

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, Aug 6, 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, Robustelli 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

Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

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

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

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for July 31, 2013. The prepaid total is \$1,045,218.00

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

Mr. Cavallini asked if the County buys road signs in bulk. Mr. Schmitt, County Engineer responded that once a year a bid for a large purchase is done. Some specialty signs are ordered throughout the year.

Motion by Robustelli/Pyne to recommend
Payment of the July 31, 2013 bills as submitted
by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first item for action is the Resolution for the Anticipation of Township Bridge Funds – Martin Road District – Schroeder Bridge – Sec 12-22138-BR.

Mr. Schmitt reported that Township Bridge Program funds are received annually in July or August. The FY 2014 Township Bridge Funds are not sufficient to pay 80% of the cost for the project. The \$280,000 will be paid from future Township Bridge Program (TBP) allocations which are \$319,000 annually. This allows the County to continue to replace the Township Timber Pile Bridges.

Chairman Hoselton asked how the condition of the bridge is determined. He asked if there is a frequency of use rate. Mr. Schmitt responded that a determining factor with the TBP, other than the condition of the bridge is if the bridge is a mail or school bus route.

Mr. Robustelli asked if the Department has a priority list based on the condition of the bridge, rather than depending upon a request from the Township. Mr. Schmitt noted that the condition of the Bridge is usually the main factor. Once a timber pile starts to deteriorate the bridge becomes bad quickly. Mr. Schmitt added that with the Township Bridge Program and the federal Highway Bridge Program, the funding is as follows:

- TBP or HBP 80%
- County 10%
- Township 10%

Motion by Cavallini/Harris to recommend approval or the Anticipation of Township Bridge Funds – Martin Road District – Schroeder Bridge – Sec 12-22138-BR.
Motion carried

Chairman Hoselton continued with the Bridge Petition – Martin Road District – 1600 North Road – Schroeder Bridge – Sec 12-22138-00-BR.

Mr. Schmitt pointed out the location of the drainage structure. The total cost of the project is \$350,000. The County's share of the cost is \$35,000. The cost includes the engineering, construction and the County construction engineering on the project.

Chairman Hoselton asked if the bridge is being widened. Mr. Schmitt responded that Township bridges are usually 22 feet wide. This bridge is being widened to 32 feet.

Motion by Pyne/Robustelli to recommend approval of the Bridge Petition – Martin Road District – 1600 North Road – Schroeder Bridge – Sec 12-22138-00-BR.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton presented the Resolution & Bid Tab for the July 31, 2013 Construction and Township TBP Letting.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the Towanda Barnes Road is a resurfacing project and came in 2.19% over the estimated cost. The Lexington LeRoy Road project was 4.24% under the estimated cost. The Schroeder Bridge project was 5.84% under the estimated cost.

Chairman Hoselton asked why the project is stopping and not continuing into Towanda. Mr. Schmitt advised that the County is waiting until we know the changes for the High Speed Rail project in Towanda to do that section.

Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of the following Bid Tab:

2013 MFT Construction Sections:

McLean County Sec 12-00113-06-RS – Towanda Barnes Road – CH 29

The successful bidder in the above section was:

Rowe Construction, a Div of United Contractors Midwest, Inc.
1523 N Cottage Ave, PO Box 609, Bloomington, IL 61702 \$1,071,086.77

McLean County Sec 13-00041-04-RS – Lexington LeRoy Road – CH 21

The successful bidder in the above section was:

Rowe Construction, a Div of United Contractors Midwest, Inc.
1523 N Cottage Ave, PO Box 609, Bloomington, IL 61702 \$593,472.48

2013 TBP Construction Section:

Martin Road District Sec 12-22138-00-BR – Schroeder Bridge – 1600 North Road

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Stark Excavating, Inc.
1805 W Washington Street, Bloomington, IL \$264,628.00

Motion by Pyne/Robustelli to recommend approval of the Resolution & Bid Tab for the July 31, 2013 Construction and Township TBP Letting
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the Downs Road District Joint Culvert Petition – 2013 Downs Road District Non-MFT Joint Culvert #3 – 500 North Road.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the drainage structure is located 1040 feet east of 1950 E on 500 North Road. The bottom is severely deteriorated. The existing pipe culvert will be replaced and the current tile running through the culvert will be routed around the culvert. This will help to prevent future rusting of the pipe culvert. The estimated cost of the new drainage structure is \$10,000.00. The County's share of the project is \$5,000.00. Mr. Schmitt advised that the cost of the project is over .02% of the Township's EAV and the Township has levied the maximum of their Road and Bridge Fund, .125% for the last two years, qualifying them to petition the County for 50% of the project costs. He added that on the TBP projects, to be eligible, the Township has to be taxing at the .125% in their Road and Bridge Fund and the Township also must be taxing at .05% in the Joint Bridge Fund. This is a statutory requirement.

Motion by Cavallini/Harris to recommend approval of the Downs Road District Joint Culvert Petition – 2013 Downs Road District Non-MFT Joint Culvert #3 – 500 North Road.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton presented the next item for action, Blue Mound Road District Joint Culvert Petition – 2013 Blue Mound Road District Non-MFT Joint Culvert #2, 2925 East Road.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the drainage structure is located on 685 feet south of 1600 North on 2925 East Road. The existing 18 inch Nelson pipe will be replaced with twin 24 inch pipes. The methods used to size culverts now call for a larger capacity. With limited head room, multiple culverts are now being installed. The estimated cost of the new drainage structure is \$5,800.00. The County's share of the cost is \$2,900.00.

Motion by Pyne/Robustelli to recommend approval of the Blue Mound Road District Joint Culvert Petition – 2013 Blue Mound Road District Non-MFT Joint Culvert #2, 2925 East Road.
Motion carried

Chairman Hoselton continued with the Jurisdictional Transfer – Raab Road between White Oak Road and Mitsubishi Motorway from dry Grove Road District to McLean County:

1. Local Agency Agreement for Jurisdictional Transfer
2. Addition to the County Highway 18 Resolution

Mr. Schmitt advised that Dry Grove Road District has requested that McLean County take jurisdiction of 422.4 feet of County Highway 18 between White Oak Road, Old Route 150 and Mitsubishi Motorway. McLean County has determined that the extension of County Highway 18 would benefit the transportation system of McLean County. This Jurisdictional Transfer will transfer the jurisdiction from the Township to the County.

Chairman Hoselton asked if the County will have additional liability because of the stop signs. Mr. Schmitt responded that the County currently maintains all four of the stop signs. The County maintains all stop signs on Township Roads that come up to County Roads. IDOT maintains stop signs on County Roads or Township Roads that come up to State Routes.

Motion by Cavallini/Harris to recommend approval of the Jurisdictional Transfer – Raab Road between White Oak Road and Mitsubishi Motorway from dry Grove Road District to McLean County:

1. Local Agency Agreement for Jurisdictional Transfer
2. Addition to the County Highway 18 Resolution

Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton presented the State of Illinois department of Transportation Agreement for Local Agency Railway-Highway Grade Crossing Improvements – Weston Road, CH 13.

Mr. Schmitt stated that this project will make signal improvements on the Colfax/Weston Road. Mr. Schmitt pointed out the location which is on the County line with Livingston County. The discussion on the project started in 2005. The Railroad and Illinois Department of Transportation – IDOT finally reached an agreement. The County has no funding obligation. Funding is through Rail Safety funds. Because the road is a McLean County road, it is the County's obligation to mark detours during construction if needed and to approve the State of Illinois Department of Transportation Agreement for Local Railway-Highway Grade Crossing Improvements. The signal crossings will be improved with no cost to the County.

Motion by Robustelli/Harris to recommend approval the State of Illinois Department of Transportation Agreement for Local Agency Railway-Highway Grade Crossing Improvements – Weston Road, CH 13.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next items to be presented to the Committee are Items of Information. He presented the Project Summaries.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Moore Bridge project located on County Highway 15 is complete. Final paperwork needs to be done.

Mr. Robustelli noted that several projects have been approved that will disturb traffic flow. He asked how local residences are informed that the bridge or road will be under construction. Mr. Schmitt responded that the County puts notifications in the newspaper and sends notices to all fire departments, METCOM, emergency services, and local school districts. If the traffic count is high, a detour will be marked. The Department always tries to avoid harvest time. Mr. Wasson, County Administrator added that the local media generally reports all closures.

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Mr. Robustelli stated the some Counties in New York are using nontraditional media such as Face Book to notify the public. Mr. Schmitt stated that Macon County has a Face Book page. The County is reviewing the possibilities.

Ms. Harris asked if IDOT was still seeking projects for the Transportation Enhancement Program. Mr. Schmitt stated that the Department is submitting two Bike Trail projects. Ms. Harris asked if the Committee could make suggestions. Mr. Schmitt noted that, at this point, the County is committed to the Route 66 Bike Trail through an Intergovernmental Agreement. He noted that all thoughts and idea by the Committee are welcome.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Killian Bridge located on County Highway 12 pointing out that the existing structure has been removed and the new structure has been completed poured out and the structure has been backfilled. The project should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the construction of the Cooksville Road – in town is complete. Final paperwork needs to be completed.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Washington Street in Downs reconstruction project continues to move forward. Most of the curb and gutter and sidewalk have been poured between the entrance to the Tri-Valley Schools and Woodlawn Street. The contractor continues to work toward having this section of road open before school starts. Utility relocations have caused significant delays in the progress of the project.

Chairman Hoselton asked Mr. Schmitt to update the Committee on how the contractor was selected for this project. Mr. Schmitt advised that Consultant was selected due to their approach in engaging the public. The Consultant's idea of going door to door for input went very well. The people were informed and know exactly what to expect during the project. The school has been a great partner in the project.

The next Transportation Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, September 3, 2013.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was anything further to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the Transportation Committee Meeting at 8:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary

