

## Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, December 31, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. at Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Room 404, 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. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer

Others Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer, Mr. Michael Brown, Director of Ecology Action Center

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 December 4, 2012 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Motion by Pyne/Harris to recommend approval of the minutes from the December 4, 2012 meeting of the Transportation Committee.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for December 27, 2012. The prepaid total is \$444,609.28.

Mr. Black asked if the City of Blue Technologies is a new vendor. Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer, responded that they are not a new vendor. He advised that City of Blue Technologies supplies the paper for the Department's blueprints.

Ms. Harris asked if the Department has seen a significant cost difference in the past year. Mr. Schmitt stated that there has not been a significant change in costs noted.

Mr. Buchanan asked if the bills have been reviewed and are within the budget. Mr. Schmitt responded that the Auditor sees all of the Department's invoices and certifies that all are in compliance with the McLean County Board adopted ordinances, resolutions and/or policies as made available in the County Code.

Motion by Black/Harris to recommend payment  
of the December 27, 2012 bills as submitted by the  
County Auditor.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton presented the first item for action, Agreement – Storm Water Education Program Services – City of Bloomington, Town of Normal, McLean County, Bloomington/Normal Water Reclamation Districted and Ecology Action Center.

Mr. Schmitt noted that this cooperative agreement helps the County to fulfill the storm water education requirements of the MS4 Permit. The Agreement is the renewal of a three year agreement. Mr. Schmitt advised that the total cost of the Agreement is \$10,570.00. The County's share of the program for 2013 is \$2,125.00. He advised that the program has been successful. Mr. Michael Brown, Director of the Ecology Action Center is present to answer any questions the Committee may have.

Mr. Buchanan asked if the program is an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirement. Mr. Schmitt advised that the program is required by the EPA.

Mr. Buchanan asked if the portion "It is understood by all parties that payment in support of this agreement is contingent upon the availability of Program revenue and/or funds provided..." literally means if the funds are not available, the entity is not responsible for payment. Mr. Wasson, County Administrator, responded that the wording is a standard clause included in the Agreement.

Ms. Harris asked how it is determined who does the educating. Mr. Schmitt stated that the County works with the Ecology Action Center. The program fulfills the County's

requirements. The educational outreach within the urbanized area reaches out to schools in Hudson, Towanda, Downs and Tri Valley.

Ms. Pyne pointed that Exhibit 1 only refers to the Town of Normal. Mr. Schmitt responded that Exhibit 1 is only for the Town of Normal.

Ms. Harris asked if it is necessary to include "has not been bribed" as part of the contract. Mr. Schmitt responded that much of the language included in the Department's contracts is necessary statutory clauses.

Ms. Pyne asked if at any point an ongoing evaluation is done. Mr. Brown responded that a quarterly report is provided to the County Board through the Highway Department. Internal evaluations are done by school teachers.

Ms. Pyne noted that as an educational component, the program is at grade schools, Jr. High School and High Schools. Mr. Brown noted that the Storm Water program is presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade level. After school recycling programs are a separate educational program.

Ms. Harris noted that historically the program is highly praised.

Mr. Black added such programs extend the life of the aquifer and are a good opportunity for the community.

Motion by Harris/Buchanan to recommend approval of the Agreement – Storm Water Education Program Services – City of Bloomington, Town of Normal, McLean County, Bloomington/Normal Water Reclamation Districted and Ecology Action Center.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is the Emergency Appropriation Ordinance – Fund 0123-FY2012 – Truck Access Route Program (TARP) for CH 23.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the Meadows Road, CH 23 project was originally planned to be funded by MFT and Matching Tax. TARP funding was applied for and \$320,300 was received. The TARP funds were deposited in the MFT fund.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the project will upgrade CH 23 to an 80,000 lbs road and will allow year around access to the compost facility at the ISU Farm. He recommended approval of the Emergency Appropriation Ordinance.

	<u>ADOPTED</u>	<u>ADD</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
County Highway Department Unappropriated Fund Balance 0123-0055-0056-0400-0000	\$400,000.00	\$220,000	\$620,000

	<u>ADOPTED</u>	<u>ADD</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
County Highway Department Const. Roads/Bridges/Culverts 0123-0055-0056-0810-0001	\$860,301	\$220,000	\$1,080,301

Mr. Buchanan asked if this “Emergency” Appropriation is simply to amend the budget to reflect the \$200,200.00 TARP funds. Mr. Wasson responded that Emergency Appropriation is the statutory language provision.

Mr. Buchanan asked if MFT is based upon the population. Mr. Schmitt advised that it is not. He noted that MFT is received by Municipalities, Counties and Townships. The allotment received is based on:

- Municipalities – Population vs total population of Municipalities in the State of Illinois. A percentage is received.
- Counties – Dollars of registration of motor vehicles in the State of Illinois vs dollars of registration in the County. A percentage is received.
- Township – A given amount of funding is allotted to Townships. This amount is divided by the total miles of Township Roads in the State of Illinois. A per mile bases is received by the Township.

The revenue available for distribution is received through the at the pump motor fuel tax.

Mr. Wasson added that the County’s allotment is not based on the number of registrations, but the revenue from registrations. This means if a trucking company is licensed at an address in McLean County motor fuel tax will increase. If the company is here but is registered in another location in the State or in another State, the County does not receive this share of MFT allotment.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the allotment received in 2006-2007 was increased due to the increased registration fee for semi trucks. Trucking firms then began to register out of State and MFT allotments decreased significantly.

Mr. Wasson noted that as we go through the budget process for next year, Mr. Schmitt will be showing MFT reports reflecting declining MFT revenue over the last several

years. Additional revenue added to MFT relative to the Capital Fund has reduced the impact on County operations; however, this is a continuing concern. The MFT does not address the fact that as motor fuel costs increase usage decreases. He stated that a number of communities in the State of Illinois, through their home rule authority, institute an additional motor fuel taxes. The challenge for any County is that none of the additional levied funds go to the County. As more home rule units add this local tax, it is less likely that we will gain support for an increase in the State wide MFT.

Mr. Buchanan asked if the MFT the Emergency Appropriation reflects only MFT funds. Mr. Schmitt responded that they are only MFT funds for construction.

Motion by Black/Harris recommended  
approval of Emergency Appropriation  
Ordinance – Fund 0123-FY2012 –  
Truck Access Route Program (TARP) for CH 23.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the items of information, Project Summaries.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the County currently does not have any ongoing projects. All construction projects are completed and final paperwork is being finished.

Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer reported that a public meeting was held on December 19, 2012 for the Washington Street project in Downs. The public is very receptive to the 2013 project plan.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the approach taken with this project is unique and different. The engineering firm along with the County has gone door to door with the preliminary design and held public hearings to keep the public informed and to get public input. This has been a very positive approach to the project.

Mr. Schmitt agreed that this approach has been a great process.

Mr. Buchanan asked for a brief summary of the project. Mr. Schmitt reported that the Washington Street project in Downs is a ½ mile section of oil and chip road that goes past the Grade School and Tri Valley School complex. The County will install curb and gutter and sidewalks to improve the safety for the children. When the project is completed, the County will jurisdictionally transfer the road to the Village of Downs. The road will then be the responsibility of the Village of Downs to maintain.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the lanes will be 10 feet wide rather than 11 foot lanes. This will help to control the speed.

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Mr. Wasson stated that it is important to acknowledge that the County can only transfer a County Highway to a municipality with an intergovernmental agreement with that municipality to accept the jurisdictional transfer.

Mr. Buchanan asked if MFT funded the Washington Street project. Mr. Schmitt responded that a large portion of the funding for the Washington Street project is coming from MFT.

Chairman Hoselton reported that bids were taken for the Washington Street project. Hanson won the contract. Hanson's approach to the project by involving the public is a new concept for the County. Mr. Schmitt added that the County is anticipating continuing with the concept of involving the public and addressing local issues.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next Transportation Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was anything further to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn  
Recording Secretary