

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Soeldner, Members Buchanan, Harris, Metsker and Finch

Members Absent: Members Robustelli and Martin

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

Chairman Soeldner called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. The first item for action is approval of the minutes from the October 14, 2015 Transportation Committee Special Meeting and the minutes from the November 3, 2015 Transportation Committee Meeting

Motion by Metsker/Harris to recommend approval of the minutes of the October 14, 2015 Transportation Committee Special Meeting and the minutes from the November 3, 2015 Transportation Committee Meeting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner asked the Committee to review the bills and budget appropriation transfers for November 30, 2015. The prepaid total is \$147,335.64.

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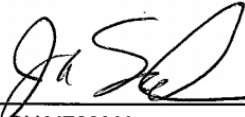
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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Transportation Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0120	HIGHWAY		\$100,684.89	\$100,684.89
0121	BRIDGE MATCHING FUND		\$31,036.28	\$31,036.28
0123	MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$52.49	\$52.49
0501	TOWNSHIP MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$15,561.98	\$15,561.98
			\$147,335.64	\$147,335.64



COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Harris/Buchanan to recommend approval of the bills and budget appropriation transfers for November 30, 2015. The prepaid total is \$147,335.64.

Motion carried

Chairman Soeldner presented the first item for action, Resolution Extending Section 2015 Non-MFT Culvert Pipe Group 22 Contract with Contech Construction Engineered Solutions.

Mr. Schmitt reported that on January 20, 2015, Contech Construction Engineered Solutions was awarded the contract by the McLean County Board for supplying culvert pipe to the Highway Department for 2015. This contract establishes prices for culvert pipe per foot from 12" to 108" in diameter. He added that as part of the contract, the County can extend the contract at the same unit prices used in 2015 for two years. This resolution extends the prices for the 2016 calendar year.

Motion by Harris/Finch to recommend approval of the Resolution Extending Section 2015 Non-MFT Culvert Pipe Group 22 Contract with Contech Construction Engineered Solutions.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the 2016 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Appropriation Resolution.

Mr. Schmitt stated that this Resolution is to appropriate the MFT funds for maintenance of our County Highway System for calendar year 2016. He advised that the Estimate of Cost sets up the categories of maintenance work to be performed and the estimated quantiles, unit costs, and funds to be used in each category. Included is:

- Oil and chip work
- Shoulder maintenance material
- Signs and posts
- Salt
- Crack filler
- Paint and glass beads
- Labor for five maintenance operation in the amount of \$250,349.36
- Equipment rental in the amount of \$375,000

He noted that this work is vital to the overall maintenance of the County Highway System. Mr. Schmitt stated that because of the amount of chips stockpiled, the

purchase of stock pile chips has been eliminated. Also to save MFT funds, the Department has reduced the amount of paint ordered. One half of the County white painting will be done annually.

Motion by Harris/Finch to recommend approval of the 2016 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Appropriation Resolution.
Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the items of information, project summaries.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the Towanda Barnes Road widening project has been shut down for the winter. All the hot mix base course and binder course are in place on the 2 ½ new lanes. The curb and gutter is poured on the west side. Traffic has been switched. The southbound lane traffic is on the new lanes and the northbound traffic is on the old lanes for the winter. Work will continue in the spring of 2016.

Chairman Soeldner presented the Position filled October 26, 2015 – November 18, 2015.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the truck driver/laborer position created due to retirement in September 2015 has been filled. The Department is now fully staffed for winter.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the Stormwater Education Program, Third Quarter Report 2015.

Mr. Schmitt presented the Ecology Action Center Stormwater Education and Public Participation Program Report for the 3rd Quarter July 1, 2015 – September 30, 2015. The County participates in the program along with the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal and the Bloomington Normal Water Reclamation District. He reported that the Ecology Action Center has completed the following tasks as part of the Stormwater Education and Public Participation program:

- Education Programs
- Informational Events and Presentations
- Yard Smart Program
- Outreach Efforts
- Other Efforts – Storm drain stenciling, Watershed website, Bloomington/Normal Clean Up Week, Stormwater Runoff Awareness, Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the Ecology Action Center completes the education components of the County's MS4 Permit.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the plat has been completed for the sale of property on Route 9. The sale will be presented for approval to the Property Committee and then go out for bid.

Chairman Soeldner stated some Counties are suing the State over funding. He asked the pros and cons for McLean County doing the same. Mr. Knapp responded that he is not familiar with any of these suits. There have been some for reimbursements for the State's Attorney salary. It is his opinion it is a challenge to sue the State. The State is a sovereign entity and the likelihood of success is slim.

Motion by Harris/Buchanan to go into Executive Session – Personnel Matters, 5ILCS 120/2 C-1 Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of specific employees.
Motion carried.

The Transportation Committee went into Executive Session at 8:20 a.m.

The Transportation Committee returned to Open Session at 8:43 a.m.

Mr. Wasson, County Administrator, stated that the final action item is the 2016 County Engineer Motor Fuel Tax Appropriating Resolution. He noted the fixed salary of the County Engineer \$111,646.08 for year 2016 and a combined sum of \$119,926.08. Mr. Wasson recommended approval of a resolution amending these amounts as appropriately defined by the County's Compensation Policy.

Motion by Buchanan/Harris to recommend approval of an Amended Resolution amending the amounts as appropriately defined by the County Compensation Policy.
Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner stated that the next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 in Room 400.

Chairman Soeldner asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none, Chairman Soeldner adjourned the November 3, 2015 Transportation Committee Meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary