

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 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 Martin and Selzer

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, Mr. Michael Brown, Director of the Ecology Action Center

Chairman Soeldner called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. The first item for action is approval of the minutes from the December 1, 2015 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Motion by Harris/Metsker to recommend approval of the minutes of the December 1, 2015 Transportation Committee Meeting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner asked the Committee to review the bills and budget appropriation transfers for December 31, 2015. The prepaid total is \$1,021,953.81.

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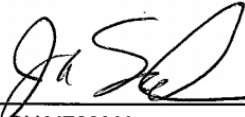
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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

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FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0006	SHOW BUS		\$704,267.50	\$704,267.50
0120	HIGHWAY		\$98,329.97	\$98,329.97
0121	BRIDGE MATCHING FUND		\$13,784.68	\$13,784.68
0123	MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$174.24	\$174.24
0501	TOWNSHIP MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$23,709.15	\$23,709.15
0502	TOWNSHIP BRIDGE PROGRAM		\$181,688.27	\$181,688.27
			\$1,021,953.81	\$1,021,953.81



COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Metsker/Harris to recommend approval of the bills for December 31, 2015. The prepaid total is \$1,021,953.81.

Motion carried

Chairman Soeldner presented the first item for action, Resolution and Bid tab for the December 30, 2015 Letting for 2016 Non-MFT Maintenance Material.

Mr. Schmitt reported that this letting is for cold patch material. The material will be used by the maintenance crew to fill potholes and perform edge of pavement maintenance on various County Highways during 2016. The two materials, group 7 and Group 8 work better in different weather conditions. We will primarily use the Group 8 material.

Motion by Harris/Finch to recommend approval of the Resolution and Bid tab for the December 30, 2015 Letting for 2016 Non-MFT Maintenance Material.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the Agreement – Storm Water Education Program Services, City of Bloomington, Town of Normal, McLean County, Bloomington/Normal Water Reclamation District and Ecology Action Center for February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2019.

Mr. Schmitt stated that as part of the County's required MS4 permit for Storm Water Quality Management there is an education and outreach program requirement. This requirement has been met through previous versions of the above agreement with the Ecology Action Center (EAC) since 2010. The new agreement reflects recommendations made by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) including:

- Separation of some of the work done by jurisdiction in the annual reports
- Posting additional information related to the program on the County's website
- Developing some additional information on our map

He noted that Bloomington and Normal have requested some additional services be provided by the EAC regarding a Sugar Creek Stewards program. The additional cost for this is reflected in their financial contributions to the program. Mr. Schmitt stated that the Highway Department has requested a review of their facilities by the EAC as part of the services provided along with the additional recommendations made by the IEPA. The cost will increase from \$2,167.66 in 2015 to \$2,651.00 in 2016.

Chairman Soeldner stated that this program is such a benefit to the County. He asked Mr. Brown to address the Committee.

Mr. Brown, Director of the Ecology Action Center, stated that this ongoing program has been successful. A current study by Illinois State University evaluating attitudes and understanding of watershed issues is seeing a strong correlation between this program and positive behaviors. This is a small program protecting our water supplies and the Department is looking at a bigger picture and a longer term with additional funding.

Ms. Harris stated that the program is an extraordinary outreach and education for the community.

Ms. Metsker asked for an explanation of River Watch Monitoring. Mr. Brown explained that the River Watch Monitoring Program is a volunteer state wide program to monitor indicator species in small creeks and streams.

Ms. Metsker asked if this relates to the discussion on septic maintenance at Lake Bloomington. Mr. Wasson, County Administrator, responded that the discussion of sanitary sewer, and septic conditions surrounding the Lake Bloomington area is related.

Mr. Buchanan asked if it has been determined that there is a problem at Lake Bloomington. Mr. Wasson responded that current EPA regulations restrict utilization of some types of septic systems historically in place at Lake Bloomington. The challenge is when this type of septic system needs to be replaced. The ability to replace a septic system is much more limited with the new EPA regulations. The City of Bloomington, working with the Health Department, is providing outreach to the homeowners in the area.

Motion by Harris/Buchanan to recommend approval of Agreement – Storm Water Education Program Services, City of Bloomington, Town of Normal, McLean County, Bloomington/Normal Water Reclamation District and Ecology Action Center for February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2019.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner continued with Road Use Agreement – Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the Department has developed the Road Use Agreement to allow NGPL to use McLean County Highway #1, from IL Route 165 to their project location on the Livingston county line to construct their natural gas compressor station. The agreement helps protect the County's Roads by defining:

- Weight limitations
- Timeframe limitations
- Routes to be used during the project.

The fees incurred by NGPL cover administrative costs for the Highway Department in the amount of \$1,000. All overweight and over length permits will be charged in accordance with the County's overweight permit fee schedule. This project lies entirely in Livingston County, but will be using McLean County Highway #1 – Cropsey Road for its construction traffic route.

Motion by Buchanan/Metsker to recommend approval of the Road Use Agreement – Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC (NGPL).
Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented the Emergency Appropriation Ordinance:

1. Fund 0120 – Categorical Transfers
2. Fund 0121 – Line Item Transfer

Mr. Schmitt stated that the amendment is needed to transfer budget authority in the Highway Fund for:

- Maintenance of roads
- Schooling and Conferences
- Equipment maintenance and repairs
- Maintenance of Buildings/Grounds/Equipment
- Mandatory fees
- Equipment rental

and transfer to Other Funds expenses from unused authority available in the Gasoline/Oil/Diesel Fuel line item in the Highway Fund.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the Bridge Fund amendment is needed to transfer budget authority in the Bridge fund for Engineering and Design Expenses from unused authority available in the Construction of Roads/Bridges/Culverts line item in the Bridge Fund. He recommended approval of:

	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>REDUCE</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
County Highway Department Gasoline/Oil/Diesel Fuel\ 0120-0055-0056-0716-0001	\$328,000	(\$42,625)	\$287,375

	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>ADD</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
County Highway Department Maintenance of Roads 0120-0055-0056-0716-0001	\$154,000	\$9,500	\$163,500
Schooling and Conferences	\$6,750	\$1,750	\$8,500

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	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>ADD</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
Equipment Maintenance/Repairs 0120-0055-0056-0740-0001	\$260,000	\$25,000	\$285,000
Maintenance Buildings/Grounds/Equipment 0120-0055-0056-0744-0001	\$21,500	\$3,000	\$24,500
Mandatory Fees 0120-0055-0056-0781-0001	\$1,000	\$1,025	\$2,025
Equipment Rental	\$20,000	\$2,350	\$22,350
Transfer to Other Funds 0120-0055-0056-0999-0001	\$5,487	\$1,000	\$6,487

Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of:

	<u>ADOPTED</u>	<u>RECUCED</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
County Highway Department Engineering and Design Expenses 0121-0055-0056-0810-0001	\$1,535,000	\$26,500	\$1,508,500

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>ADD</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
County Highway Department Engineering and Design Expenses 0121-0055-0056-0716-0002	\$182,000	\$26,500	\$208,500

Motion by Harris/Finch to recommend approval of the
Emergency Appropriation Ordinance:

1. Fund 0120 – Categorical Transfers
2. Fund 0121 – Line Item Transfer

Chairman Soeldner presented the items for information, Project Summaries.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the Schlipf III Culvert project on Kappa Road is complete. The 3.4% additional cost is due to additional paving work that was performed to smooth the curve transitions at the ends of the project and remove poor dirt from the project caused by the weather conditions.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Seasonal Snow Plow positions have been filled. The Department is now fully staffed for winter from the Monday before Thanksgiving to March.

Chairman Soeldner asked if we have received all the Motor Fuel Tax due to the County. Mr. Schmitt responded that the County has received all the payments for 2015. We are expecting to receive the December allotment due in January this week. He noted that the Department is above the budgeted revenue \$35,000.

Chairman Soeldner asked if there is a possibility of a new Capital Bill in 2016. Mr. Wasson responded that there is no new of a possible Capital Bill. Mr. Schmitt added that the Department continues to be conscious of the possibility of Motor Fuel Tax not being distributed as expected in 2016.

Mr. Wasson announced that Mr. Schmitt will be appointed as the Administrative Services Director effective in the coming weeks. While he will remain a significant asset to the County, it will be a great loss to the Transportation Committee as Mr. Schmitt will no longer act as the County Engineer. An internal and external job search will be initiated to fill the position. Mr. Wasson advised that, as required by statute, Administration will present a request for action to appoint Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer, as interim County Engineer at a Stand Up Transportation Committee meeting this month. He added that we will work through the transition over the next 30 days.

Ms. Harris thanked Mr. Schmitt for all he has done for the Committee. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. Schmitt stated that he appreciates the support of the Committee.

Chairman Soeldner stated that the next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 in Room 400.

Chairman Soeldner asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none, Chairman Soeldner adjourned the January 7, 2016 Transportation Committee Meeting at 8:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary