

## **Minutes of the Transportation Committee**

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Room 404, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

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, Ms. Jennifer Sicks, Regional Planning, Ms. Laura Dick, Show Bus, Mr. Dave White, Connect Transit

Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first item for action is approval of the minutes from the April 2, 2013 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Motion by Harris/Cavallini to recommend approval of the April 2, 2013 minutes of the Transportation Committee.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for April 2, 2013. The prepaid total is \$622,225.57.

Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer, referred the Committee to the distributed copy of the bills.

Mr. Cavallini asked what right-of-way was purchased. Mr. Schmitt responded that one fee is for surveying of the right-of-way plat and the other is for right-of-way for the CH 12 Bridge that will be replaced this summer.

Motion by Cavallini/Pyne to recommend payment of the April 30, 2013 bills as submitted by the County Auditor.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton introduced Ms. Jennifer Sicks, Regional Planning. She will address the Committee on the public Transit System.

Ms. Sicks distributed information on the funding of Connect Transit System and Show Bus. Mr. Schmitt introduced Ms. Laura Dick, Show Bus and Mr. Dave White, Connect Transit.

Ms. Sicks reported that Connect Transit is our urban public transit system and Show Bus is the rural transit system. Last summer Congress passed a reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP 21). With fuel Taxes being the primary funding for the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) and a decrease in fuel consumption a reduction in the flow of funding into the HTF has been created. Congress is still looking at ways to administer these newly shifted revenue stream into local programs.

Ms. Sicks stated that both Connect Transit and Show Bus have to look at the description of what they do and how it's eligible for different categories of funding both at the federal level as well as at the state level. The State administers the Federal program. She added that this is particularly true for the elderly and those with disabilities who have the most challenge in terms of finding transportation and having access to it.

Ms Sicks advised that final guidance will not be available from the Federal Government on how these programs are defined until early next year, less than a year before the bill expires. The programs are still operating somewhat under the old bill. This transitional time is critical for urban and rural transit service. This will affect all of McLean County.

Ms. Sicks stated that Connect Transit is now looking at a series of changes that will address current demand and demand in the future. Possible route reconfiguration is possible. Connect is making an effort to keep the public aware through public information meetings, pantagraph publications and information on their website.

Ms. Sicks reported that the Illinois Department of Transportation – Downstate Operating Assistance Program contributes 60% of Connect Transit's Operating Revenue. Show Bus operates through a direct grant to McLean County and through the County's intergovernmental cooperation and provides services to DeWitt, Ford, Livingston and Macon Counties. Show Bus also serves rural Kankakee County through a separate agreement with IDOT.

Ms. Dick noted that Show Bus's growth rate is 30% a year. Show Bus operates a Demand Response Route as well as a Deviated Fixed Route, similar to a bus stop. Assisted living facilities and nursing homes are made aware of the services offered.

Ms. Sicks advised that neither Connect nor Show Bus are Mass Transit Districts. Regional Planning and Connect are studying the benefits of Mass Transit Districts.

Show Bus is moving forward with a similar study. Ms. Harris asked in what way a rural mass transit district would be beneficial to the County. Ms. Sicks responded being a Mass Transit District could give Rural Mass Transit additional stability.

Mr. Buchanan stated that a Mass Transit District could levy for funding which would reflect an increase in real property taxes.

Ms. Pyne suggested a different funding approach, requiring stickers for your second car. This may encourage the public to use public transit. She added that McLean County is not a culture of bus use.

Ideas were discussed to better make the public aware of public transit and ways to possibly increase the use of Connect Transit and Show Bus.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first item to be presented for action is the Resolution and Bid Tab for April 30, 2013 MFT County Construction Letting.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the letting is for the Washington Street project in Downs. The low bid is 11.69% under the estimate. He recommended awarding the following contract:

2013 MFT Construction Section:

McLean County                      Sec 11-00050-00-FP                      Washington St (CH 36) Downs

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Rowe Construction, a Div of United Contractors Midwest, Inc  
1523 N Cottage Ave, PO Box 609, Bloomington, IL 61702                      \$1,474,248.39

Motion by Cavallini/Buchanan to recommend  
approval of the Resolution and Bid Tab  
for April 30, 2013 MFT County Construction Letting.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton presented the Resolution & Bid Tab for the May 1, 2013 County and Township General Maintenance Letting.

Mr. Schmitt noted that this bid is for the County crack filler and also the rebid of the Township oil and chip material. He recommended awarding the following contracts:

2013 MFT Maintenance Sections:

Sherwin Industries, 2129 W Morgan Ave, Milwaukee, WI 63221, was the successful bidder on the following section:

McLean county                      Sec 13-00000-00-GM                      GR 24                      \$43,875.00

Steffens 3-D Construction, Inc, 2503 CR 1250 North, El Paso, IL 61738 was the successful bidder on the following sections:

Dawson RD                      Sec 13-13000-00-GM                      GR2                      \$36,725.00  
West RD                      Sec 13-29000-00-GM                      GR2                      \$49,850.00

Downs Road District      Sec 13-140000-00-GM      GR3

The successful bidders on the above section were:

Rowe Construction	\$9.00 per ton	\$2,700.00
A Div of United Contractors Midwest, Inc, 1523 N Cottage Ave, PO Box 609, Bloomington, IL 61702-0609 - (Heyworth)		
Valley View Industries, Inc	\$11.30 per ton	\$3,339.00
8785 E 2500 North road, Cornell, IL 61319 – (McDowell)		
Carri Scharf Materials	\$9.75 per ton	\$2,925.00
#7 Carri Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704 – (Heyworth)		
Prairie Materials	\$12.00 per ton	\$3,600.00
15494 E 1200 North Road, Pontiac, IL 61764 – (Yd 88, Pontiac)		

Downs Road District      Sec 13-14000-00-GM      GR4

The successful bidders on the above section were:

Rowe Construction	\$10.00 per ton	\$2,500.00
A Div of United Contractors Midwest, Inc, 1523 N Cottage Ave, PO Box 609, Bloomington, IL 61702-0609 - (Heyworth)		
Valley View Industries, Inc	\$9.00 per ton	\$2,250.00
8785 E 2500 North road, Cornell, IL 61319 – (McDowell)		
Carri Scharf Materials	\$11.25 per ton	\$2,812.50
#7 Carri Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704 – (Heyworth)		
Prairie Materials	\$10.20 per ton	\$2,550.00
15494 E 1200 North Road, Pontiac, IL 61764 – (Yd 88, Pontiac)		

Downs Road District      Sec 13-14000-00-GM      GR5

The successful bidders in the above section were:

Valley View Industries, Inc	\$9.00 per ton	\$2,250.00
8785 E 2500 North road, Cornell, IL 61319 – (McDowell)		
Prairie Materials	\$10.20 per ton	\$2,550.00
15494 E 1200 North Road, Pontiac, IL 61764 – (Yd 88, Pontiac)		

Motion by Buchanan/Pyne to recommend approval of the Resolution and Bid Tab Resolution & Bid Tab for the May 1, 2013 County and Township General Maintenance Letting.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton presented the next item for action, Money Creek Road District Joint Culvert Petition - 2013 Money Creek RD Non-MRT Joint Culvert #1 Clarksville Rd.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the structure is located on Clarksville Road. The estimated cost of the new drainage structure is \$30,000. The County's share of the project cost is \$15,000.

Motion by Cavallini/Harris to recommend approval of the Money Creek Road District Joint Culvert Petition - 2013 Money Creek RD Non-MRT Joint Culvert #1 Clarksville Rd.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the Downs Road District Joint Culvert Petitions:

1. 2013 Downs RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #1 – 100 North Road.
2. 2013 Downs RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #2 – 1825 East Road.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the estimated cost of Joint Culvert #1 is \$9,800. The County's share of the project cost is \$4,990.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the estimated cost of Joint Culvert #2 is \$7,700. The County's share of the project cost is \$3,850.

Motion by Harris/Pyne to recommend approval of the Downs Road District Joint Culvert Petitions:  
1. 2013 Downs RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #1 – 100 North Road.  
2. 2013 Downs RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #2 – 1825 East Road.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton presented the Towanda Barnes Road – Sec 12-00113-06-RS:

1. IDOT – Touch Access Rout Program – TARP Agreement
2. 80,000# Weight Limit Resolution
3. Motor Fuel Tax ( MFT) Resolution

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Agreement is for a resurfacing project with level binder, binder, and surface aggregate shoulders and other related miscellaneous items on the Towanda Barnes Road from 1100 feet north of Raab Road to the intersection of Jefferson Street, CH 29 through Towanda. Truck Access Route Program (TARP) funding was applied for and \$202,000 was received. The total anticipated cost is \$1,050,000.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Towanda Barnes Road 80,000 pound Weight Limit Resolution. As required by TARP funding, a Class III truck route is required following the construction.

Ms. Harris asked if a Class III truck route is typical for a County Road. She asked if the hot mix material is particular to an 80,000 pound road. Mr. Schmitt responded that the material is not specific to an 80,000 pound – 5 axel road; the thickness of the material determines the weight limit. Concrete or asphalt can be used.

Chairman Hoselton added that it is the intent of the County to have all County Roads 80,000 pound roads.

Mr. Buchanan asked if weight limits are sometimes reduced due to weather. Mr. Schmitt noted that there are reduced weight limits during the spring posting period from January 15<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>. Reduced weight limits do not apply to Class III Truck Routes. They are designed to be 80,000 pound year around.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Motor Fuel Tax Resolution. The cost of construction will be \$848,000. The \$900,000 MFT funds will cover the cost of the project and the County's cost of an engineering staff, time, design and supervision of the construction.

Motion by Harris/Pyne to recommend approval  
of the Towanda Barnes Road – Sec 12-00113-06-RS:  
IDOT – Touch Access Rout Program – TARP Agreement.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton presented the Dry Grove Road District – Sec 12-00113-06-BR – Lilienthal Bridge, Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Agreement is a standard agreement for Surface Transportation Program (STP Bridge) funding. STP Bridge funding requires a sufficiency rating of less than 50 for replacement and less than 80 for rehabilitation. He stated that the timber pile bridge is located in Dry Grove Township. Estimated cost of the construction is \$400,000. Funding for the project is:

- Federal STP Bridge 80% - \$320,000
- Local – County 10% - \$40,000
- Local – Township 10% - \$40,000

Motion by Buchanan/Cavallini to recommend  
approval of the Dry Grove Road District –  
Sec 12-00113-06-BR – Lilienthal Bridge, Local  
Agency Agreement for Federal Participation.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the Engineering Services Agreement – Hampton, Lenzini, and Renwick, Inc (HLR):

1. County Highway 36 (CH 36) – Williams Bridge, Sec 12-00090-02-BR
2. Various Projects

Mr. Schmitt advised that the Engineering Agreement is for a box culvert on CH 36 to be for constructed next year. The County is billed based on hourly rates for the design of the structure. The upper limit of compensation is \$25,000.

Motion by Harris/Cavallini to recommend  
Approval of the Engineering Services Agreement –  
Hampton, Lenzini, and Renwick, Inc (HLR):  
County Highway 36 (CH 36) – Williams Bridge,  
Sec 12-00090-02-BR

Mr. Schmitt presented the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for various projects. He noted that the various services engineering agreement began in 2010 for structural and professional engineering design services. The Agreement is based on an hourly service charge.

Ms. Harris asked if the hourly service charge is nationally based. Mr. Schmitt responded that the rates are based on standard rates set by the engineering firm, HLR.

Motion by Pyne/Harris to recommend  
Approval of the Engineering Services Agreement –  
Hampton, Lenzini, and Renwick, Inc (HLR) for  
Various Projects.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the City of Lexington.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the City of Lexington is applying for IDOT Economic Development Program/Truck Access Route Program funding to assist in financing the public roadway improvements needed to support the creation of jobs through the construction of the WBI Heartland LLC Distribution Center. The project will construct a road and do upgrades on the intersection to accommodate for the development.

Motion by Cavallini/Pyne to recommend  
approval of the Intergovernmental Cooperation  
Agreement with the City of Lexington.  
Motion carried.



Chairman Hoselton presented the Allin Road District Joint Culvert Petition – 2013 Allin Road District Non-MFT Joint Culvert #1 – 1150 North Road.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the 2013 Allin RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert petition #1 is located on 1150 North Road. The existing culvert is rusted with holes in the culvert as well as the tile creating road problems. He stated that the total cost of the drainage structure is \$7,200.00. The County's share of the project will be \$3,600.00.

Ms. Pyne referred to the funds being appropriated at the November, 2012 meeting. Mr. Schmitt responded that funds are set aside in the Bridge Fund at the time the FY 2013 Budget which is adopted in FY 2012.

Motion by Pyne/Harris to recommend approval of the Allin Road District Joint Culvert Petition – 2013 Allin Road District Non-MFT Joint Culvert #1 – 1150 North Road.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the West Road District Joint Bridge Repair Petition – 2013 West Road District Non-MFT Joint Bridge Repair – 700 North Road.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the 2013 West RD Non-MFT Joint Bridge repair petition is located on 700 North Road. The existing Bridge has timber pile planking behind the abutments. They are starting to deteriorate. He stated that the total cost of the bridge repair is \$6,600.00. The County's share of the project will be \$3,300.00.

Motion by Cavallini/Harris to recommend approval of the West Road District Joint Bridge Repair Petition – 2013 West Road District Non-MFT Joint Bridge Repair – 700 North Road.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is the Emergency Appropriation Ordinance – Fund 0123 – FY 2013 Truck Access Route Program and Illinois Jobs Now!

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Department received TARP funding for the Towanda Barnes Road in the amount of \$202,000. In 2012 the Department received the third installment of the Illinois Jobs Now Capital Bill in the amount of \$379,917. The total of \$581,917 will be added into the FY 2013 Budget. An additional hot mix project will be done this year. He recommends the following transfer of funds:

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	<u>ADOPTED</u>	<u>ADD</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
County Highway Dept Unappropriated Fund Balance 0123-0055-0056-0400-0000	\$800,000	\$581,917	\$1,381,917

	<u>ADOPTED</u>	<u>ADD</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
County Highway Dept Const. Roads/Bridges/Culverts 0123-0055-0056-0810-0001	\$1,444,718	\$581,917	\$2,026,635

Motion by Cavallini/Pyne to recommend approval of the Emergency Appropriation Ordinance – Fund 0123 – FY 2013 Truck Access Route Program and Illinois Jobs Now! Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the County Highway 21 – Sec 13-00041-04-RS – Motor Fuel Tax Resolution.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the project to be funded by the Emergency Appropriations is CH 21 from IL Route 165 north 2 miles. The project is in the County's 5 year plan that can be partially done this year. With the next allotment of Illinois Jobs Now we will be able to complete the second half next year. The road is designed to be an 80,000 pound road.

Motion by Harris/Pyne to recommend approval of the County Highway 21 – Sec 13-00041-04-RS – Motor Fuel Tax Resolution. Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton presented the McLean –Livingston County Line Joint Drainage Structure – 2013 Yates Road District – Eppards Point Road District Non-MFT Joint Culvert – 3200 North Road.

Mr. Schmitt reported that this project is on a Township Road in Eppards Point Township in Livingston County. Livingston County is responsible for maintenance for the road. By State statute, if the square footage of the drainage structure is more than 25 square feet, the Townships are not involved in the cost of the structure. The Counties split the cost based on Equalized Assessed Valuation. Livingston County will engineer the plans and McLean County will perform the installation of the drainage structure and bill

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Livingston County for their share in accordance with the State Statute. McLean County's share of the cost is \$15,231.60, 84.62% of the total cost.

Ms. Harris asked what the mandates are for sidewalk provisions. Mr. Schmitt responded that. There were none on this project. Sidewalk provisions mandate detectable warnings, where the sidewalk abuts to the County Highway.

Motion by Cavallini/Pyne to recommend approval of the McLean –Livingston County Line Joint Drainage Structure – 2013 Yates Road District – Eppards Point Road District Non-MFT Joint Culvert – 3200 North Road.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next items to be presented to the Committee are items of information.

Mr. Schmitt presented the projects summaries. The Pipeline Road Resurfacing – CH 31 Sec 08-00073-10-WR project was completed in 2011. Final payment has been made.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Moore Bridge on CH 15. The project started on April 22, 2013. The bridge has been removed and the test pile driven. He presented pictures showing the process of driving the steel pile. Due to the soil condition the pile are being driven 80 feet into the ground.

Mr. Buchanan asked if the engineering was contracted. Mr. Schmitt responded that the County does not have a structural engineer on staff and the engineering for this project was contracted.

Mr. Schmitt presented the Stormwater Education Program – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report depicting the tasks completed as part of the Stormwater Education and Public Participation Program.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next Transportation Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, June 4, 2013. The Committee field trip will follow the July 2, 2013 Committee Meeting.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was anything further to come before the Committee.

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Motion by Pyne/Harris to Adjourn  
The Transportation Committee  
Meeting at 9:15 a.m.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn  
Recording Secretary