

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, July 2, 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, Robustelli and Buchanan

Members Absent: Member Pyne

Other Members Present: Member McIntyre

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 8:02 a.m.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first item for action is approval of the minutes from the June 3, 2013 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Motion by Harris/Robustelli to recommend approval of the June 3, 2013 minutes of the Transportation Committee.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for June 30, 2013. The prepaid total is \$1,619,200.00

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, County Engineer responded that the right-of-way was purchased for the County Highway 12 project that will be done in 2014.

Mr. Cavallini asked what the County purchased from Potters Industry. Mr. Schmitt advised that Potters Industries supplies the County's glass beads for paint striping.

Motion by Cavallini/Robustelli to recommend
Payment of the June 30, 2013 bills as submitted
by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton presented the Resolution & Bid Tab for the June 26, 2013 County MFT Material Letting.

Mr. Schmitt reported that annually in the spring inspection for retro-reflectivity of all County signs is done. This bid will purchase those signs that need to be replaced.

Mr. Robustelli asked if there is an opportunity to bid these signs in partnership with other municipalities for possible cost savings. Mr. Schmitt noted that the County does receive a better scale by also purchasing for the Townships.

Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of the following Bid Tab:

2013 MFT Maintenance Sections:

McLean County Sec 13-00000-00-GM – GR 11 Signs

The successful bidder in the above section was:

Vulcan signs
408 E Berry Ave PO Box 1850, Foley AL 36536-1850 \$22,259.85

Motion by Harris/Cavallini to recommend approval of the Resolution and Bid Tab for the June 26, 2013 County MFT Material Letting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the Old Town Road District Joint Culvert Petition – 2013 Old Town Road District Non-MFT Joint Culvert #1 – 2000 East Road.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the drainage structure is located 575 north of Briarwood Way 960N on 2000E. The existing concrete box culvert will be replaced with an aluminum box culvert. The estimated cost of the new drainage structure is \$105,000.00. The County's share of the project is \$52,500.00. 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 for the last two years, qualifying them to petition the County for 50% of the project costs.

Motion by Cavallini/Harris to recommend approval of the Old Town Road District Joint Culvert Petition – 2013 Old Town Road District Non-MFT Joint Culvert #1 – 2000 East Road.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton presented the next item for action, White Oak Road District Joint Culvert Petition – 2013 White Oak Road District Non-MFT Joint Culvert #1, 825 East Road.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the drainage structure is located on Sunset Road. This is the first of three culverts the County will be working with the Township to replace. The current box culvert is inadequate in size and will be replaced with a culvert pipe. The estimated cost of the new drainage structure is \$12,000.00. The County's share of the cost is \$6,000.00.

Motion by Buchanan/Harris to recommend approval of the White Oak Road District Joint Culvert Petition – 2013 White Oak Road District Non-MFT Joint Culvert #1. 825 East Road
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton presented the Historic Route 66 Bike Trail – Grant Funding

1. Construction Section South of Shirley
2. Phase 1 Engineering Section from Towanda to Lexington

Mr. Schmitt reported that the State is again soliciting projects for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP). In association with the Intergovernmental Agreement from 1999, the Department will apply for funding for two sections of the Historic Route 66 Bike Trail. Working with the municipal partners, the plan is that the trail would be for Construction from the section near Shirley to 1.09 miles south where the old alignment of Route 66 ends. This is a continuation of the trail phase that was done in 2010. The estimated cost of the project is \$525,000. The funding is 80% federal funds and 20% local match. The local match is shared by the parties of the Intergovernmental Agreement, of which the County's 24.9% share would be \$26,145. The project would not be completed until late 2015 or early 2016.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the second section of the trail purposed for funding is Phase I engineering from 2.55 miles north of CH 29 in Towanda to the south terminus of Lexington's section of the trail. The project will include the environmental work and preliminary design for 3.91 miles of trail connecting the existing Lexington Trail to north of Normal. The estimated cost of the project is \$280,000. The funding is again 80% federal funds and 20% local match. The County's share of the \$56,000 local match is \$13,944.

Mr. Cavallini asked if there are any odd jurisdictional issues related to the Bike Trail. Mr. Schmitt responded that with staff changes at IDOT, there were some wording problems with the right-of-way description. The Description stated that the right-of-way would be used for road purposes. IDOT must maintain the jurisdiction and issue a permit for the use of the right-of-way.

Motion by Robustelli/Buchanan to recommend approval of the Historic Route 66 Bike Trail – Grant Funding
1. Construction Section South of Shirley
2. Phase 1 Engineering Section from Towanda to Lexington.
Motion carried.

Mr. John McIntyre asked Mr. Schmitt for an update on the status of the bike trail from north Normal to Towanda and the effect of the High Speed Rail on the progress of the project. Mr. Schmitt reported that the County continues to work with the High Speed Rail on the intersection at Airport Road. For 1,000 feet at the Airport Road intersection, the County will build the trail with an aggregate surface. When the High Speed Rail comes through they will upgrade our surface. The County project will be done in the summer of 2014. He noted that as part of the High Speed Rail project, there will be traffic signals at the Airport Road intersection.

Mr. McIntyre asked who is involved with the Intergovernmental Agreement. Mr. Schmitt responded that the Intergovernmental Agreement involves the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal, McLean County, City of Lexington, City of Chenoa, Village of Towanda and McLean.

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 on CH 15 is completed. Miscellaneous items need to be finished up on the project. The Bridge is open for traffic.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Killian Bridge located on CH 12 west of Interstate 55. The existing structure has been removed and they are working on forming the bottom of the structure. The floor of the box culvert will be poured next week.

Mr. Schmitt explained to the Committee that the difference between a bridge and a culvert is, a bridge has a slab or deck while a box culvert has a floor.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the Cooksville Road – In Town project is located on CH 17. The resurfacing project has started. All of the milling work is completed and the level binder is done. The surface is currently being done.

Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that Dry Grove Township Road Commission has requested that McLean County take jurisdiction of 1700N between White Oak Road (Old Route 15) and Mitsubishi Motorway (US 150). This section of road is the connection between County Highway 18 – Danvers Yuton road and Mitsubishi Motorway. The road is in need of significant repair and if transferred to McLean County, would extend County Highway 18 to Mitsubishi Motorway. The length of the road is approximately 425 feet. The estimated cost to repair this section of road is \$45,000. He pointed out the location noting it is a major route into Bloomington Normal. This would take a County Highway and extend it to a State Route. With the funding available to the Township the fix would only be a 2-3 year temporary fix. The County has the

funding for a long term improvement to this section of road. The joints would be repaired and a hot mix surface applied. He added that if the Committee wants to proceed, the paperwork will be presented at the August, 2013 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Mr. Robustelli asked if there are other sections of County Highways connecting to a State Route that are not County jurisdiction. Mr. Schmitt responded that this is a rare instance. This section of road does function more as a County Highway.

Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator added that the unusual part of this situation is when IDOT realigned Route 150; they provided jurisdictional transfer of Old 150 to the County. This made our County Highway connect to a County Highway. If this was not a County Highway, then this would leave a gap of connection and would not be consistent with where the County Highway should terminate.

Mr. Cavallini asked if this is a safety issue. Mr. Schmitt responded that, due to the condition of the road, something has to be done. Mr. Wasson added that just west of the intersection is the Yuton Elevator. There is a tremendous amount of truck traffic accessing the Yuton Scales.

Chairman Hoselton asked if the stop signs would be removed. Mr. Schmitt stated that the intersection is currently a 4 way stop. The County rarely removes stop signs.

Mr. Schmitt will prepare the jurisdictional transfer and present it to the Committee at the August 6, 2013 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Mr. Schmitt presented a spread sheet of Township Joint Culvert projects pointing out that 11 joint culverts have been completed so far this year.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was anything further to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he recessed the Transportation Committee Meeting at 8:40 a.m. The Committee will reconvene on the bus for the Transportation Committee Field Trip.

Chairman Hoselton reconvened the meeting at 8:53 a.m. The Committee traveled to Connect Transit to tour the new facility.

Mr. Andrew Johnson, Connect Transit stated that the new 3 acre facility was built in 2010. There is an additional 7 acres to possibly expand in the future. There are 102 employees with 70 drivers. All drivers now go through extensive 4-6 week training as opposed to the three day training in the past. All busses are equipped with an auto rider

counter which allows Connect to know exactly how many riders are on each bus daily. The facility has on site fueling and maintenance. The dispatch area has a system that tracks the exact location of all busses at any given time, informing them of any delays in the route. This GPS program is also available to the public.

Connect Transit is a joint venture between the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal with a board of seven members based on population, four from Bloomington and three from Normal. The facility is State and Federally funded.

Connect Transit has three types of transit connections:

1. Fixed Routes
2. On Demand Routes
3. Para Transit.

Connect Transit's name was changed to focus on the rider and improve the image of the transit system. Connect Transit, one system, two connections, separate but together.

The field trip continued to:

- Old Route 150, the section of road that connects County Highway 18 – Danvers Yuton road and Mitsubishi Motorway. Dry Grove Township Road Commission has requested that McLean County take jurisdiction of this short section of road.
- Hudson-Stuckey Road, 10 feet of right-of-way has been purchased. The 20 foot road will be widened to 24 feet and the culvert will be replaced. The Committee was able to see the patch work in progress.
- Killian Culvert, work was in progress and the project will be completed in mid-August.
- Lexington-LeRoy Road. Mr. Schmitt pointed out the section that was resurfaced last year and the section to be done this year.
- Cooksville paving project. Mr. Schmitt explained the pavement recycling process done last year.
- Dawson Lake Road-Holder Bridge, a 2014 project. The bridge was built in 1959 with concrete pile and timber planking with the original concrete rail on one side.
- Moore Bridge opened on Friday.

Mr. Schmitt noted that bridges are named for the up-stream land owner.

Chairman Hoselton recessed the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Chairman Hoselton reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. the Committee traveled to McLean County East. These 38 acres of property is located on Route 9. The gated 9

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acres are used for storage of stock piled material and the remaining acres are leased. The Committee was able to see the recently erected sand-salt storage shed.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be Tuesday, August 6, 2013.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was anything further to come before the Committee. Hearing none he adjourned the Transportation Committee Meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary