

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, September 7, 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. Chris Colaw, 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 August 3, 2010 meeting.

Motion by McIntyre/Caisley to recommend approval of the minutes from the August 3, 2010 meeting of the Transportation Committee.

Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for August 31, 2010. The prepaid and fund total for August 31, 2010 is \$1,441,321.22.

Mr. Caisley asked what projects Hampton, Lenzini, and Renwick being paid for. Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer, responded that Hampton, Lenzini are working on several projects for next year:

- Lexington/LeRoy Bridge
- Anchor Township Bridge
- Money Creek Bridge
- Lake Bloomington Bridge

Mr. Black asked for clarification on a \$6.96 invoice for equipment maintenance and repair. Mr. Schmitt advised that it could be a situation where different purchases were on the same invoice; however they were paid on different line items. Mr. Schmitt stated that he will have the information at the October Committee Meeting.

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Chairman Hoselton asked for an explanation of the overtime pay. Mr. Schmitt explained that projects replacing culverts on the Dawson Lake Road have been starting one hour early to get as much done as possible and to maximize the use of the equipment.

Mr. Cavallini asked for the total amount budgeted for overtime expenses. Mr. Schmitt responded that an estimated \$90,000 is budgeted in 2010 for overtime expenses.

Motion by Soeldner/Black to recommend
payment of the August 31, 2010 bills as
submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first Item for Action is the Resolution and Letting Results from the September 1, 2010 County Non-MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) Construction Sections.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the first project is a re-letting of the riprap project on the Stanford-McLean Road from last month. Midwest Bridge & Crane, Inc. is a new bidder to McLean County. He advised that they have done culvert and bridge work in Tazewell County and Woodford County. Midwest Bridge and Crane, Inc bid the project within \$2,000 of the original estimate.

Chairman Hoselton noted that the County saved \$100,000 by rebidding the Stanford-McLean Road project.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Kappa Road project came in at 19% over the estimate. All of the bids received were over the estimate.

Mr. Black pointed out the Removal of Existing Structure estimated cost is \$2,000. The bids received were:

- Stark \$10,250.00
- Midwest Bridge & Crane, Inc. \$9,363.20
- Otto Baum \$16,000.00

He asked if there is a reason the \$2,000 estimate was so much lower. Mr. Schmitt responded that the entire structure is not being removed and there is not a large amount of work to be done. Contractors sometimes will front load project costs, which allows them to receive money up front. He added that the County's estimate probably should have been higher.

Mr. Schmitt recommended the approval of the following bids:

2010 Non-MFT Construction Section:

McLean County Sec 10-00047-10-BR CH 59 Over Sugar Creek

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Midwest Bridge & Crane, Inc. . \$133,127.50
135 S. Chestnut St., Good Hope, IL 61438

McLean County Sec 10-00100-00-BR Kappa Road (CH 6)

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Stark Excavating, Inc. . \$235,875.00
1805 W. Washington St., Bloomington, IL 31701

Motion by Cavallini/Caisley to recommend approval of the Resolution and Letting Results from the September 1, 2010 County Non-Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Construction Section.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next Item for Action is the State of Illinois Department of Transportation Agreement for Local Agency (LA) Railway-Highway Grade Crossing Improvements for Arrowsmith Road, (CH 15).

Mr. Schmitt advised that this is a federally funded project for the Rail Road Crossing in Arrowsmith with no cost to the County. He stated that because the project is on a County Road, the County is required to approve the State of Illinois Department of Transportation Agreement. Mr. Schmitt pointed out that the current lights at the crossing will be upgraded and gates will be installed. The work will be done by the railroad.

Chairman Hoselton noted that the agreement guarantees the work for three years. He asked, if there is a problem, which agency will respond, the County or the State. Mr. Schmitt stated that if the County has an issue with the functioning of the lights or gates, the County will notify the railroad and the railroad will work with the State to correct the issue.

Chairman Hoselton noted that this is a single crossing for Arrowsmith.

Mr. Soeldner asked if provisions have been made to deal with the fact of this being the only rail road crossing in Arrowsmith. Mr. Schmitt responded that this type of work should not require closure of the crossing. The project is only for the replacement of lights and installation of gates.

Motion by Soeldner/McIntyre to recommend approval of the State of Illinois Department of Transportation Agreement for Local Agency (LA) Railway-Highway Grade Crossing Improvements for Arrowsmith Road, (CH 15).
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton advised that the next Items for Action are Emergency Appropriation Ordinances for Fund 120 and Fund 121.

Mr. Schmitt stated that this year the County has replaced several culverts and done a significant amount of chip work. The expenses on this type of work have increased, creating the need to transfer funds from the Construction line item to the

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Maintenance line item. He recommended approval of the following Emergency Appropriation Ordinances:

Fund 0120

	<u>ADOPTED</u>	<u>REDUCE</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
County Highway Department Construction Roads/Bridges/Culverts 0121-0055-0056-00810-0001	\$929,954.00	\$30,000.00	\$899,954.00

	<u>AMENDED</u>	<u>ADD</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
County Highway Department Maintenance of Roads/Drainage Structures 0121-0055-0056-0716-0001	\$208,027.50	\$30,000.00	\$238,027.50

Fund 0121

	<u>ADOPTED</u>	<u>REDUCE</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
County Highway Department Construction Roads/Bridges/Culverts 0121-0055-0056-00810-0001	\$1,289,850.00	\$20,000.00	\$1,269,850.00

	<u>ADOPTED</u>	<u>ADD</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
County Highway Department Maintenance of Roads/Drainage Structures 0121-0055-0056-0716-0001	\$138,714.00	\$20,000.00	\$158,714.00

Motion by McIntyre/Black to recommend approval of the Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2010 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Fund 0120 and Fund 0121 McLean County Highway Department 0055.
 Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next Item for Action is the Update of the County Ordinance Imposing Weight Limitations.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the County has been working with the Townships to modernize the weight limits. The oil and chip roads are currently at a 42,000 lb limit. A more realistic weight limit is 72,000. He pointed out that, the County is currently involved in the Sign Upgrade program going to letting later in September. Updating the road weight limitations now and replacing the signs as part of a Sign Upgrade Program, the County and Township will see a significant cost savings.

Chairman Hoselton asked if the upgrade to 72,000 lbs will increase the cost of maintenance and if so, will this increase be the responsibility of the Township. Mr. Schmitt responded that the Townships are responsible for raising the weight limits and maintenance of their roads. This weight limit increase is for County roads. He added that trucks are currently exceeding the weight limit, and this increase to 72,000 lbs will not change the traffic patterns. A change to an 80,000 lb weight limit posting would show a difference in the traffic patterns. Mr. Schmitt advised that McLean County is one of the few counties in Illinois which have year round posting.

Chairman Hoselton asked how we inform the drivers that the weight limit has increased. Mr. Schmitt stated that the new signs will reflect the new weight limit increase.

Motion by McIntyre/Cavallini to recommend approval of the Update of County Ordinance Imposing Weight Limitations.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next Item for Action is the Joint Culvert Petition for Sec 2010 West Joint Culvert #1.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the bridge is located at 400 North Road and 3450 East Road. He stated that the total cost of the project is \$7,800. The County's share of the cost is \$3,900. Mr. Schmitt advised that the project is part of the budget for 2010.

Motion by Caisley/Black to recommend approval of the Joint Culvert Petition for Sec 2010 West Joint Culvert #1.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next Item for Action is the Joint Culvert Petition for Sec 2010 West Joint Culvert #2.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the total cost of the project is \$5,500. The County's share of the cost is \$2,750. Mr. Schmitt advised that the project is part of the budget for 2010.

Motion by Caisley/Black to recommend approval of the Joint Culvert Petition for Sec 2010 West Joint Culvert #2.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next Item for Action is the Joint Culvert Petition for Sec 2010 Old Town Joint Culvert #1.

Mr. Caisley stated that due to the request of a property owner in Old Town Township asking for access to a parcel of land, he is moving to table the Joint Culvert Petition. Mr. Soeldner asked if tabling this petition will create a safety issue with the existing culvert. Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer, responded that the culvert is starting to wash out and should be replaced before winter.

Motion by Caisley/McIntyre to Table the Joint Culvert Petition for Sec 2010 Old Town Joint Culvert #1 until September 21, 2010, stand up.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the County will meet its obligation to the Township and ask the Township Highway Commission to respond as we have, by meeting the obligation to the property owner.

Motion by Black/Cavallini to Amend the Motion to include, sending a letter to the Township Highway Commissioner and table for September 21, 2010 stand up, the Joint Culvert Petition for Sec 2010 Old Town Joint Culvert # 1 until written communication is made to the property owner concerning the parcel access.
Motion Carried

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that the next item to be presented for action is Audit Report #57 to be filed with the County Board. Chairman Hoselton asked Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer, to address the Committee.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the audit is received annually from the Illinois Department of Transportation. He presented the Summary Audits as follows:

Audit Report #57 is to determine the status of Motor Fuel Tax Funds as of December 31, 2009. Receipts to the Motor Fuel Fund were \$839,222.85, received as follows:

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Interest 2009	16,570.39
Reimbursement	390,702.46
Supplemental Allotment	396,950.00
B-N Reimbursement	35,000.00
Total Received	\$839,222.85

The net balance in the account on December 31, 2009 totaled \$1,518,637.71.

Motion by Caisley/McIntyre to recommend
Audit Report #57 be filed with the County Board –
Motor Fuel Tax – McLean County –
01/01/2009 – 12/31/2009.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next Item for Action is the Audit Report #57 to be filed with the County Board.

Mr. Schmitt presented Audit Report #57 which is to determine the status of Township Bridge Funds as of December 31, 2009. Receipts to the Township Bridge Fund were \$18,753.03, received as follows:

Interest 2009	15.60
Reimbursement	18,737.43
Total Received	\$18,753.03

The net balance in the account on December 31, 2009 totaled \$43,449.93.

Motion by Caisley/McIntyre to recommend
Audit Report #57 be filed with the County Board –
Township Bridge - County Road Districts –
01/01/2009 – 12/31/2009.
Motion carried.

Audit Report #57 is to determine the status of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for County Road Districts as of December 31, 2009. Receipts to the Motor Fuel Tax Fund were \$454,153.51, received as follows:

Interest 2008	24,161.94
Reimbursement	346,168.57
Supple. Allotment	83,823.00
Total Received	\$454,153.51

The net balance in the account on December 31, 2009 totaled \$1,865,822.93.

Motion by Caisley/McIntyre to recommend
Audit Report #57 be filed with the County Board,
01/01/09 – 12/31/09 Motor Fuel Tax – County
Road Districts.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the items to be presented for information

Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that construction on the Old Route 66 Bike Trail is nearly completed. Painting the trail markings, seeding and other incidental items remain to be completed.

Mr. McIntyre stated that he is on the Board of the Friends of the Constitution Trail. He added that getting the trail markings painted was a concern of the Committee. Mr. McIntyre added that Friends of the Trail have done a lot of enhancement on the current trails and would like to meet with the County about planting some trees and possibly building a shelter or park at Shirley. This project is possible with the money left by Mr. John English.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Gillum Road pointing out that the intersection work at US Route 136 is complete. The level binder, crack control treatment, and binder are complete. The surface work will begin this week.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the Pipeline Road, from Ziebarth Road to County Highway 12, pre construction meeting will be next week.

Mr. Schmitt updated the Committee on the Lake Bloomington safety project. Due to the project being a Federal project, much paper work is required. The plans are nearly complete. It is in the 2011 budget and will be completed next year.

Mr. Cavallini referred to a letter to the Editor concerning the condition of a road that Horizon Energy was responsible for. Mr. Schmitt responded that he has met with the Road Commissioner and one of the contractors. Some repair work has been completed and the Contractor is working with the Road Commissioner and Horizon Energy to finish the repairs. He stated that the Department has encouraged the Townships to hire a Commissioner's Agent to supervise, inspect the work and communication if problems develop.

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Chairman Hoselton stated that the next Transportation Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, October 5, 2010.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary