

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: 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 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 April 7, 2015 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Motion by Harris/Finch to recommend approval of the minutes from the April 7, 2015 Transportation Committee meeting.

Motion carried

Chairman Soeldner asked the Committee to review the bills and transfers for April 30, 2015. The prepaid total is \$253,947.23.

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Motion by Harris/Martin to recommend payment of the April 30, 2015 bills and transfers as submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented the Emergency Appropriation Ordinance:

1. Fund 120 – Labor and Equipment Rental
2. Fund 123 – Maintenance of Roads/Drainage Structures

Mr. Schmitt, County Engineer, advised that during the FY 2014 outside audit a recommendation was made to move the revenue recognition and the expenditure for FY 2015 and beyond to the Transfers From/To Other Funds. He recommended approval of the two FY 2015 Budget Amendments that relate to equipment rental that will be paid to the County Highway Fund – 0120 from the County Motor Fuel Tax fund – 0123:

	<u>ADOPTED</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
County Highway Department Labor & Equipment Rental 0120-0055-0056-0410-0022	\$400,000	(\$375,000)	\$25,000

County Highway Department Transfer From Other Funds 0120-0055-0056-04050-0011	\$0	\$375,000)	\$375,000
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	<u>ADOPTED</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
County Highway Department Maintenance of Roads/Drainage 0123-0055-0056-0999-0001	\$1,466,000	(\$375,000	\$1,091,000

County Highway Department Transfer to Other Funds 0123-0055-0056-0999-0001	\$0	\$375,000	\$375,000
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Motion by Robustelli/Metsker to recommend approval of the Emergency Appropriation Ordinance:

1. Fund 120 – Labor and Equipment Rental
2. Fund 123 – Maintenance of Roads/Drainage Structures

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the Special Event Road Closure Permit – New Event – Hudson Fun Fest Parade.

Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of the Hudson Women's Club parade, road closure permit for County Highway 12 and County Highway 37 in Hudson on July 25, 2015. He advised that this is a new event and therefore the road closure permit comes to the Transportation Committee for approval. Once approved by the Committee, future permits for the same event will only require department administration approval.

Chairman Soeldner noted that the county road closure permit requires the applicant provide the following:

- Route and detour map showing all traffic control
- Certificate of Insurance
- Letter of Notification to the Sheriff's Department

Motion by Buchanan/Harris to recommend approval of the Special Event Road Closure Permit – New Event – Hudson Fun Fest Parade.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the items for information – Project Summaries.

Mr. Schmitt updated the Committee on the Hudson Stuckey Road widening resurfacing project. The surface is on and the aggregate shoulders will be completed this week. The project should be completed by the end of the week.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the Towanda Barnes Road widening project.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the Towanda Barnes Road project from Fort Jesse to Raab Road is underway. The temporary traffic signals have been installed and are operating. He presented pictures showing the progress of the project pointing out the dirt work, the installation of culverts and temporary traffic signals. Mr. Schmitt reported that a detention basin will be in the southwest corner of the intersection of Raab Road and Towanda Barnes Road to help control drainage problems. A temporary signal has been installed at Towanda Barnes and Raab Road. Previously it was a flashing yellow light on Towanda Barnes and a flashing red light on Raab Road. The new signalized intersection will improve the traffic flow going to Normal Community High School. He added that the widening of Towanda Barnes Road is a very large Federal project.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Towanda Barnes Road resurfacing project from Ireland Grove Road to Rte. 9. He stated that the surface has been removed and the roadway primed. They plan to start the level binder this week. The road is planned for closure on Saturday, May 9th from Oakland Avenue to Rte. 9 and May 16th from south of Oakland to Ireland Grove Road for the mainline surface paving, weather permitting. This will give the movie theater continual access on both dates. He noted that business owners were contacted, the media was notified and message boards are up informing the public of the road closure. A marked detour will redirect traffic.

Chairman Soeldner presented the Historic Rte. 66 Bike Trail – Section 11-00001-02-BT.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the Historic Route 66 Bike Trail project, from the intersection of Towanda Avenue and Shelbourne Drive in Normal to County Highway 29 in Towanda was on the Illinois Department of Transportation letting on March 6, 2015. The low bid of \$1,667,603.78 was submitted by Rowe Construction Company. The bid was 9.27% under the estimate of \$1,837,997.90. The project will likely begin in late May and completion expected by late September. The project funding will be:

- 80% ITEP Federal Funding
- 20% Local Funding

McLean County's share of the cost is \$83,046.67, 24.9% of the local share.

Mr. Robustelli asked if there is a map of the Route 66 Bike Trail that can be copied and given to the Route 66 Visitor's Center. Mr. Schmitt stated that he would get a copy to the Visitor's Center.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the Replacement of Engineering Staff Vehicle.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Highway Department has ordered a replacement vehicle for the engineering staff vehicle that was totaled as a result of an accident in March, 2015. The replacement pick-up truck was ordered from the State Bid at a cost of \$21,460.00. The Department is being reimbursed \$15,033.00 for the loss. The remaining \$6,427.00 will come from savings realized during our equipment purchases the year.

Mr. Schmitt stated that typically the Committee field trip is in July. He asked if the Committee want to continue the field trip. The Committee agreed that the field trip is beneficial to them as a committee member. The field trip will be July 7, 2015.

Mr. Schmitt noted that there will be a Stand-Up Committee Meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 to approve the grant for the new lighting.

Chairman Soeldner stated that the Transportation Committee will meet next on Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

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

Mr. Robustelli thanked the County Engineer and Transportation Chairman for representing the Committee and the County's interest at the State Secretary of Transportation Listening Tour. He added that the Listening Tour was productive and informative. It was a step in the right direction for proactively seeking input concerning the challenges facing the County.

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Mr. Finch asked if the pipeline going through McLean County will have any effect on the County. Mr. Schmitt responded that the County has a Road Use Agreement in place with Enbridge Pipeline for use of the County highways.

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

Chairman Soeldner adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 8:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary