

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 404, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Acting Chairman Soeldner Members Buchanan, Harris, Pyne, and Robustelli

Members Absent: Chairman Hoselton, Member Cavallini

Other Members Present: County Board Chairman Sorensen, Member Caisley

Staff Members Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator, Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator, Mr. Mark Messman, Assistant State's Attorney Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer

Others Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer, Ms. Laura Dick, Director of Show Bus Public Transportation

Acting Chairman Soeldner called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The first item for action is approval of the minutes from the March 4, 2014 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Motion by Buchanan/Harris to recommend approval of the minutes from the March 4, 2014 meeting of the Transportation Committee.
Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Soeldner asked the Committee to review the bills for March 31, 2014. The prepaid total was \$414,803.15.

Motion by Robustelli/Buchanan to recommend payment of the March 31, 2014 bills as submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Soeldner presented the first Item for Action, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) FY'2015 Combined Application for Section 5311 and Downstate Operating Assistance Downstate Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grant.

Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer, reported that Show Bus provides rural public transportation Monday through Friday with partial services on Saturdays to McLean, Livingston, Ford, DeWitt, Iroquois and Macon Counties. He added that on behalf of the counties, McLean County applies annually for Section 5311 Federal Transit funding from the Illinois Department of Transportation. The funds are then allocated to Show Bus to operate the program.

Mr. Stokes recommended approval of:

- IDOT FY'2015 Combined Application for Section 5311 and Downstate Operating Assistance Downstate Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grant.

A Public Hearing on the Application for Operating Assistance will take place at the April 15, 2014 County Board Meeting.

Acting Chairman Soeldner asked if McLean County is one of the busier Counties of the group. Ms. Laura Dick, Director of Show Bus, responded that until recently McLean County was lower in activity. She advised that the need follows the affluence of the county; the poorer the county the more the need to have rural transportation. McLean County has alternative transportation providers including the YWCA, and local Social Service Agencies. This may be changing in the future.

Ms. Harris asked if having two vehicles in poor condition affects allocations. Ms. Dick noted that Show Bus is waiting for delivery of new buses from IDOT. She stated that buses in poor condition do not affect the allocation of services.

Ms. Harris asked if there were significant changes in the grant application. Ms. Dick responded that there were no significant changes but certifications and assurances sometimes change.

Mr. Robustelli asked if Show Bus is new to the Transportation Committee. Mr. Schmitt advised that previously Show Bus was under the oversight of Finance Committee. Mr. Jerry Stokes represents all six Counties covered by the grant. Mr. Wasson, County Administrator explained that previously Show Bus was worked as a pass through grant. IDOT has established new rules that require the County to designate a staff member called a PCOM to be responsible for the oversight and insure program compliance. Mr. Stokes has been assigned to be the County PCOM. With that change, it became more

logical to put Show Bus under the Transportation Committee. The County Highway Department and Mr. Stokes have been identified as the Department and County employee most appropriate to handle Show Bus.

Mr. Robustelli requested information concerning Show Bus services be made available to the Committee in the near future. He asked if Show Bus coordinates service with municipal bus providers. Ms. Dick responded that due to most having disabilities, Show Bus stays with the transports from the rural areas to a specific location in the urban area. In other communities, more of the population can access the urban transit system from the Show Bus stops.

Ms. Pyne asked if there was anything the Committee could do to help expedite delivery of the buses Show Bus is waiting for and what Ms. Dick would like to see for Show Bus in the next year. Ms. Dick responded that currently the largest constraint on growth is the buses. She advised that currently Show Bus has 47 busses. She noted that Show Bus is scheduled to receive 5 super medium buses in May, 2014 and 2 medium buses in June, 2014. 15-18 buses are currently pending.

Ms. Harris pointed out an error in the wording of the discrimination clause. Mr. Stokes will see that it is changed.

Acting Chairman Soeldner asked if the reason the State is behind in delivering buses is financial. Ms. Dick responded that the reason is not financial. Lack of qualified staff has caused the State to fall behind with manufacturing contracts. Local Legislation is aware of the issues. Getting the buses built also takes time.

Motion by Harris/Pyne to recommend
approval of Section 5311 Rural/Downstate
Operating Assistance Application for 2015.
Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Soeldner presented the next Item for Action, the Purchase of Services Agreement between McLean County and Show Bus for the Continuation of Rural Public transportation Service in FY' 2015.

Mr. Stokes noted that the Agreement will allow Show Bus to be the operator of the Rural Transportation service in 2015. He recommended approval of:

- Purchase of Service Agreement between McLean County and Show Bus for Continuation of Rural Public Transportation 2015

Motion by Buchanan/Robustelli to recommend
Approval of the Purchase of Service Agreement
between McLean County and Show Bus for
Continuation of Rural Public Transportation 2015.
Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Soeldner stated that the next Item for Action is the Resolution and Bid Tab for the March 19, 2014 Letting for a County 2014 Non-Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Construction Section and 2014 MFT Maintenance Section.

Mr. Stokes reminded the Committee that the County was divided into two sections for the purpose of bidding materials, north of Route 9 and south of Route 9. The results were significantly lower bids. The oil and chip will be used for maintenance on roadways throughout the County and pavement preservation of hot-mix asphalt County Highways. The bid includes maintenance on Township oil and chip roads. The majority of the Township Roads are oil and chip. He recommended approval of the following materials and contracts:

Mr. Robustelli noted that the lowest bid is due to one product bid being \$10.00 less than the estimate and \$4.00 less than another bid. He questioned if this reflects lower quality material? Mr. Stokes responded that the material is required to be State certified.

2014 MFT Maintenance Sections:

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

McLean County	Sec 14-00000-00-GM	GR 2	\$460,659.10
Various Township RD – South of 1400 North Road	Sec 14-XX000-00-GM	GR 1	\$908,390.54
Various Township RD – North of 1400 North Road	Sec 14-XX000-00 GM	GR 2	\$862,670.00

Motion by Robustelli/Pyne to recommend approval of the Resolution and Bid Tab for the March 19, 2014 Letting for a County 2014 Non-Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Construction Section and 2014 MFT Maintenance Section.

Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Soeldner continued with the Resolution and Bid Tab for the March 25, 2014 Letting for one (1) County 2014 MFT Construction Section, Two (2) Township RD MFT Maintenance Sections, and Two (2) County Non-MFT Construction Sections.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the bid to resurface Towanda-Barnes Road from US 150 to Ireland Grove Road is 3.60% over the estimate. This project is needed to maintain the roadway long term and will employ procedures that will extend its life 3 to 5 years over the conventional paving procedures. He explained to the Committee the hot joint process and material transfer device that will be used to eliminate the freeze/thaw joint failure.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the:

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- Downs Road District Section 14-14000-00-GM Group 13 is road rock spread. The bid was 1.00% under the estimate.
- Downs Road District Section 14-14000-00-GM Group 14 & 15 is a CA-15/16 and CA-6/10 stockpile project. The bid was 3.64% under the estimate.
- Martin Road District Section 14-22000-00-GM Group 14 & 15 is a CA-15/16 and CA-6/10 stockpile. The bid was 6.60% under the estimate.
- Non-MFT Section 11-00135-09-DR is a material bid for aluminum box culvert that will be installed on County Highway 12 this year. The project bid was 7.84% under the estimate.
- Non-MFT Section 11-00135-11-BR is the extension of the concrete box culvert on County Highway 12. The bid was 6.83% under the estimate

Mr. Robustelli voiced his appreciation for thoughts on how to extend the life of County Highways. Infrastructure is an investment. He noted that 3.6% over the estimate for 3-5 years of extended life is a great investment.

Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of the following:

2014 MFT Construction Section:

McLean County Sec 13-00165-01-RS Towanda Barnes Rd CH 29

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 \$1,687,959.45

2014 MFT Maintenance Sections:

Downs Road District Sec 14-14000-00-GM GR 13

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 \$75,735.00

Downs Road District Sec 14 14000-00-GM GR 14 & GR 15

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Donald Hansen, 742 E 750 North Road, Melvin, IL 60936 \$15,465.00

Martin Road District Sec 14-2200-00-GM GR 14 & GR 15

The Successful bidder on the above section was:

Donald Hansen, 742 E 750 North Road, Melvin, IL 60936 \$8,966.00

2014 Non-MFT Construction Sections:

McLean County Sec 11-00135-09-DR Aluminum Box Culvert – CH12

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Metal Culverts, Inc. \$66,352.38
711 Heisinger Rd – PO Box 330, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0330

McLean County Sec 11-00135-11-BR Whitwood Culvert – CH 12
The successful bidder on the above section was:
Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc. \$82,051.97
420 Pinecrest Dr, East Peoria, IL 61611

Motion by Robustelli/Harris to recommend approval of the Resolution and Bid Tab for the March 25, 2014 Letting for one (1) County 2014 MFT Construction Section, Two (2) Township RD MFT Maintenance Sections, and Two (2) County Non-MFT Construction Sections.
Motion carried

Acting Chairman Soeldner presented the Bridge Construction Petition – Anchor RD – Str #057-3105, Sec -2014 Anchor Rip Rap.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the annual bridge inspection in February showed continued erosion of both abutments. Large rip rap will be placed on both slopes and pushed under the bridge. Anchor Road District is taxing above 0.125% in their Road and Bridge Fund and the cost is more than 0.02% of the Road District EAV. The Total cost of the project is \$15,000 and County's share will be \$7,500. The road will not be closed during the project.

Motion by Pyne/Harris to recommend approval of the Bridge Construction Petition – Anchor RD – Str #057-3105, Sec -2014 Anchor Rip Rap.
Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Soeldner continued with the Bridge Construction Petition – Bloomington Road District – Str #057-3411 Sec – 12-05126-01-BR – Sheet Piling.

Mr. Schmitt stated that there has been significant settling of the bridge caused by the deterioration of the timber pile plank abutments. Repair of the bridge will consist of new sheet piling along the back side of the abutments and new wingwalls on the east side of the structure. He added that Bloomington Road District has levied the maximum on their Road and Bridge Fund the last two years and the cost is more than 0.02% of the Road District EAV. The Total cost of the project is \$130,000 and County's share will be \$65,000. The road will be closed for two weeks.

Motion by Pyne/Harris to recommend approval of the Bridge Construction Petition – Bloomington Road District – Str #057-3411 Sec – 12-05126-01-BR – Sheet Piling.
Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Soeldner presented the Meadows Road – CH 23 – Sec 12-00005-04-RS, Resolution for Improvement – Highway.

Mr. Schmitt advised that this project will complete the 2012 resurfacing upgrade of County Highway 23 for the ISU Farm Composting Facility from County Highway 8 to south of the Interstate 55 overpass. The total cost of the project including preliminary engineering, construction, and construction engineering is estimated at \$300,000.

Motion by Harris/Buchanan to recommend approval of the Meadows Road – CH 23 – Sec 12-00005-04-RS, Resolution for Improvement – Highway.
Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Soeldner continued with the Towanda Barnes Road, CH 29 – Sec 13-00165-01-RS – Supplemental Resolution for Improvement – MFT.

Mr. Schmitt noted that this Supplemental Motor Fuel Tax Resolution is to appropriate the funding for the resurfacing project. The project is needed to repair the deteriorating surface of the roadway. Additional costs for the project are a result of modifications to the specifications. These modifications will add 3-5 years extra life to the pavement and reduce the life cost cycle. The Resolution does include some engineering time for County Staff, construction inspection and preliminary design work.

Motion by Robustelli/Pyne to recommend approval of the Towanda Barnes Road, CH 29 – Sec 13-00165-01-RS – Supplemental Resolution for Improvement – MFT.
Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Soeldner presented the County Engineer (1) Resolution for Reappointment (2) Supplemental Resolution appropriating MFT Funds.

Mr. Wasson, County Administrator, stated that the County Engineer is a six year appointed position by Illinois Statute. He noted that it is the intent and recommendation of the Chairman of the Board to reappoint Mr. Eric Schmitt for another 6 year term. At Mr. Schmitt's request, the possibility of providing a vehicle allowance in lieu of a County issued vehicle was reviewed. Mr. Wasson stated that on many occasions family trips are needed to be made after work. Mr. Schmitt does not feel that it is appropriate to use

the County issued vehicle. The vehicle allowance will provide Mr. Schmitt with this flexibility. By looking at current mileage reimbursement, the appropriate vehicle allowance would be \$540.00 per month.

The vehicle allowance will let the Highway Department reduce its vehicle fleet by one and save the cost of fuel for that vehicle. The following comparative counties have vehicle allowances for the County Engineer at the following rates:

- Peoria County \$400/Month
- Tazewell County \$650/Month
- Champaign County \$913/Month

Ms. Pyne asked why Mr. Schmitt's allowance is less than the majority of the other Counties. Mr. Wasson noted that the vehicle allowance is part of the compensation package. In some instances the compensation is not solely for mileage. He stated that it was agreed that the amount was comparable and fair. This will be part of the annual merit increase evaluation.

Motion by Buchanan/Pyne to recommend approval of the County Engineer (1) Resolution for Reappointment (2) Supplemental Resolution appropriating MFT Funds.

Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Soeldner continued with the Bridge Construction Petition – West Road District:

- Sec 2014 West RD Non-MFT – Joint Culvert #1
- Sec 2014 West RD Non-MFT – Joint Culvert #2
- Sec 2014 West RD Non-MFT – Joint Culvert #3
- Sec 2014 West RD Non-MFT – Joint Culvert #4

Mr. Schmitt reported that the inspection of the culverts exposed the need for replacement. Each culvert should take about on day to complete. The existing, proposed, and estimated costs for the culverts are as follows:

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| #1 | Existing: | 15" Concrete Sectional Pipe and 30: Arch Corrugated Metal Pipe |
| | Proposed: | Twin – 24" Precoated Arch Corrugated Metal Pipes |
| | Est. Cost: | \$5,300.00 |
| #2 | Existing: | Twin 15" Concrete Pipe and a 24" Arch Corrugated Metal Pipe |
| | Proposed: | Twin 31" Precoated Arch Corrugated Metal Pipes |
| | Est. Cost: | \$6,300.00 |
| #3 | Existing: | 18" concrete Sectional Pipe |
| | Proposed: | Twin 24" Precoated arch Corrugated Metal Pipe |
| | Est. Cost: | \$5,300.00 |
| #4 | Existing: | 36" Arch Corrugated Metal Pipe |
| | Proposed: | Twin 36" Precoated Arch Corrugated Metal Pipes |

Est. Cost: \$8,000.00

The combined estimated cost of the projects is \$24,900, and the County's share will be \$12,450. Each individual project qualifies for the Joint Culvert Petition. West Road District's EAV is \$14,777,475; this requires a cost of \$2,955.50 to qualify for joint participation. He added that typically these types of projects are done in February, however with the amount of snow the County received, inspections were delayed.

Motion by Harris/Robustelli to recommend approval of the Bridge Construction Petition – West Road District:
Sec 2014 West RD Non-MFT – Joint Culvert #1
Sec 2014 West RD Non-MFT – Joint Culvert #2
Sec 2014 West RD Non-MFT – Joint Culvert #3
Sec 2014 West RD Non-MFT – Joint Culvert #4
Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Soeldner continued with the Intergovernmental Letter of Understanding with IDOT – District 5 Curve Signing 2014-1.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the State is conducting a state wide safety project. The Letter of Understanding from IDOT is for the installation of new chevrons and curve signs in McLean County. There are 10 locations where they are proposing to install these signs in McLean County. Seven locations are State jurisdiction; two are County jurisdiction and one is Bloomington Township jurisdiction. He pointed out the two locations on County Highway 59 between Stanford and McLean and County Highway 8 by the Spillway Bridge at Lake Bloomington. Mr. Schmitt added that the State will oversee the initial installation of the signs and the County will then be responsible for maintenance of the signs.

Mr. Stokes added that there are similar signs throughout the County.

Motion by Robustelli/Harris to recommend approval of the Intergovernmental Letter of Understanding with IDOT – District 5 Curve Signing 2014-1.
Motion carried.

Acting Chairman Soeldner presented Items of Information – Salt Update

Mr. Schmitt reported that the County still has 215 tons of salt to receive from the State. This will complete the full allotment for 2014. The salt sheds will be full, containing 3,000 tons of salt going into next year. He noted that the request for salt for 2015 was submitted the end of March. The Department renewed the annual contract; the cap for additional purchases increased from 20% to 40% due to the Townships and

Municipalities that purchase salt from the County for a total of 5800 tons for 2015. The County's order from the new contract will fill the storage facilities.

Mr. Schmitt updated the Committee on Department overtime. He noted that the Department is currently at approximately \$162,000 of snow removal overtime for the FY' 2014.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Department had a fire in the welding shop on Monday. The north garage is divided into 8 bays. The fire affected the back three bays. A firewall contained the fire and stopped it from spreading. The maintenance crew had left for the day. The alarms did activate. Towanda Fire Department, Lexington Fire Department, Bloomington Fire Department, Hudson Fire Department, Downs Fire Department and Cooksville Fire Department responded along with the Red Cross. There were no injuries.

Acting Chairman Soeldner credited the staff that returned to assist in removing equipment. He asked if the Department is self-insured for the fire. Mr. Wasson commented that the County will exceed the \$10,000 deductible for property damage. There was visible structural damage to the steel framing of the building.

Mr. Schmitt added that he expects there will be water damage to the motors on the drill press, ban saw and other power tools in the welding shop.

Mr. Buchanan asked how the request for response from various Fire Departments was handled. Mr. Schmitt responded that a 911 call was made to METCOM and they notified Towanda who then called for mutual aid. Mr. Sorensen added that not only were 5-6 Departments mobilized to the site, other Departments were mobilized to move fire trucks around the County to cover the stations on the site of the fire.

Mr. Caisley suggested that the Committee consider a resolution of appreciation to the Fire Departments and the Red Cross. It was the consensus of the Committee to recommend the County Administrator's Office prepare a Resolution of Appreciation to be presented to the County Board.

Acting Chairman Soeldner stated that the next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be Tuesday, May 6, 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