

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday September 5, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Caisley, Members Metsker, Martin, Cavallini, and Robustelli

Members Absent: Member Johnson

Other Members Present: Vice Chairman Soeldner

Staff Members Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator, Mr. Don Knapp, First Assistant State's Attorney Civil, Mr. Eric Schmitt, Administrative Services Assistant, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, County Engineer

Others Present: Mr. Luke Hohulin, Assistant County Engineer

Chairman Caisley, finding a quorum present, called the September 5, 2017 Transportation Committee Meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Chairman Caisley presented the minutes from the August 1, 2017 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Motion by Metsker/Cavallini to recommend approval of the August 1 2017 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes.
Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley presented the bills for August 31, 2017, which have been reviewed and recommended, for transmittal to the Transportation Committee by the County Auditor. The prepaid total is \$1,936,255.34.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Transportation Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0006	SHOW BUS		\$46,304.71	\$46,304.71
0120	HIGHWAY		\$393,689.02	\$393,689.02
0121	BRIDGE MATCHING FUND		\$555,650.71	\$555,650.71
0122	MCLEAN COUNTY MATCHING		\$793,424.99	\$793,424.99
0123	MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$126,490.15	\$126,490.15
0501	TOWNSHIP MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$20,695.76	\$20,695.76
			\$1,936,255.34	\$1,936,255.34


COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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Motion by Metsker/Robustelli to recommend payment of the August 31, 2017 bills as submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley continued with the request for approval of the Engineering Services Agreement – Hampton Lenzini and Renwick, Inc. Section 17-00123-01-BR, Money Creek II Bridge, Ron Smith Memorial Highway – CH 63

Mr. Stokes stated that the replacement of the bridge located approximately 300 feet south of 2375 North Road on Ron Smith Memorial Highway is planned for 2019. The bridge is a 4-span concrete tee beam bridge that is showing signs of deterioration in the beams with exposed rebar and delamination in the bridge deck. The ADT for this road is approximately 400. He presented a pictorial showing the delamination and rusting bearing plates. The four span, 185 feet long bridge was constructed in 1958. A snoopers is required for inspection of the bridge. Most of the bridge construction is under water.

Mr. Cavallini asked at what point is the decision made to either repair or replace a bridge. Mr. Stokes responded that they will be looking at alternatives on this bridge. The deck and beams will have to be removed. The piles are in decent shape. He advised that the Department would like to widen the bridge, however if this is done the pile in the water will have to be removed. Costs will be considered in looking at alternatives.

Mr. Stokes stated that the engineering services agreement is \$83,000. The project is funded 100% by the McLean County Bridge Fund.

Motion by Metsker/Martin to recommend approval of the Engineering Services Agreement – Hampton Lenzini and Renwick, Inc. Section 17-00123-01-BR, Money Creek II Bridge, Ron Smith Memorial Highway – CH 63
Motion carried.

Mr. Caisley continued with the request for approval to update County Ordinance Imposing Weight Limitations.

Mr. Stokes advised that the Weight Limit Ordinance reflects changes to the Weight Limits of County Highways made because of improvements to the roadways during 2014-2016. This brings all the changes together in one Ordinance. The update is done every two years. The updates are for roads that have been upgraded to 80,000 routes or have been designated Class III Truck Routes over the last few years. Individual weight limit resolutions were approved for most of the projects. The last update occurred in 2014.

Ms. Metsker asked for an explanation of road classifications. Mr. Stokes responded that this ordinance covers all County Highways; oil and chip and hot mix. He explained the road classes:

- Class B Oil and Chip 72,000 lb weight limit
- Class C Hot Mix 73,280 lb weight limit
- Class D Hot Mix 80,000 lb weight limit
- Class III Truck Route 80,000 lb TARP funded for semis

He noted that the weight limit changes are in bold.

Chairman Caisley referred to page 28. He asked that, in the next to the last paragraph, "reasonable" be changed to read "reasonably".

Motion by Caisley/Cavallini to Amend the County Ordinance Imposing Weight Limits strike Reasonable to read "reasonably".
Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley continued to the second full paragraph on page 28. He would like the wording "not to exceed \$500" to reflect the current petty offence cost of \$1,000.

Mr. Don Knap, First Assistant State's Attorney, Civil stated that this may be limited by the Motor Vehicle Code.

Mr. Robustelli suggested that it reflect the current amount allowed by law.

Mr. Knapp recommended that it read "the maximum allowable by law".

Motion by Robustelli/Cavallini to recommend the County Ordinance Imposing Weight Limits strike \$500 to read "the maximum allowable by law".
Motion carried.

Motion by Robustelli/Metsker to recommend approval of the Amended County Ordinance Imposing Weight Limitations.
Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley continued with the items for information - Trent Bridge.

Mr. Stokes presented a pictorial showing the deck before they placed the rebar. He reported that the deck was poured mid-August. They are working on the road approach. They ran into some soft spots and had to core deeper, and add tensor fabric. Due to the steel order, the deadline was missed. The Department issued an eight-day extension. The completion date is September 27, 2017.

Mr. Stokes continued with the Towanda Barnes Road resurfacing project. He stated that construction is completed. Final paperwork is being completed. The project came in \$100,000 less than the bid price.

Mr. Stokes reported that the Roselands II Bridge east of Lexington will open Wednesday. He presented a pictorial of the project. The deck was grooved for additional grip on the bridge deck.

Mr. Stokes presented the Lexington Resurfacing project. He stated that the paving operations will be completed this week. The sidewalk ramps will be done over the next two weeks. The project should be completed by harvest.

Mr. Stokes presented the Stormwater Education Program 2017 2nd Quarterly 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.

He referred to the enclosed map, pointing out the storm water drain stenciling.

Chairman Caisley presented the information on the Towanda-Barnes Road & Ireland Grove Road Intersection Public Meeting on September 13, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the County Highway Department.

Mr. Stokes stated that this is an outreach to the public for input or comments regarding the Towanda Barnes & Ireland Grove Intersection. Exhibits showing the new layout will be on display. A presentation on the results will be given to the Committee in October.

Mr. Robustelli asked if the new layout is different from what was proposed previously. Mr. Stokes responded that it is the new layout as it was originally proposed. There have been no changes.

Mr. Robustelli stated that at our main meeting the discussion was that administration was going back to the City, have conversations and discuss alternatives. The Department would then come back to the Committee and share where you are with those alternatives. He advises that it sounds as if you met with the City of Bloomington and then; staffs met and decided that a public meeting was a good idea. Mr. Robustelli noted that he is always in favor of a public meeting. He is concerned that we are at the same place on the project. We have no alternatives. Moreover, the question of actual support from our partner is left unanswered. Mr. Robustelli referred to the Mayor of Bloomington's statement of miscommunication and "spiking the project". He worries there is not a good sense of knowing that Bloomington elected officials are interested in proceeding with this project or

if there is a consensus that we are comfortable in proceeding with this project. What has changed from May until most recently in terms of process for the Department?

Mr. Stokes advised that they did meet with the engineering staff of the City of Bloomington. Alternatives were looked at. Using the funding source we have, we are limited on what can be done at this point. Part of the public meeting is to have a fact finding, informative presentation to make sure we are, from an engineering aspect, looking at everything and not missing anything. Hearing from the commuters is helpful.

Ms. Metsker stated that based on the outcome, are you anticipating to move forward with the project. Does the City of Bloomington want to move forward with the project? Mr. Stokes responded that he believes the City of Bloomington staff wants to move forward with the project. He cannot speak for the elected officials. He stated that part of the information gathered, will be to see if there is support from the public for the project.

Ms. Metsker supports the public meeting. She reported that with the hard decisions being made in the FY 2018 budget, is moving forward with project in our best financial interest.

County Board Vice Chair, Mr. Soeldner asked if the stakeholders involved have been notified of the public meeting. Mr. Stokes responded that specific conversations have been had with Cornerstone, Unit 5 School District and State Farm. Message boards will be put up to inform the public of the meeting.

Mr. Luke Hohulin, Assistant County Engineer added that in addition to the public meeting, comment cards are also available on the website; which may show more response than the actual appearance of people at the public meeting.

Mr. Robustelli reiterated that it is important that, because of the City of Bloomington Mayor's statement, we have some indication from him that this is a priority of the City Council and that we have the funding from the City of Bloomington. He believes there is not a lot of support for this project from the City of Bloomington. Mr. Robustelli suggested that, when this is presented to the Committee in October, we have a letter from the Mayor's office stating that this project is a priority. If it is not, the project will not move forward through the City Council.

Chairman Caisley believes we should not presume a disconnect between the City Council and the City's engineering staff.

Ms. Metsker stated that having absolute, written assurance of support from the City of Bloomington engineering staff and City Council is needed for the County to move forward with this project.

Mr. Wasson reported that the funding for this project would come from MFT funding as a complete intersection rebuild. If it were not a complete intersection rebuild, we would have to repave sections of the intersection requiring the use of local funds. It does create budget dilemmas.

Chairman Caisley asked if the 2% collection fee enacted by the Legislature, apply to MFT. Mr. Wasson responded that it does not apply to MFT.

Mr. Wasson added that the 2% is an additional administrative fee on MFT. The Department of Transportation has already been taking an administrative fee from MFT before making allotments.

Mr. Stokes stated that since we already have an intersection design study in place we could not use MFT funding to resurface the intersection without doing the additional turn lanes. The traffic counts warrant the additional turn lanes.

Mr. Robustelli advised that this is isolated to this particular intersection because of the reengineering that the State required eight months ago. We could use MFT dollars to resurface other parts of the County. Mr. Stokes agreed.

Mr. Wasson added that it further restricts our ability to use funds on certain projects. Planning would have to be reshuffled. We do not completely lose the utilization of those funds.

Mr. Soeldner noted that it is frustrating when no consideration is given to the costs of intersection, roads and utilities when schools and subdivisions are built.

Ms. Metsker clarified that, based on the numbers today; we can justify an improved intersection. Mr. Stokes responded that the traffic counts projected 10 years out were met in two years.

The Transportation Committee will meet next on Tuesday October 3, 2017.

Chairman Caisley asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee, hearing none, she adjourned the Transportation Committee Meeting at, 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diana Hospelhorn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "H".

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary