

Acting Chairman Soeldner asked if the payment to the Ecology Action Center is for the cost of stenciling. Mr. Schmitt, County Engineer, responded that payment is for the annual education component of the County MF4 Permit.

Mr. Robustelli stated that he is President of the Ecology Action Center Board and will abstain from voting on the bills.

Motion by Pyne/Harris to recommend
Payment of the January 31, 2014 bills
as Submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried with Member Robustelli abstaining.

Acting Chairman Soeldner presented the first Item for Action, Resolution and bid tab for the February 26, 2014 Letting for County 2014 Non-MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) Construction Section and 2014 NFT Maintenance Section.

Mr. Schmitt, County Engineer, introduced Mr. Mark Leake, Highway Maintenance Coordinator and Mr. Lafe Epperson, Fleet Manager.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the MFT Maintenance bid for Crack Filler material will be used for pavement preservation on various County Highways during the summer of 2014. This bid was 5% under the estimate. He stated that Raab Road – CH 18 is in poor condition. An overlay of hot –mix asphalt will be applied on the existing concrete. The bid was 19% under the estimate.

Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of the low bids for the following projects:

2014 MFT Maintenance Section:

McLean County	Sec 14-00000-00-GM	GR 24 Crack Filler
The successful bidder on the above section was:		
Landscape & Construction Supplies	\$.0475 per lbs.	\$42,750.00
2233 Palmer Dr, Ste B, Schaumburg, IL 60173		

2014 Non-MFT Construction Section:

McLean County	Sec 13-00038-05-RS	Raab Rd – CH 18
The successful bidder on the above section was:		
McLean County Asphalt Co, Inc.		\$49,658.20
1100 W Market St, PO Box 3547, Bloomington, IL 61702-3547		

Motion by Harris/Robustelli to recommend approval of the Resolution and Bid Tab for the February 26, 2014 Letting for County 2014 Non-MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) Construction Section and 2014 MFT Maintenance Section. Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Soeldner presented the Resolution & Bid Tab for the February 26, 2014 Equipment Purchase Letting.

Mr. Schmitt advised that this equipment letting will complete equipment purchases for the year. He stated that the Crew Cab Pickup Truck will be used by engineering staff. The Dump Body will replace the Dump Body that was damaged when the Tandem burned in December. The Hydraulic Packages and Hydraulic Wing Plows will complete the two new tandem snow plow trucks that were purchased in 2014.

Mr. Schmitt recommended the approval of the following equipment bids:

1 – 2014 John Deere 624K Four Wheel Drive Loader for \$80,688.00 and the trade in of one (1) 2009 Case 721 E Four Wheel Drive Loader

from

Martin Equipment of Illinois, Inc.
400 W Martin Drive
Goodfield, IL 21742

1 – 2014 GMC 1500 Sierra Crew Cab 2WD Pickup Truck for \$12,015.70 and the trade in of one (1) 2002 Dodge Ram 2500 Standard Cab Pickup Truck, one (1) 2006 Ford F150 Extended Cab Pickup Truck and one (1) 2008 Ford F250 Standard Cab 4X4 Pickup Truck

from

Barker Motor Company
2030 Ireland Grove Rd
Bloomington, IL 61704

1 – New 2014 Dump Body and Hoist Package with the 201 Stainless Steel Option and 1 Dump Body and Hoist Transfer for \$39,755.00

from

Koenig Body and Equipment
2423 W Farmington Road
Peoria, IL 61604

2 – New 2014 Hydraulic Packages and Hydraulic Wing Plows for \$47,600.00

from

Wissmiller & Evans Road Equip, Inc.
102 S Jeffrey Street
Cooksville, IL 61730

Ms. Pyne asked what bid specifications were not met in the bids. Mr. Schmitt responded that the specifications not being met were:

- Wet Sleeve engine for ease in maintenance,
- Guarantee Buy Back without stipulations
- Lock in differential

He explained the required specifications and the reasons for the specifications. The John Deere six year guarantee buy back price results in the lowest ownership costs of the three machines.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the reason for three trade-ins on the Crew Cab Pickup is that trade-ins are not accepted when purchasing from the State Bid.

Motion by Robustelli/Harris to recommend approval of the Resolution & Bid Tab for the February 26, 2014 Equipment Purchase Letting.
Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Soeldner continued with the Resolution Reappointment of County Engineer.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the County Engineer position is a six year appointed position by State Statute. His term expires on June 28, 2014. The County Board must request and receive consent of the Department of Transportation before the reappointment. Mr. Schmitt noted that this Resolution satisfies the State's request for consent.

Motion by Pyne/Harris to recommend approval of the Resolution Reappointment of County Engineer.
Motion Carried.

Acting Chairman Soeldner noted that the next item to be presented is the Sec 12-00090 -02-BR – Williams Bridge – Dawson Lake Road – CH 36 Bridge Resolution.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the 1933 single span box bridge structure has significant problems and is creating a safety hazard for agricultural traffic. The single span box will be replaced with a box culvert. The bridge deck will be widened from 24 feet to 54 feet. This project was included in the Highway Department's 5-Year Plan. The total cost of the project, including engineering, right-of-way, construction and construction engineering is estimated at \$360,000.

Mr. Schmitt explained the requirements to be classified a bridge from the National Bridge Inspection.

Motion by Pyne/Buchanan to recommend approval of the Sec 12-00090-02-BR – Williams Bridge – Dawson Lake Road – CH 36 Bridge Resolution.
Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Soeldner continued with the Sec 12-00090-03-BR – Holder Bridge – Dawson Lake Road – CH 36 Bridge Resolution.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the 1959 single span bridge has some structural damage. The timber plank abutments show deterioration. The 24 foot existing bridge deck will be replaced with a 32 foot bridge deck. The State has recommended a single span steel girder beam bridge. There are some increased costs; however the savings will be seen in the future. The proposed structure will allow the future replacement of the bridge deck without replacement of the bridge substructure I Beams.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the current guardrail no longer meets the standard design for guardrail. The proposed guardrail will make for a safer crossing and will meet the current standards. This project was included in the Highway Department's 5-Year Plan. The total cost of the project, including engineering, right-of-way, construction and construction engineering is estimated at \$875,000.

Motion by Harris/Pyne to recommend approval of the Sec 12-00090-03-BR – Holder Bridge – Dawson Lake Road – CH 36 Bridge Resolution.
Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Soeldner presented the Sec 11-00135-11-BR – Whitwood Culvert – Hudson East Road – CH 12 Bridge Resolution.

Mr. Schmitt advised that CH 12 from CH 31 to CH 29 is to be widened to a 24 foot roadway with 8 foot shoulders in 2014. As part of this project, the existing concrete box culvert needs to be extended to allow for better flow of agricultural traffic. The structure build in 1987 is 39 feet wide. The culvert extensions will lengthen the culvert to 51 feet. The guardrail will be upgraded to the current standards. This project was included in the Highway Department's 5-Year Plan in 2011, but was pushed back due to right-of-way acquisition. The total cost of the project, including engineering, construction and construction engineering is estimated at \$110,000.

Mr. Robustelli asked how many of the County Bridges have guardrails that do not meet current standards. Mr. Schmitt responded that approximately half of the County Bridges have guardrails that met standards when the bridge was built but do not meet current standards for new construction. Mr. Schmitt explained the safety purpose and design of guardrails.

Motion by Robustelli/Harris to recommend approval of the Sec 11-00135-11-BR – Whitwood Culvert – Hudson East Road – CH 12 Bridge Resolution.
Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Soeldner continued with the Sec 11-00135-09-DR – Aluminum Box Culvert – Hudson East Rd – CH12 Bridge Resolution.

Mr. Schmitt advised that CH 12 from CH 31 to CH 29 is to be widened to a 24 foot roadway with 8 foot shoulders in 2014. This existing concrete culvert is very narrow and is a significant restriction for traffic. The new aluminum box culvert will be 66 feet in length. This length will allow for the elimination of guardrail on the structure. This project was included in the Highway Department's 5-Year Plan in 2011, but was pushed back due to right-of-way acquisition. The total cost of the project, including engineering, construction and construction engineering is estimated at \$100,000.

Motion by Harris/Robustelli to recommend approval of the Sec 11-00135-09-DR – Aluminum Box Culvert – Hudson East Rd – CH12 Bridge Resolution.
Motion carried.

Mr. Buchanan excused himself from the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Acting Chairman Soeldner presented the Sec 11-00001-02-BT- Route 66 Bike Trail – Intergovernmental Agreement – IDOT.

Mr. Schmitt stated that this Intergovernmental Agreement for State right-of-way access is for construction of the second phase of the Historic Route 66 Bike Trail from Towanda Avenue to County Highway 29 Towanda. The County received ITEP funding for the project. He added that the County has also received funding for the construction of the bike trail from CH 29 in Towanda, 2.55 miles north. This Intergovernmental Agreement is identical to the previous one signed to complete the first section of the trail, from Fox Creek Road, south Bloomington to Shirley, built in 2010.

Mr. Pyne asked if the questions about Towanda Park have been resolved. Mr. Schmitt responded that the Department went to the Towanda Village Board meeting. Details of variances were worked out with IDOT to satisfy the concerns Towanda had with their existing park.

Motion by Robustelli/Harris to recommend approval or the Sec 11-00001-02-BT- Route 66 Bike Trail – Intergovernmental Agreement – IDOT for the Use of Right-of-Way.

Motion carried.

Mr. Schmitt noted that all projects are completed. He added that the County received 600 tons of salt. The State still owes the County 2200 tons of salt. This will fill the storage sheds and put the County in good shape going into next year. The annual request for salt for next winter is due the end of March.

Acting Chairman Soeldner asked what kind of impact the harsh winter has had on Highway overtime. Mr. Robustelli stated that he would like to see this as an informational item presented to the Committee. He noted that that the information would be advantageous to the Committee when preparing the budget. Mr. Schmitt responded that the Department has completely used the Highway Fund snow removal overtime for the year. Adjustments can be made using the Motor Fuel Tax Fund

Acting Chairman Soeldner commented that the informational sheets Mr. Robustelli suggested have been valuable.

Ms. Pyne asked if preparation required a lot of time. Mr. Schmitt responded that the first time through did require more time, but the reports will be less time consuming in the future. Ms. Pyne stated that the information sheets can be a great advantage to the public.

Mr. Robustelli agreed. He thanked County Administration and Mr. Schmitt for giving the information sheets a good faith try.

Acting Chairman Soeldner stated that the next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

Acting Chairman Soeldner asked if there was any further information to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary