

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Soeldner, Member Harris Finch, Metsker and Martin

Members Absent: Members Buchanan and Robustelli

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator, Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator, Mr. Don Knapp, First Assistant State's Attorney Civil, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer

Others Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer

Chairman Soeldner called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. He stated that the first item for action is approval of the minutes from the March 3, 2015 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Motion by Harris/Metsker to recommend approval of the minutes from the March 3, 2015 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Motion carried

Chairman Soeldner asked the Committee to review the bills and transfers for March 31, 2015. The prepaid total is \$228,872.15.

Motion by Martin/Harris to recommend payment of the March 31, 2015 bills and transfers as submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented the Resolution and Bid Tab for the March 31, 2015 County and Road Districts Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Maintenance.

Mr. Schmitt, County Engineer, stated that this is the annual oil and chip letting for maintenance on County Roads and some pavement preservation on hot-mix asphalt County Highways. He added that the oil and chip work for the Road Districts is maintenance of the Township roads. This work comprises the majority of the Motor Fuel Tax work the road districts perform every year. He noted that the Townships north of Route 9 were bid together and the Townships south of Route 9 were bid together to help level the bids and reduce the Townships' costs.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the County contract was 1.35% over the estimate, the Townships north of Route 9 were 4.8% under and Townships south of Route 9 were 5% under the estimate.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the Department recommends approval of the following:

2015 MFT Maintenance Section:

McLean County	Section 15-00000-00-GM	GR 2 – Seal Coat
The successful bidder on the above section was:		
Beniach Construction Co, Inc.		
307 S Main St PO Box 20, Tuscola, IL 61935-0020		\$42,107.88
Various RD – 2015	Seal Co Comb – GR1	South of 1400 North Road
The successful bidder on the above section was:		
Beniach Construction Co, Inc.		
307 S Main St PO Box 20, Tuscola, IL 61935-0020		\$1,101,927.02
Various RD – 2015	Seal Ct Comb – GR2	North of 1400 North Road
Beniach Construction Co, Inc.		
307 S Main St PO Box 20, Tuscola, IL 61935-0020		\$976,831.20
Beniach Construction Co, Inc.		
307 S Main St PO Box 20, Tuscola, IL 61935-0020		\$42,107.88

Mr. Schmitt explained the difference in the size and purpose of rock, limestone and gravel. The Townships do specify depending on the project, the type and size of rock.

Motion by Martin/Finch to recommend approval of the Resolution and Bid Tab for the March 31, 2015 County and Road Districts Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Maintenance. Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the Bridge Construction Petitions – West Road District (RD):

1. 2015 West RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #1
2. 2015 West RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #2
3. 2015 West RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #3
4. 2015 West RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #4

Mr. Schmitt advised that each culvert should take about one day to complete. West Road District is taxing above the required rate of .125 in the Road and Bridge Fund and the cost of the individual projects is more than .02% of the EAV of the road district. The existing, proposed and estimated costs for the culverts are as follows:

#1	Existing:	24" Concrete Sectional Pipe
	Proposed:	24" Precoated Corrugated Metal Pipe
	Est. Cost:	\$4,300.00
	County's Cost	\$2,150.00
#2	Existing:	30" Concrete Sectional Pipe
	Proposed:	30" Precoated Corrugated Metal Pipe
	Est. Cost:	\$4,600.00
	County's Cost	\$2,300.00
#3	Existing:	21" Corrugated Metal Pipe
	Proposed:	30" Precoated Arch Corrugated Metal Pipe
	Est. Cost:	\$4,500.00
	County's Cost	\$2,250.00
#4	Existing:	12" Corrugated Metal Pipe
	Proposed:	30" Precoated Arch Corrugated Metal Pipe
	Est. Cost:	\$4,400.00
	County Cost:	\$2,200.00

Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of the Bridge Construction Petitions – West Road District (RD).

Motion by Harris/Metsker to recommend approval of the Bridge Construction Petitions – West Road District (RD):

1. 2015 West RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #1
2. 2015 West RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #2
3. 2015 West RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #3
4. 2015 West RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #4

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented the Bridge Construction Petitions – Yates Road District (RD):

1. 2015 Yates RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #1
2. 2015 Yates RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #2
3. 2015 Yates RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #3
4. 2015 Yates RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #4
5. 2015 Yates RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #5
6. 2015 Yates RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #6

Mr. Schmitt reported that each culvert should take about one day to complete. Yates Road District is taxing above the required rate of .125 in the Road and Bridge Fund and the cost of the individual projects is more than .02% of the EAV of the road district.

The existing, proposed and estimated costs for the culverts are as follows:

#1	Existing:	15”CMP extensions on a Concrete Nelson Culvert
	Proposed:	18” Precoated Arch Corrugated Metal Pipe
	Est. Cost:	\$3,900.00
	County’s Cost	\$1,950.00
#2	Existing:	15” Corrugated Metal Pipe
	Proposed:	Twin 24” Precoated Arch Corrugated Metal Pipe
	Est. Cost:	\$5,300.00
	County’s Cost	\$2,650.00
#3	Existing:	12” Concrete Nelson Culvert
	Proposed:	Tywin 24” Precoated Arch Corrugated Metal Pipe
	Est. Cost:	\$5,200.00
	County’s Cost	\$2,600.00
#4	Existing:	12” Corrugated Metal Pipe
	Proposed:	Triple 24” Precoated Arch Corrugated Metal Pipe
	Est. Cost:	\$6,900.00
	County Cost:	\$3,450.00
#5	Existing:	24” Corrugated Metal Pipe
	Proposed:	Twin 24” Precoated Arch Corrugated Metal Pipe
	Est. Cost:	\$5,100.00
	County Cost:	\$2,550.00
#6	Existing:	No existing culvert
	Proposed:	24” Precoated Arch Corrugated Metal Pipe
	Est. Cost:	\$4,400.00
	County Cost:	\$2,200.00

Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of the Bridge Construction Petitions – Yates Road District (RD).

Mr. Schmitt noted that Joint Culvert #5 is on the McLean/Livingston County line. Because the culvert is not a 25 square foot opening it does not qualify for the County Line Project which shares the costs between the Counties.

Motion by Finch/Harris to recommend approval of the Bridge Construction Petitions – Yates Road District (RD):

1. 2015 Yates RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #1
2. 2015 Yates RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #2
3. 2015 Yates RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #3
4. 2015 Yates RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #4
5. 2015 Yates RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #5
6. 2015 Yates RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #6

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Colfax – Two Flashing Stop Signs on County Highway (CH) 15.

Mr. Schmitt stated that currently there is a four-way stop at the intersection of Harrison Street and Wood Street in Colfax. Harrison Street, CH 15 is adjacent to Ridgeview Community Unit School District #19. The installation of two solar powered flashing stop signs will alert drivers of the stop controlled intersection.

Motion by Metsker/Martin to recommend the approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Colfax – Two Flashing Stop Signs on County Highway (CH) 15.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner continued with Towanda Barnes Road – CH 29 – Sec 07-00113-04-FP Widening, the Utility Relocation Agreement with Nicor Gas.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Department is widening Towanda Barnes Road from Fort Jesse to Raab Road to five lanes in 2015-2016. Nicor's gas line is in conflict with the proposed storm sewer at two locations. Nicor Gas Company has a utility easement at these locations that requires the County to pay for the relocation. The cost for the relocation for both areas is estimated at \$75,000.

Motion by Harris/Finch to recommend approval of Towanda Barnes Road – CH 29 – Sec 07-00113-04-FP Widening, the Utility Relocation Agreement with Nicor Gas.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the items for information – Road Funding Discussion.

Mr. Schmitt updated the Committee on the State of Illinois sweep. \$50,000,000 was swept from the overall MFT Fund. The County will receive an estimated 54% or ½ an MFT allotment.

Ms. Harris asked where these cuts would affect the County Highway Department. Mr. Schmitt responded that there will probably not be any immediate cuts for the Department. One project is not under contract and is on hold until next year.

Chairman Soeldner advised that the sweep was taken from the balance remaining in the fund. This is not for future revenue.

Mr. Finch asked if more cuts are anticipated to occur again in the remainder of 2015 or 2016. Mr. Wasson responded that he does not anticipate any more cuts in the remainder of the FY 2015. These cuts were to balance the FY 2015 budget. He advised that the County will continue to monitor the impacts of budget discussions in Springfield.

Mr. Schmitt continued with a salt update. He reported that the Department purchased all the salt allotted in the 2014-2015 contract, 120%. The current price paid this year was \$56.01, an increase of only 5%. The Department has an estimated 4,500 tons of salt in storage. He advised that the Department submitted the salt request for the winter of 2015-2016 in the amount of 4,000 tons, 3,500 for the County and 500 tons for some municipalities and townships. The price anticipated is \$80.00-\$85.00 per ton.

Mr. Wasson commended Mr. Schmitt for the foresight to recommend and the Committee for agreeing to construct addition salt enclosures allowing the County to purchase the additional salt at substantial savings.

Ms. Metsker asked the reason for such an increase in the cost of salt. Mr. Schmitt responded that high demand drove the supply down. The cost of transportation also played another part in the increased price.

Mr. Schmitt stated that if the salt prices do not come back down, the County will have to start mixing chips - course sand, in with the salt on some county highways. He advised that the Department will start testing and sampling the mixture in the winter of 2015-2016. The County usually spends \$250,000 – \$300,000 a year on salt.

Mr. Schmitt updated the Committee on the plans for the CH 29 Bridge over the Mackinaw River. The engineering firm did a Bridge Condition Report with several different recommendations:

- Deck repair at a cost of \$230,000 and gain 10-15 years of additional service.
- Reuse the existing structure with a new deck and widen to 40 feet at a cost of \$1,600,000 by closing the road.
- New super structure and widen the bridge to 40 feet at a cost of \$2,600,000.
- Full structure replacement widen to 30 feet at a cost of \$4,100,000.
- Full structure replacement widen to 40 feet at a cost of \$5,000,000.

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Mr. Schmitt stated that the Department will move ahead with the repair as budgeted. This will give the bridge some additional life. The Department will start to apply for federal funding for bridges over \$1,000,000. Applications are for funding six years out. The \$4,100,000 - \$5,000,000 cost to replace the structure will be a major project in the future.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Department will start to put oil and chip on hot mix roads the year as part of pavement preservation.

Chairman Soeldner asked Mr. Wasson, County Administrator for an update on legislative issues allowing counties to levy for a road tax. Mr. Wasson stated that the County is in support of extending the County MFT authority to all counties. No bill has been introduced; however we continue to work to gain legislative support for a bill that would assist the Counties.

Chairman Soeldner stated that the Transportation Committee will meet next on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

Chairman Soeldner asked if there was anything further to come before the Committee.

Motion by Harris/Metsker to adjourn the Transportation
Committee.
Motion Carried

Chairman Soeldner adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary