

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Soeldner, Members Cavallini Buchanan, Harris, Metsker and Pyne

Members Absent: Robustelli

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. Laura, Director of Show Bus

Chairman Soeldner called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. He found a quorum present.

Chairman Soeldner presented the first item for action, approval of the minutes from the July 1, 2014 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Motion by Cavallini/Harris to recommend approval of the minutes from the July 1, 2014 meeting of the Transportation Committee.
Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner asked the Committee to review the bills and transfers for July 31, 2014 reviewed and recommended for transmittal to the Transportation Committee by the County Auditor. The prepaid total was \$2,168,306.87.

Mr. Cavallini asked how many more payments will be made to Clark Dietz for the East Side Highway. Mr. Schmitt responded that Clark Dietz should complete the detailed study by next year.

Motion by Pyne/Harris to recommend payment of the July 31, 2014 bills and transfers as submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented the first Item for Action, the Motor Vehicle Lease Agreement between McLean County and Show Bus.

Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer reported that Show Bus provides rural public transportation in McLean, Livingston, Ford DeWitt, Iroquois and Macon Counties Monday through Friday with partial service on Saturday. The lease agreement outlines Show Bus the use of vehicles titled to McLean County. The lease agreement expires August 19, 2017. The agreement is done every three years or when vehicles are added to the current fleet. He noted that the lease includes the addition of two (2) 2013 Ford Eldorado and two (2) 2014 Ford Starcraft vehicles. He advised that there are delivery issues with the 2014 vehicles.

Ms. Laura Dick, Director of Show Bus added that there are some electrical problems with the Ford Eldorado. The issue is being resolved. Show Bus has their own shop for mechanical and electrical problems.

Ms. Metsker asked if this Lease Agreement is for McLean County only or the combined counties which Show Bus services. Ms. Dick responded that these vehicles are used in the area covered by the Intergovernmental Agreement. Mr. Stokes added that McLean County is the recipient of the Grant and the title holder of the vehicles.

Ms. Pyne asked if Show Bus will be receiving more vehicles. Ms. Dick responded that Show Bus has been approved for 10 more vehicles. The State funded contract remains unexecuted. Most are replacements; however some vehicles are kept as long as it is cost effective to maintain them.

Mr. Cavallini asked at what point they retire a vehicle. Ms. Dick advised that the required mileage limits to request to dispose is 160,000 – 175,000 miles. Show Bus routinely goes beyond the required mileage.

Mr. Buchanan asked if Show Bus has fixed routes. Ms. Dick noted that Show Bus only has deviated fixed routes which is similar to a typical bus route.

Mr. Stokes recommended the approval of the Motor Vehicle Lease Agreement.

Motion by Cavallini/Pyne to recommend approval of the Motor Vehicle Lease Agreement between McLean County and Show Bus.
Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented the Resolution and Bid Tab for the July 30, 2014 Letting for one (1) County 2014 Non- Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Construction Project.

Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer, advised that this Letting is for the resurfacing of the Lexington – LeRoy Road from 2000 N to the Mackinaw River Bridge. The bid is 5.99% under the estimate. He stated that the road was last resurfaced in 1991 and the pavement edges are showing significant deterioration. The project will maintain the roadway long term. The 2.25 mile project is funded through the Illinois Jobs Now and the Truck Access Route Program (TARP).

Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of the following:

2014 MFT Construction Section

McLean County Sec 13-00041-05-RS Lexington - LeRoy Rd – CH 21

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 6171	\$611,596.56
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Motion by Cavallini/Harris to recommend approval of the Resolution and Bid Tab for the July 30, 2014 Letting for one (1) County 2014 Non- Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Construction Project.
Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the Bridge Construction Petition – Towanda Road District, Sec – 2014 Towanda RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #1.

Mr. Schmitt stated that Mr. Fish, Towanda Road District Commissioner, contacted the Department concerning the culvert replacement on 2000 E Road. The culvert was inspected along with Mr. Fish. The Department agrees with the replacement due to deterioration which is causing drainage problems. He noted that the project will be completed in an estimated two days. The existing 36 inch concrete arch culvert will be replaced with twin 36 inch precoated arch corrugated metal pipes. The estimated cost is \$8,700. The County's share will be \$4,350. West Road District is taxing above .0125% in their Road and Bridge Fund and the cost of the project is more than 0.02% of the EAV of the Road District. Mr. Schmitt recommends approval of the Petition for Joint Culvert Replacement #1 in Towanda Road District.

Motion by Harris/Pyne to recommend approval of the Bridge Construction Petition – Towanda Road District, Sec – 2014 Towanda RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #1.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented the Bridge Construction Petition – Lawndale/Martin Road District Non-MFT joint Culvert #1.

Mr. Schmitt stated that Mr. Jeff Winterland, Lawndale Road District Road Commissioner, contacted the Department concerning the culvert replacement. The culvert was inspected along with Mr. Winterland and the Department agrees with the replacement. The culvert is located on 2000 N Road between two Townships; Lawndale and Martin. He noted that the project will be completed in an estimated three days. The existing 5' X 5' concrete box culvert will be replaced with twin 54 inch precast arch corrugated metal pipes. The estimated cost is \$18,500. The County's share will be \$9,250. Lawndale Road District's share is \$2,881 and Martin Road District's share is \$6,369 which is based on the individual Township's EAV.

Motion by Metsker/Cavallini to recommend approval of the Bridge Construction Petition – Lawndale/Martin Road District Non-MFT joint Culvert #1.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented the Hudson Stuckey Road – CH - 12 Sec 05-00135-08-WR:

1. Resolution for Improvement – MFT
2. Resolution for Improvement – Matching
3. Resolution for Improvement - Highway

Mr. Schmitt stated that the widening and resurfacing project will upgrade the Hudson/Stuckey Road (CH 12) from County Highway 31 to County Highway 29 to an 80,000 pound Route. The total cost of the construction project is estimated at \$1,380,000. He recommended approval of the following Resolutions which will appropriate the following funding for the project:

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| ➤ Resolution for Improvement – MFT | \$825,000 |
| ➤ Resolution for Improvement – Matching | \$475,000 |
| ➤ Resolution for Improvement – Highway | \$125,000 |

Mr. Buchanan asked if the project required the purchase of right-of-way. Mr. Schmitt responded that right-of-way was purchased in 2013.

Motion by Harris/Pyne to recommend approval of the Hudson Stuckey Road – CH - 12 Sec 05-00135-08-WR:

1. Resolution for Improvement – MFT
 2. Resolution for Improvement – Matching
 3. Resolution for Improvement - Highway
- Motion carried.

Chairman presented the Emergency Appropriation Ordinance – Fund 0123 – Illinois Jobs Now! (IJN) Funds.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Department received \$379,917, the last installment of MFT funds from the Illinois Jobs Now! in April 2014. This budget amendment will allow for the widening and overlay of the Hudson-Stuckey Road from CH 31 to CH 29. He advised that the project is needed to upgrade the existing roadway from an oil and chip road to a HMA surface 80,000 pound road. As part of the recent mini Capital Bill, we will receive one more allotment in September, 2014.

	<u>Amended</u>	<u>ADD</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
County Highway Dept. Unincorporated Fund Balance 0123-0055-0056-0400-0000	\$1,273,317	\$379,917	\$1,653,234
	<u>Amended</u>	<u>ADD</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
County Highway Dept. Const. Roads/Bridges/Culverts 0121-0055-0056-0810-0001	\$1,664,109	\$379,917	\$2,044,026

Motion by Harris/Pyne to recommend approval of the Emergency Appropriation Ordinances Fund 0123 – Illinois Jobs Now! (IJN) Funds.
Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the Audit Report #05-060 to be filed with the County Board – 01/01/2012 – 12/31/2012 – Motor Fuel Tax – McLean County.

Mr. Schmitt stated that IDOT annually audits the County Motor Fuel Tax and Township Motor Fuel Tax funds. The objective of the audit is to provide reasonable assurance the County used Motor Fuel Tax funds in accordance with the Illinois Highway Code, 605 ILCS /5. He presented the receipts to the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for the County:

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Interest 2012	1,539.68
Reimbursement	544,317.40
2013 IJN Program	379,917.00
Supplemental	396,950.00
B-N Reimbursement	35,000.00
Total Received	\$1,357,724.08

Mr. Schmitt stated that the net balance in the account on December 31, 2012 was \$3,652,503.90.

Mr. Schmitt presented the receipts to the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for the Townships:

Interest 2012	6,772.00
Reimbursement	490.03
2013 IJN Program	338,358.00
Supplemental	160,530.00

Total Received \$506,150.03

Mr. Schmitt stated that the net balance in the account on December 31, 2012 was \$2,098,377.79. He noted that, based on the Audit, it is the opinion of IDOT that McLean County uses Motor Fuel Tax Funds in accordance with the requirements of the Illinois Highway Code.

Mr. Buchanan asked if the Audit was done by IDOT. Mr. Schmitt responded that up until this point, every local roads district had one auditor. They are moving this to a more centralized office in Springfield.

Chairman Soeldner asked Mr. Schmitt to explain how MFT is distributed to the Townships. Mr. Schmitt advised that the County receives and holds the funds. The funds are administered only with the County Engineer's, Mr. Schmitt's approval. He advised that the Townships receive their MFT funds based on their miles of road.

Chairman Soeldner asked if the Townships can let their MFT Funds accumulate or are the funds required to be spent annually. Mr. Schmitt responded that the Townships can build up their funds for a major project: however a majority of the Townships use their MFT funds for oil and chip maintenance.

Motion by Pyne/Harris to recommend approval of the Audit Report #05-060 Motor Fuel Tax – McLean County and Audit Report #05-061 – Motor Fuel Tax – Townships to be filed with the County Board – 01/01/2012 – 12/31/2012.
Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the Items of Information – Project Summaries.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Meadows Road resurfacing project on CH 8 north to the I55 overpass is complete. Final paperwork needs to be completed.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Williams Bridge. The box culvert is on CH 36 north of Dawson Lake. The existing structure has been removed and all the concrete has been poured.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Holder Bridge is located on CH 36. This bridge will be constructed with structural steel rather than the typical slab deck. The existing structure has been removed; the piles driven and the abutment have been poured. The I-beams have been set. IDOT pushed the Department to eliminate the piers and use the structural steel. In the future, there will be little weather wear and the deck can be replaced. This substructure could function for two bridges. This type of structural steel is only able to be done where there is addition head room.

Mr. Cavallini asked if this type of structure is more expensive. Mr. Schmitt responded that the cost is an estimated 5-10% more; however there is a long-term savings. He added that due to the sandy channel the pile to support the bridge were driven 105-106 feet into the ground compared to a typical 80 feet.

Mr. Cavallini asked if there is a way to pre- measure the soil. Mr. Schmitt stated that a consultant does soil borings, sampling the soil as they go.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Box Culvert reconstruction project on CH 12. He advised that the project is complete. Dirt work around the box is being completed. He noted that the materials were bid and the Department installed the culvert.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the resurfacing construction from Route 150 to Ireland Grove Road on the Towanda Barnes Road is complete. Final paperwork needs to be completed.

Chairman Soeldner noted that the project has not been completely paid for. He asked if there is a reason for this. Mr. Schmitt responded that 5% of the cost for all construction projects is withheld to assure all the paperwork is received and the project is completed to specifications.

Mr. Schmitt advised that a rail road flagger was required as part of the Towanda Barnes Road project because work was done within the Rail Road right-of-way.

Chairman Soeldner asked if there was anything further to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he recessed the Transportation Committee Meeting at 8:45 a.m. The Committee will reconvene on the bus for the Transportation Committee Field Trip.

Chairman Soeldner reconvened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

The field trip began traveling down the newly paved 5 lanes on Towanda Barnes Road. Mr. Schmitt pointed out the raised reflectors. He noted the curb and sidewalk which were due to the limited right-of-way. The Towanda Barnes project from 2007-2015 when completed will make the road five lanes to Normal Community West High School.

The trip continued with Mr. Schmitt pointing out the Township Culvert east of Towanda which will be completed in 2014.

The Committee saw the location the Route 66 Bike trail will cross over Old US 66 near Towanda and continues to Normal. Funding for this project has been approved.

The Committee was able to see:

- The Sweeney Road where 90,000 pounds of crack sealant was used
- The Pifer Bridge which is the longest span bridge in McLean County with a total of 320-330 feet. The Bridge has I-Beams with a metal expansion joint.
- The Lexington overpass paving completed in 2007
- Meadows Road upgrade project on CH 8 north to the I55 overpass done so the ISU Farm would have year round access to an 80,000 pound road.
- The Lexington/LeRoy Road. A 4 mile section resurfaced with cold mix done 11 years ago. The road is not as smooth of a ride; however there is not a crack in the road.
- The Gridley Bridge
- Williams Bridge. The box culvert is on CH 36 north of Dawson Lake.
- Holder Bridge is located on CH 36. We were able to see the I-beams in place.
- Rock Road Bridge
- Saybrook Bellflower
- Arteman Bridge which will be done next year. The Bridge was built in 1935.

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

Chairman Soeldner stated that the next Transportation Committee meeting will be August 5, 2014.

Chairman Soeldner asked if there was any further information to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m. without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary