

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, June 2, 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, Robustelli and Martin

Members Absent: Buchanan

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, Ms. Laura Dick, Director of Show Bus Public Transportation

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 May 5, 2015 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Motion by Robustelli/Harris to recommend approval of the minutes from the May 5, 2015 Transportation Committee meeting.
Motion carried

Chairman Soeldner asked the Committee to review the bills and transfers for May 31, 2015. The prepaid total is \$1,267,117.25.

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

Chairman Soeldner presented the IDOT FY 2016 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. He noted that Ms. Laura Dick, Director of SHOW BUS Public Transit, is present if the Committee has any questions. Mr. Stokes advised that a public hearing will be held at the June 16, 2015 County Board Meeting. Mr. Stokes recommended approval of the IDOT FY 2016 Combined Application for Section 5311 and Downstate Operating Assistance Downstate Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grant.

Mr. Finch asked if there is an initial source of revenue. Ms. Dick explained that funding standards are set by IDOT:

1. Federal Funding
2. Downstate Operating Assistance Program
3. All local funding

Mr. Robustelli asked if qualitative metrics in terms of customer services satisfaction have been done. Ms. Dick responded that an in depth survey was done a few years ago. The results are available upon request. An updated survey is projected to be done FY 2016. She added that due to budget constraints and required staff time, the survey may not be done.

Motion by Robustelli/Finch to recommend approval of the IDOT FY 2016 Combined Application for Section 5311 and Downstate Operating Assistance Downstate Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grant.
Motion carried.

Mr. Stokes recommended approval of the Purchase of Service Agreement between McLean County and Show Bus for the continuation of Rural Public Transportation Service in FY 2016.

Mr. Robustelli requested an update on the coordination of service with Connect Transit. Ms. Dick responded that Show Bus and Connect meet monthly to discuss coordinating

populations served and by both Show Bus and Connect. Connect serving the urban population and Show Bus serving the lower income, seniors and those with disabilities.

Mr. Finch asked if there are match requirements with the grants. Ms. Dick reported that by the purchase of Service, Show Bus assumes all responsibility for local match. The percentages are:

- Federal
 - 80% administrative match
 - 50% operating match
- State
 - 35% administrative match
 - 35% operating match

She noted that the match for the federal funding comes from the state funding and the match for the state funding comes from the local source service contracts.

Motion by Robustelli/Metsker to recommend approval of the Purchase of Service Agreement between McLean County and Show Bus for the continuation of Rural Public Transportation Service in FY 2016.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented the Resolution and Bid Tab for the May 27, 2015 letting for three Township Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Maintenance Projects and one County 2015 Non- MFT Maintenance Section.

Mr. Schmitt, County Engineer explained the material grade and uses. All materials were under the estimated bid. He recommended approval of the following:

2015 MFT Maintenance Sections:

Downs RD	Sec 15-14000-00-GM	GR13
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		\$29,419.00
Downs RD	Sec 15-14000-00-GM	GR15
The successful bidder on the above section was:		
Donald Hansen PO Box 169, Melvin, IL 60952-0169		\$14,536.00
Martin RD	Sec 15-22000-00-GM	GR 15
The successful bidder on the above section was:		
Donald Hansen PO Box 169, Melvin, IL 60952-0169		\$5,456.00

2015 Non-MFT Maintenance Sections:

McLean County	Sec 2015 Non-MFT	GR 10
The successful bidder on the above section was:		
McLean County Asphalt Co, Inc.		
1100 W Market St, PO Box 3547, Bloomington, IL 6172		\$58,865.50

Motion by Robustelli/Harris to recommend approval of the Resolution and Bid Tab for the May 27 2015 letting for three Township Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Maintenance Projects and one County 2015 Non- MFT Maintenance Section.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented the Engineering Services Agreement – Hampton, Lenzini& Renwick, Inc. (HLR) for 2015-2017 Timber Pile Bridge Inspection Services Agreement.

Mr. Schmitt indicated that this agreement with HLR is for the biannual bridge inspections and special feature inspections of timber pile bridges in the County. There are three timber pile bridges remaining in McLean County and these are inspected on a biannual basis. One of the bridges has to have a special feature inspection every six months. He reported that two of the three bridges will be replaced through the Township Bridge Program over the next three years.

Motion by Martin/Harris to recommend approval of the Engineering Services Agreement – Hampton, Lenzini& Renwick, Inc. (HLR) for 2015-2017 Timber Pile Bridge Inspection Services Agreement.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the Quit Claim Deed to Rodney and Linda Vance – CH 34 (Quinn Street) in Shirley.

Mr. Schmitt advised that in conjunction with the High Speed Rail project, it has been requested that McLean County quit claim Parcel #1 (0.0521 acres) and Parcel #2 (0.0037 acres) to Rodney and Linda Vance. This is unused Quinn Street and Park Street right-of-way in Shirley. He added that this will transfer any and all interests that McLean County has to the Vances.

Motion by Harris/Metsker to recommend approval of the Quit Claim Deed to Rodney and Linda Vance – CH 34 (Quinn Street) in Shirley.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the Resolution for the Resolution for Anticipation of Township Bridge Funds – Mount Hope Road District – Schmidgall Bridge – Sec 10-24119-00-BR.

Mr. Schmitt stated Township Bridge Program funds are guaranteed by Illinois State Statute. To continue to construct township bridges as they deteriorate and need to be replaced, the Highway Department anticipates future Township Bridge Program funds for projects and pays the expense in one calendar year. He noted that the County will pay the cost of \$208,000 for the fall of 2015 project and will get reimbursed by the Township Bridge Program fund in July/August of 2016. This structure is very narrow and the concrete is deteriorating.

Motion by Robustelli/Finch to recommend approval of the Resolution for the Resolution for Anticipation of Township Bridge Funds – Mount Hope Road District – Schmidgall Bridge – Sec 10-24119-00-BR.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented the Bridge Construction Petition – Mount Hope Road District for the Schmidgall Bridge – Sec 10-24119-00-BR.

Mr. Schmitt reported that this concrete structure located on 100 E approximately 1415' north of 550N has a significant amount of deterioration and is narrow for the volume of traffic, 300 ADT. The 1957 barrel box culvert will be replaced by a double barrel box culvert. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$485,000:

- \$429,000 – construction
- \$46,000 – preliminary engineering
- \$9,400 – construction engineering

The project will go to bid in late July and construction start this fall. He added that funding for the project will be:

- 80% - Township Bridge Program (TBP)
- 10% - McLean County
- 10% - Mount Hope Road District

Motion by Harris/Finch to recommend approval of the Bridge Construction Petition – Mount Hope Road District for the Schmidgall Bridge – Sec 10-24119-00-BR.

Motion carried

Chairman Soeldner continued with the Engineering Services Agreement – Hampton, Lenzini, & Renwick Inc. (HLR) – Downs Road District - Wade Bridge – 400 North Road, Sec 15-14123-00-BR.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the replacement of the bridge located on 400 North Road is planned as a TBP project in late 2017. The project will use FY 2017 TBP funds for the engineering work and FY 2018 TBP funds for construction. The structure, built in 1956 has timber piles and timber pile abutments. He advised that the cost of the engineering services agreement is \$30,000:

- 80% Township Bridge Program
- 10% McLean County
- 10% Downs Township

Motion by Harris/Martin to recommend approval of the Engineering Services Agreement – Hampton, Lenzini, & Renwick Inc. (HLR) – Downs Road District - Wade Bridge – 400 North Road, Sec 15-14123-00-BR.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented the Resolution for the Anticipation of Township Bridge Funds – Downs Road District - Wade Bridge – 400 North Road – Sec 15-14126-00-BR.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Highway Department has been anticipating TBP funding for the last several years. The department anticipates future funding for projects and pays the expense in one calendar year. TBP funds are guaranteed by Illinois State Statute. The County will pay the funds for this project in 2015 and 2016 and will get reimbursed by the TBP in July/August 2016.

Motion by Harris/Robustelli to recommend approval of the Anticipation of Township Bridge Funds – Downs Road District Wade Bridge – 400 North Road – Sec 15-14126-00-BR.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the Engineering Services Agreement – Farnsworth Group Inc. for Martin Road District – Cristy Bridge – 1600 North road – Sec 15-22140-00-BR.

Mr. Schmitt indicated that the replacement of the timber pile bridge located on 1600 North Road in Martin Township is planned to be done in late 2016 using FY 2017 TBP funds for the engineering work and construction. McLean County will anticipate the FY 2017 funding until it becomes available in July of 2016. The timber pile structure built in 1959 is showing significant deterioration and is currently weight limit posted as required by IDOT. The cost of the engineering services agreement is \$45,500 and funded by:

- TBP - 80%
- McLean County - 10%
- Downs Road District - 10%

Motion by Metsker/Martin to recommend approval of the Engineering Services Agreement – Farnsworth Group Inc. for Martin Road District – Cristy Bridge – 1600 North road – Sec 15-22140-00-BR.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented the Resolution for the Anticipation of Township Bridge Funds – Martin Road District – Cristy Bridge, 1600 North Road – Sec 15-221140-00-BR.

Mr. Schmitt stated that Township Bridge Program funds are guaranteed by Illinois State Statute. To continue to construct township bridges as they deteriorate and need to be replaced, the Highway Department anticipates future Township Bridge Program funds for projects. He noted that the County will pay the funds for this project in 2015 and will get reimbursed by the Township Bridge Program funds in July/August of 2016. The TBP share of this engineering work is \$40,000.

Motion by Harris/Finch to recommend approval of the Resolution for the Anticipation of Township Bridge Funds – Martin Road District – Cristy Bridge, 1600 North Road – Sec 15-221140-00-BR.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the Engineering Services Agreement – Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc. (HLR) – McLean County – Trent Bridge – Gillam Road – CH 29.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the replacement of the Trent Bridge located on CH 29 in Downs Township is planned for 2017 as a County Bridge funded project. This structure has timber planking abutments that are deteriorating, has significant concrete deterioration and is narrow for the existing traffic count of 1525 ADT. He noted that the cost of the engineering services agreement is \$64,000, funded 100% by McLean County Bridge Fund. Additional funding is included in case an intersection design study is needed.

Ms. Metsker asked if the new EPA ruling identify additional sources as wetlands will have any impact on County projects. Mr. Schmitt responded that the new ruling may have a significant impact even on small culvert projects. The construction process will not change, however, engineering and additional paperwork done in house could increase by more than 25% dependent upon the final rules.

Motion by Robustelli/Martin to recommend approval of the Engineering Services Agreement – Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc. (HLR) – McLean County – Trent Bridge – Gillam Road – CH 29.

Motion carried

Chairman Soeldner presented the Engineering Services Agreement – Farnsworth Group, Inc. – McLean County, Roselands II Bridge – CH 8 – Sec 15-00031-03-BR.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the bridge located on CH 8 is planned for replacement in 2016 – 2017 as a County Bridge Fund project. The current structure, built in 1923 has deteriorating concrete, is undersized and is a bottle neck in the drainage pattern east of Lexington. The bridge is currently required to allow legal load only traffic. He advised that the cost of the engineering services agreement is \$51,000, funded 100% by the McLean County Bridge Fund.

Motion by Robustelli/Harris to recommend approval of the Engineering Services Agreement – Farnsworth Group, Inc. – McLean County, Roselands II Bridge – CH 8 – Sec 15-00031-03-BR.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the Engineering Services Agreement Amendment – Chastain & Associates, LLC – Randolph Road District – Donovan Culvert – Sec 15-27145-00-BR.

Mr. Schmitt indicated that the original engineering agreement with Chastain & Associates needs to be revised to include additional environmental services not included in the original agreement. He noted that these services are normally provided by IDOT but due to the type of funding used for this project IDOT will not do the environmental survey request work. Mr. Schmitt stated that the cost of the amended agreement is \$43,262 funded 50% by McLean County and 50% Randolph Road District.

Motion by Harris/Metsker to recommend approval of the Engineering Services Agreement Amendment – Chastain & Associates, LLC – Randolph Road District – Donovan Culvert – Sec 15-27145-00-BR.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner stated that the next items to be presented to the Committee are items of information. He presented the project summaries.

Mr. Schmitt advised that construction on the Hudson Stuckey Road widening and resurfacing project is nearly completed. The raised reflectors need to be installed. Final paperwork needs to be completed.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Towanda Barnes Road widening project. He reported that the project has been slowed significantly by weather conditions. Work continues on the dirt work and installation of the storm sewer.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Towanda Barnes resurfacing project is underway. The roadway is complete from Oakland Ave to IL State Route 9 except for the shoulders.

The roadway is primed from Oakland Ave to Ireland Grove Road. We are waiting for a favorable forecast on a Saturday.

Mr. Schmitt presented the Stormwater Education Program 2015 1st Quarter Report pointing out that the Ecology Action Center has completed the following tasks as part of the Stormwater Education and Public Participation program:

- Education Programs on Clean Water at various schools;
- Yard Smart Program at Master Gardener's Home Lawn and Garden Day with information on rain barrels and stormwater runoff;
- Facilitation of McLean County Greenways Committee, participant in Watershed Plan Implementation Committee and promotion of Stormwater information.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the MFT sweep of April took \$50,000,000 from MFT. The County lost \$100,000 in allotments. He advised that the Department is only \$30,000 behind the budget numbers due to higher than projected regular MFT allotments.

Mr. Robustelli asked if it is possible to provide to the Committee a report showing the loss of revenue due to the MFT sweep. Mr. Schmitt will provide a report. If the County loses the \$100,000 the loss affecting road maintenance work is about 8 miles of oil and chip work.

Chairman Soeldner added that it appears the only increase in revenue is the possibility of a Capital Bill.

Chairman Soeldner stated that the Transportation Committee will meet next on Tuesday, July 7, 2015. The field trip will be immediately following the Committee Meeting.

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

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

Chairman Soeldner adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary