

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. at the County Highway Department, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

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, Mr. Mark Leake, County Highway Maintenance Coordinator II, Ms. Jennifer Sicks, Transportation Planner, Regional Planning Commission

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 April, 5, 2011 Committee meeting.

Motion by Caisley/Black to recommend approval of the minutes from the April 5, 2011 meeting of the Transportation Committee.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for April 30, 2011. The prepaid and fund total for April 30, 2011 is \$388,423.50.

Mr. Black asked for an explanation of payment to Seneca Companies. Mr. Schmitt, County Engineer, reported that Seneca Companies does the leak line testing on the County's fuel pump underground storage tanks.

Motion by Soeldner/Cavallini to recommend payment of the April 30, 2011 bills as submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next action item on the agenda is the Resolution for the letting held on April 26, 2011 for one McLean County Non-Motor Fuel Tax Construction Section and one Road District 2011 Non- MFT Joint Culvert Maintenance Section.

Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that the bid letting held on April 26, 2011 was for two projects:

- The combined section for the County Highway 12 project includes the rebuilding of ½ mile of the road and the replacement of the bridge. He noted that the bid came in 16.35% under the estimate.
- The new construction of the joint culvert with Old Town Road District. The low bid was a new contractor, Illinois Valley Excavating from Peru, Illinois. He added that the contractor has done work for LaSalle County and comes highly recommended.

Mr. Schmitt recommended the approval of the following bids:

2011Non- MFT Construction Sections:

McLean County Combined Sections Bid as One (1) Contract

Sec 04-00135-06-BR

Sec 05-00135-07-WR

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Stark Materials

1805 W. Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61701

\$1,450,126.75

2011 Non- MFT Maintenance Sections:

Old Town Road District Sec 2011 Old town Abbey Joint Bridge Culvert Liner

The successful bidders on the above section were:

Illinois Valley Excavating

2950 E. 103rd Road, Peru, IL 61354

Motion by Caisley/Cavallini to recommend approval of the Resolution and Bid Tab for McLean County Non-MFT Construction Section and Road District Non-MFT Joint Culvert Maintenance Section Letting held on April 26, 2011.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first Item of Information is about the trading 2004 Grader for a 2011 Loader.

Mr. Schmitt advised that, for budget purposes, the Department is looking at equipment needs for 2012. One thought is trading in a grader for a loader. The County does not do as much ditch grading as it has in the past. He noted that a loader would help make the Department more functional. Materials are stockpiled in the winter and a loader would be more efficient and cost effective. Mr. Schmitt advised that John Deere and Caterpillar have both stated that if the trade is done now, they would trade even up; the 2004 Caterpillar grader for a 2011 loader.

Mr. Schmitt presented the idea to the Committee for discussion. As part of the trade the Department would like to include scales on the bucket of the loader. Mr. Schmitt explained that stockpiled materials and salt is sold to the Townships and Villages. Having the scales would eliminate the Townships and Villages from going to a local elevator for weight tickets. He stated that the scales give the County control of the process, prints a ticket and would help to make the Department more efficient by tracking the County's usage.

Mr. Schmitt recommended that it be done this year and avoid the expense in FY 2012. He stated that he would like to take the trade to a bid letting the end of May, 2011.

Mr. Soeldner asked what cost the scales would add to the trade. Mr. Schmitt responded that the scales are included in the package. The purchase price of the scales would be \$10,000.00. He added that neither John Deere nor Caterpillar would guarantee the even trade next year.

Mr. Schmitt stated the reason John Deere and Caterpillar are able to offer the even trade is because Caterpillar is now manufacturing their graders with a joy stick control steering system instead of a steering wheel. This is very popular with the younger video playing generation, however is not preferred by a generation of loyal Caterpillar customers. There is currently a high demand for the County's steering wheel grader.

Chairman Hoselton asked if both Caterpillar and John Deere come in with a \$0 trade, will the trade be based on the equipment or the brand. Mr. Schmitt responded that the normal specs for a loader will be written with the addition of the scale requirements, the letting published and bids taken. If all bids are for an even trade, the decision will be based upon which piece of equipment best meets the needs of the County and the time it will take to deliver.

Mr. Caisley asked how many motor graders that will leave the County. Mr. Schmitt reported that the County will have three remaining motor graders used to shape gravel and cleaning ditches. They are no longer used for snow removal.

Mr. McKibbin stated that he does not see any negative reasons not to proceed with the letting.

Mr. Schmitt addressed the up coming field trip. He referred to the map highlighting projects for this year. He suggested the field trip be in July, due to project late starts because of wet weather. The Committee decided the field trip will follow the July 5th 2011 Committee meeting. The Land Use and Development Committee will be invited.

Following the Committee Meeting the Committee will be touring the County Highway Facilities.

A reception honoring Mr. Terry Lindberg, County Administrator's retirement will follow the tour.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next Transportation Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, June 7, 2011 in room 404 of the government Center.

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