

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 8:00 AM in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, IL.

Members Present: Chairman Soeldner; Members Metsker, Buchanan, Harris, and Selzer

Members Absent: Member Finch

Other Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Amy Brooke, Recording Secretary, County Administrator's Office; Mr. Don Knapp, First Assistant Civil State's Attorney

Department Heads/
Elected Officials
Present:

Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer

Others Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer, Mr. Mark Leake, Maintenance Foreman, Mr. Lafe Epperson, Fleet Manager

Chairman Soeldner called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM and declared a quorum.

Chairman Soeldner stated that the first order of business was approval of the January 5, 2016 minutes.

Motion by Harris/Buchanan for approval of the January 5, 2016 minutes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner called the committee's attention to the bills.

Chairman Soeldner inquired about the bill for TELVENT DTN.

Mr. Schmitt explained that this is an annual amount for the weather service for forecasting for weather events. Mr. Schmitt stated that they are very pleased with the services.

Mr. Leake spoke to the importance of this service. It provides extended forecast with hourly snow/rain predictions and wind predictions. This allows Mr. Leake to track the storms and prepare for weather events. For example, he is able to tell if a storm is likely to circle back around to us based upon the winds and salt before the roads actually freeze.

Chairman Soeldner presented the bills.

Motion Harris/Selzer to pay bills with a prepaid total of \$1,062,397 and a fund balance of the same.

Motion carried.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

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FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0120	HIGHWAY		\$244,839.74	\$244,839.74
0121	BRIDGE MATCHING FUND		\$59,997.00	\$59,997.00
0122	MCLEAN COUNTY MATCHING		\$472,427.93	\$472,427.93
0123	MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$278,461.00	\$278,461.00
0501	TOWNSHIP MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$6,671.73	\$6,671.73
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			\$1,062,397.40	\$1,062,397.40



COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Soeldner noted that there were no appearances by members of the public.

Chairman Soeldner called the committee's attention to item 5A: Resolution & Bid Tab for the January 26, 2016 Letting for 2016 County & Township RD (Road District) MFT Maintenance Sections & 2016 County Non-MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) Maintenance Sections.

Mr. Schmitt explained that this is the annual bid for a large number of materials used throughout the year: rock, gravel, chips, hot mix, etc. The prices have gone up due to a change in how Prairie Materials runs their business. They are now run more out of Chicago. They really the only option for these products.

Motion by Harris/Buchanan to approve the Resolution & Bid Tab for the January 26, 2016 Letting for 2016 County & Township RD (Road District) MFT Maintenance Sections & 2016 County Non-MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) Maintenance Sections.

Motion carried.

Mr. Schmitt explained that they recommend the bid for the Kenworth T470 Tandem Cab and Chassis from Central Illinois Truck Inc. The Highway Department believes that this is the most advantageous to the County based upon price, quality, and service. Previously, the department had issues with International's maintenance on other model

trucks. There have been fewer maintenance issues with Kenworth trucks. The difference in the truck cost is \$557 a truck.

Motion by Selzer/Harris to approve Resolution & Bid Tab for the January 26, 2016 Equipment Purchase Letting.

Motion carried.

Motion by Harris/Buchanan for approval the resolution for appropriation from the Bridge fund for the Roselands II Bridge (CH 8): Sec 15-00031-03-BR.

Motion carried.

Mr. Schmitt shared that construction costs for the Roselands II Bridge will be completely covered by the Bridge fund. The cost for engineering and right of way is \$825,000. The bridge was built in 1933. This is part of a Federal project.

Motion by Metsker/Harris for approval of the resolution for appropriation from the Bridge fund for replacement of the right-of-way at the Trent Bridge (CH 29): Sec 13-00074-02-BR.

Motion carried.

Mr. Schmitt stated that this is a high traffic bridge. This is planned for construction in 2017. The cost for engineering and right-of-way for this project is \$125,000. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,100,000.

Motion by Buchanan/Harris for approval of the resolution of the appropriation from the Bridge fund for the replacement of the Ellsworth (CH 17): Sec 15-00134-09-DR.

Motion carried.

Mr. Schmitt stated that this is a culvert replacement project in Ellsworth. The Highway Department is coordinating with the Village of Ellsworth in this project. An aluminum box culvert is planned.

Motion by Metsker/Harris for approval of the Resolution for the appropriation from the Bridge Fund for repair of the Fifer Bridge (CH 29): Sec 14-000161-03-BR.

Motion carried.

Mr. Schmitt stated that this is a bridge repair over the Mackinaw. Easements may be necessary. There is some damage to the end of the beams caused by salt.

Chairman Soeldner asked if there is a way to prevent some of the corrosion.

Mr. Schmitt stated that there are newer styles of joints made from neoprene. There is some maintenance that comes with it.

Motion Selzer/Buchanan for approval of an ordinance for Emergency Appropriation for the County Highway Fund for Seasonal/Occasional/Part-Time expenses.

Motion carried.

Mr. Schmitt stated that this is a budget amendment to allocate funds for the seasonal/occasional employees. This a result of a full-time employee being injured. As a result, summer employees were kept on longer than usual.

Mr. Schmitt complimented Mr. Leak and Mr. Epperson. Mr. Leak coordinates all of the snow removal in the winter and all of the roadwork in the summer. Mr. Epperson maintains the fleet even in 10 below conditions.

Member Metsker stated that it is rare that there are complaints about the County road crew.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy L. Brooke".

Amy L. Brooke
Recording Secretary