

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. at McLean County Highway Department, 102 S. Towanda Barnes Rd, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Hoselton, Members Black, Buchanan, Cavallini, Harris, and Pyne

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

Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m. He welcomed the new County Board Members to the Transportation Committee Meeting.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first item for action is approval of the minutes from the November 6, 2012 Transportation Committee Meeting.

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

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for November 30, 2012. The prepaid total is \$1,421,975.02.

Chairman Hoselton explained that the bills are available at the Committee Meeting.

Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer, noted that the bills contain the following funds

- Highway Fund
- County Bridge Fund
- Matching Tax Fund
- County Motor Fuel Tax Fund
- Township Motor Fuel Tax Fund

He pointed out that the Highway Fund, the County Bridge Fund, the Matching Tax Fund and the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund is budgeted. The Township Motor Fuel Tax Fund is Township funds held by the County and maintained for the Townships.

Mr. Black asked about Screaming Eagle Door Services, Inc. Mr. Schmitt responded that they are a local overhead door repair and installation company. Screaming Eagle Door Services installed a new door in the 2012 budget and inspected the existing doors.

Ms. Harris asked how the public knows the County is taking bids and the criteria for accepting bids. Mr. Schmitt advised that the Department advertises bids are being taken in the local paper, and information is sent to the usual bidders and also to local companies. Typically the lowest bids are accepted.

Ms. Pyne asked if the projects are done by union labor. Mr. Schmitt stated that the Department requires prevailing wages be paid as designated by state statute.

Mr. Wasson, County Administrator informed the Committee that there will be a new Board Member Orientation tentatively scheduled to follow the January County Board Meeting. The county procurement policy will be reviewed as part of the orientation. Board members will decide the exact date and time at the December County Board Meeting. He noted that the Transportation Committee is a single Department Committee. Other Committees have a large number of Departments, resulting in a more extensive number of bills. The Highway Department is project oriented and it is beneficial for the Committee Members to see the progression of project expenditures. The monthly bills for all Committees are available in the County Administrator's office for your review prior to the Committee Meeting. Mr. Wasson recommended that the members contact the Administrative Staff or the Department Heads if there are questions on a particular item on the Committee Agenda.

Chairman Hoselton added that accompanying the bills is a recommendation for payment from the County Auditor certifying that all the monthly bills are in compliance with the McLean County Board adopted ordinances, resolutions, and/or polices.

Mr. Buchanan asked if the recommendation implies that all of the bills are within the current budget. Mr. Schmitt responded that they are within the current budget. Mr. Wasson added that the Committee would see a Budget Amendment, an Emergency Appropriation or a Transfer Request if the expenditures within classifications were not within the current year budget.

Motion by Buchanan/Pyne to recommend payment of the November 30, 2012 bills as submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first item to be presented for action is the Resolution and Bid Tab for November 29, 2012 County & Township 2013 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) and 2013 Non-MFT Materials.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the Resolution is the Department's annual Furnish on Board (FOB) bid for materials. He reviewed the bids explaining each group of material and its use. Mr. Schmitt pointed out that the price bid is per ton picked up at the quarry plus an addition \$.15 per ton mile from the quarry to the project. The location of the quarry is a determining factor in bidding. The quantity listed is an estimate of the total amount needed for the following year. All bids are accepted except for bids on County and Township stockpiled material.

Mr. Schmitt, County Engineer informed the Committee that contracts are let in December of every year so that January 1 we are able to purchase materials for the year.

Mr. Schmitt recommended the following bids:

2013 MFT Maintenance Sections:

McLean County Section 13-00000-00-GM GR 3

The successful bidders on the above Section were:

Carrie Scharf Materials	\$9.25 per Ton		\$7,400.00
7 Carrie Dr, Bloomington, IL 61705		Heyworth	

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Rowe Construction	\$9.50 per Ton	\$7,600.00
A Division of United Contractors Midwest Inc.		
PO Box 609, Bloomington, IL 61702-0609	Heyworth	
Stark Materials	\$9.50 per Ton	\$7,600.00
1805 W. Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61701		
Prairie Group	\$11.20 per Ton	\$8,960.00
15494 E 1200 North Road, Pontiac, IL		
	Yd 88, Pontiac	
Valley View Industries	\$11.30 per Ton	\$9,040.00
8785 E 2500 North Rd, Cornell, IL 61319		
	Livingston Co	

McLean County Sec 13-00000-00-GM GR 4

The successful bidders on the above section were:

Valley View Industries	\$9.00 per Ton	\$45,000.00
8785 E 2500 North Rd, Cornell, IL 61319		
	Fairbury	
Prairie Group	\$9.35 per Ton	\$46,750.00
15494 E 1200 North Road, Pontiac, IL		
	Yd 88, Pontiac	
Carrie Scharf Materials	\$10.75 per Ton	\$53,750.00
7 Carrie Dr, Bloomington, IL 61705		
	Heyworth	
Rowe Construction	\$11.00 per Ton	\$55,000.00
A Division of United Contractors Midwest Inc.		
1523 N. Cottage Ave, Bloomington, IL 61701		
	Carmichael	
Stark Materials	\$11.25 per Ton	\$56,250.00
1805 W. Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61701		
	Sholty	

McLean County Sec 13-00000-00-GM GR 4A

The successful bidders on the above section were:

Prairie Group	\$9.35 per Ton	\$4,675.00
15494 E 1200 North Road, Pontiac, IL		
	Yd 88, Pontiac	
Rowe Construction	\$10.00 per Ton	\$5,000.00
A Division of United Contractors Midwest Inc.		
1523 N. Cottage Ave, Bloomington, IL 61701		
	Carmichael	
Carrie Scharf Materials	\$10.50 per Ton	\$5,250.00
7 Carrie Dr, Bloomington, IL 61705		
	Rte 9 Bloomington	
Stark Materials	\$10.50 per Ton	\$5,250.00
1805 W. Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61701		
	Commercial	

McLean County Sec 13-00000-00-GM GR 7

The successful bidder on the above section was:

River City supply	\$95.00 per Ton	\$5,700.00
1523 N Cottage Ave, Bloomington, IL 61702		
	Rowe Yard	

McLean County Sec 13-00000-00-GM GR 8

The successful bidder on the above section was:

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McLean County Asphalt Co, Inc	\$98.00 per Ton		\$4,900.00
1100 W Market St, Bloomington		Yuton	

McLean County Sec 13-00000-00-GM GR 9

The successful bidders on the above section were:

HJ Eppel & Co, Inc.	\$65.00 per ton		\$5,850.00
1400 Tuesburg Ct. Pontiac, IL 61764			
McLean County Asphalt Co, Inc	\$70.00 per Ton		\$6,300.00
1100 W Market St, Bloomington			
River City supply	\$80.00 per Ton		\$7,200.00
1523 N Cottage Ave, Bloomington, IL 61702			

McLean County Sec 13-00000-00- GM GR14

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Crane Trucking	\$16.65 per Ton		\$19,980.00
25575 E 825 North Rd. Forrest, IL 61741			

Cheney's Grove RD Sec 13-08000-00-GM GR 14

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Crane Trucking	\$16.05 per Ton		\$19,260.00
25575 E 825 North Rd. Forrest, IL 61741			

2013 Non MFT Maintenance Section:

McLean County Sec 2013 Non-MFT GR 5

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Prairie Group	\$10.50 per Ton		\$5,250.00
15494 E 1200 North Road, Pontiac, IL			

McLean County Sec 2013 Non-MFT GR 6- Grad 4

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Prairie Group	\$24.25 per Ton		\$12,125.00
15494 E 1200 North Road, Pontiac, IL		Pontiac	

McLean County Sec 2013 Non-MFT GR 6A- Grad 5

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Prairie Group	\$26.25 per Ton		\$13,125.00
15494 E 1200 North Road, Pontiac, IL		Pontiac	

McLean County Sec 2013 Non-MFT GR 6B- Grad 3

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Prairie Group	\$24.25 per Ton		\$12,125.00
15494 E 1200 North Road, Pontiac, IL		Pontiac	

McLean County Sec 2013 Non-MFT GR 19

The successful bidders on the above section were:

Rowe Construction	\$5.50 per Ton		\$11,000.00
A Division of United Contractors Midwest Inc.			
1523 N. Cottage Ave, Bloomington, IL 61701			
Carrie Scharf Materials	\$5.75 per Ton	Carmichael	\$11,500.00
7 Carrie Dr, Bloomington, IL 61705			
Stark Materials	\$7.00 per Ton	Heyworth	\$14,000.00
1805 W. Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61701			
		Becker/Sholty	

McLean County Sec 2013 Non-MFT GR 22

The successful bidders on the above section were:

Contech Engineered Solutions			\$244,165.30
420 Park Ave, PO Box 203, Metamora, IL 61548-0203			

McLean County Sec 2013 Non-MFT GR 19

The successful bidders on the above section were:

Contech Engineered Solutions			\$16,779.20
420 Park Ave, PO Box 203, Metamora, IL 61548-0203			

Motion by Black/Harris to recommend approval of the Resolution and Bid Tab for November 29, 2012 County & Township 2013 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) and 2013 Non-MFT Materials. Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton advised that the next item for action is the Arrowsmith RD Joint Bridge Repair – 2012 Arrowsmith Rip Rap (Non-MFT) – 3500 East Road.

Mr. Schmitt pointed out the location of the project, southeast of Arrowsmith. He stated that the County Highway Department staff inspects all 365 County bridges, including Township bridges every 2-4 years. The required qualifications to do the inspection have become more stringent in the past few years. The County currently has one Team Leader and the second will qualify next year. All inspection reports are signed by Mr. Schmitt before they are sent to the State.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the Department has made a survey and has determined that the Arrowsmith Bridge has some erosion problems. Arrowsmith Road District certifies that they have levied the maximum .125 on their Road and bridge Fund for the last two years. The Cost of the Joint Bridge Repair is \$8,000, over .02% of the Township's Equalized Assessed Value (EAV). The County's share of the project is \$4,000.

Motion by Cavallini/Harris to recommend approval of the Lexington Joint Bridge Repair Sec 2011.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is the No Parking Resolution for 1200 East Road, Funks Grove Road District.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Department was contacted by the Township Road Commissioner which received a request from Rowe Construction to place a no parking sign on 1200 East Road. He presented a pictorial showing a significant hill approaching the entrance to the gravel pit. Trucks park along the shoulder of the hill creating a traffic hazard for the scale house operator and others entering the gravel pit. Mr. Schmitt noted that for regulatory signs, the County Board is required to pass a resolution.

Mr. Harris asked if the parking is only by trucks and not possible tourist. Mr. Schmitt responded that the pit opens at 6:00 a.m. Trucks arrive early, park and wait for the Gravel Pit to open.

Ms. Pyne asked if there is space available in the pit for early arrivals. Mr. Schmitt stated that there is an area for a small number of trucks. There is a safer site available to the north for the trucks to park.

Ms. Pyne asked if the Department will notify the businesses that there will no longer be parking on the hill approaching the entrance to the gravel pit. Mr. Schmitt responded that the Gravel Pit will make them aware of the no parking and signs will be posted.

Motion by Pyne/Buchanan to recommend approval of the No Parking Resolution for 1200 East Road, Funks Grove Road District.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the update of County Ordinance Imposing Weight Limitations.

Mr. Schmitt advised that County Highways have different posted weight limits. The Ordinance updates information reflecting projects done this year. The County receives Truck Access Route Program (TARP) Funds through the State of Illinois. These funds are used to upgrade weight limits.

Ms. Harris asked how road weight limits are monitored. Mr. Schmitt stated that there are year around weight limits and during the spring there are spring postings. The Sheriff's Department patrols the County Highways for overweight trucks.

Chairman Hoselton, pointed out that farmers today use semi trucks for hauling, putting more weight on the County Highways.

Chairman Hoselton added that the elevators also will advise the trucks of their weight. County Roads are being upgraded from 40, 000 lbs to 80,000 lb.

Mr. Schmitt noted that in the past, if a road was not posted the road was a 73,280 lb route by State Statute. Four years ago the State passed the Illinois Jobs Now. As part of Illinois Job Now, if a road is not posted it went to an 80,000 lb road.

Motion by Cavallini/Harris to recommend
approval of the County Ordinance Imposing
Weight Limitations.

Chairman Hoselton asked Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer, to update the Committee on the material storage facility. He noted that the facility is primarily for the storage of salt. The facility will be completed by December 15, 2012.

Mr. Stokes reported that the building arrived last week and has been erected. The building will give the Department an addition storage capacity of 1,000 ton of salt. Currently the County stores on site approximately 3,000 ton of salt. The new building is located 2 miles east on Route 9. The Department would like to build a second facility in 2013 for the storage of sand.

Mr. Schmitt presented the Committee with pictures of the facility showing the progression of the project. County staff was responsible for the work on the project.

Mr. Black pointed out that the reason for the new facility is the County was going to be charged a large amount for the storage of salt.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the Department contracts for salt annually. The County was required to submit the order for the winter of 2012-2013 in March of 2012. The County was required to take 80% of the order submitted in March of 2011. With the light winter of last year the County has to take delivery of the salt by the end of the year or begin to pay storage fees. The County's average usage of salt per winter is approximately 7,000 ton. The new structure gives the County more flexibility in the event of another mild winter.

Ms. Pyne asked if the open facility is protected in any way. Mr. Schmitt advised that the facility is located in a locked gated area on County property.

Ms. Harris asked what damage is done to the County Roads due to the salt and are there alternatives. Mr. Schmitt responded that there is not as much damage done to asphalt roads as with concrete. The only place the County has concrete are on

the overpasses at Lexington, Towanda and Shirley. The only side effect of salt to asphalt roads is the runoff onto the shoulder.

Mr. Schmitt noted that for salt to work, you need moisture. The County has added pre wet tanks to the back of the salt trucks. Calcium chloride sprays onto the salt. This activates the salt to work faster. The moisture lowers the temperature which the salt will work, helps the salt to stick to the surface, and keeps the salt from bouncing.

Mr. Schmitt stated that a long term goal to lower costs is to mix sand with the salt. Salt prices continue to increase. The second facility building would give us the option of storing sand.

Ms. Harris asked if the salt causes any deterioration to the soil. Mr. Schmitt responded that the County does not use enough salt to cause a problem in the soil. A salt resistant strain of grass is used along County Highways.

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that the next items to be presented to the Committee are items of information. He presented Projects Summaries.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Meadows Road widening and resurfacing project is Complete. The final paperwork needs to be completed. The appropriated funds used for the project are:

- County Matching Tax \$125,000.00
- Illinois Job Now \$125,000.00
- County MFT \$265,090.97
- TART \$320,300.00

A total of \$835,390.97 of funding was received for the project cost of \$948,642.57.

Mr. Schmitt pointed out that the project is partly on a County Highway and part of the project is on Township Roads. The road goes to the ISU Farm composting site. The new upgraded road allows the farm to have year around access.

Mr. Wasson added that this project solved the challenge of the Township Road and the County Highway connecting the compost facility to the State Route year around without having to issue special permits. The usage of the compost facility continues to increase from both sites within and outside of McLean County. This has been a cooperative project with the University, the County and the Township. There has been a very positive outcome as a result of the project.

Mr. Schmitt presented the Stormwater Education Program, 3rd Quarter Report for July 1, 2012 – September 30, 2012. He reported that the County has a MS4 permit which requires a Storm Water Plan be in place. Part of the plan requires education. The Ecology Action Center does this education through a contract between the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal, McLean County and the Bloomington Normal Water Reclamation District.

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 – Storm drain stenciling, Watershed website, Bloomington/Normal, Clean Up Week, Stormwater Runoff Awareness, Fund raising for Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Mr. Wasson noted that the Stormwater Education Program is separate from other Ecology Action Center activities funded through a joint Intergovernmental Agreement including the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal and McLean County. The funding for the County's portion of the Agreement comes from the Landfill Tipping fees.

Mr. Stokes added that these Quarterly Reports are sent to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This is required as part of the MS4 Permit.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any further business to be brought before the Committee.

Motion by Buchanan/Black at 9:05 a.m.
to go into Executive Session for
Personnel Matters.
Motion carried

Motion by Buchanan/Black at 9:55 a.m.
To return to open Session
Motion carried.

Motion by Black/Cavallini to recommend
approval of the 2013 County Engineer
Motor Fuel Tax Appropriating Resolution.
Motion carried.

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Hearing no objection Chairman Hoselton adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary