and the project will not affect the farmers during harvest.

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Mr. Schmitt updated the Committee on the East Side Highway project. He stated that an informational meeting was held with the consultant. Mr. Schmitt will keep the Committee updated on the project.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next Transportation Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, August 3, 2010.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn  
Recording Secretary