

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: Members Barnett and Robustelli

Other Members Present:

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

Department Heads Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, County Engineer, Mr. Luke Hohulin, Assistant County Engineer and Ms. Laura Dick, Director of SHOW BUS

Others Present:

Vice Chairman Metsker called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. She stated that the first item for action is approval of the bills. She asked the Committee to review the bills for October 31, 2017. The prepaid total is \$606,958.46.

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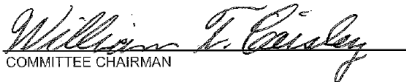
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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Transportation Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0120	HIGHWAY		\$314,569.18	\$314,569.18
0121	BRIDGE MATCHING FUND		\$688,324.21	\$688,324.21
0123	MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$400,188.85	\$400,188.85
0501	TOWNSHIP MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$428.46	\$428.46
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			\$1,403,510.70	\$1,403,510.70


COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Cavallini/Martin to recommend payment of the October 31, 2017 bills as submitted by the County
Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Metsker presented the request for approval of the Federal Section 5311 Intercity Bus Program, Application FY 2019 – SHOW BUS.

Mr. Luke Hohulin, Assistant County Engineer, stated that the SHOWBUS provides rural transportation in McLean, Livingston, Ford, DeWitt, Iroquois, and Macon counties Monday through Friday with partial service on Saturdays. McLean County applies to IDOT on behalf of the six Counties for Section 5311 Federal Funding. He advised that the Intercity Bus Program is a separate grant and will link communities along the I-55 and US Route 66 corridor from Pontiac in the north to Uptown Station in Normal. Greyhound, Burlington Trailways and Peoria Charter all have routes that stop at the Uptown Station, providing routes that go north to Chicago, west to Peoria, east to Champaign and Danville, and south to Springfield and St. Louis. He presented Ms. Laura Dick, Director of SHOW BUS.

Ms. Dick stated that this intercity money has been on hold with IDOT for almost three years. The funds are reserved for rural communities with the intent to link small communities with intercity bus. In the future, this grant will be rolled into the annual application.

Motion by Johnson/Martin to recommend approval of the Federal Section 5311 Intercity Bus Program, Application FY 2019 – SHOW BUS.
Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley arrived and continued with the request for approval of the 2018 Motor Fuel Tax maintenance Resolution and Estimate of Cost.

Mr. Stokes advised that this annual resolution appropriates the MFT funds for maintenance of the County Highway System during the 2018 calendar year. The Estimate of Costs sets up different groups of maintenance work to be performed, the estimated quantities, unit costs and funds to be used in each group. These groups include:

- Oil and chip work
- Shoulder maintenance
- Salt
- Signs and posts
- Paint and other including labor

Mr. Cavallini asked about the County salt supply. Mr. Stokes responded that the County is in good shape going into 2017-2018 winter. The salt storage bins are full. The Department was able to get a good price for 2017-2018. We purchased salt for \$13.00 a ton less than last year from Morton Salt.

Motion by Metsker/Martin to recommend approval of the 2018 Motor Fuel Tax maintenance Resolution and Estimate of Cost.
Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley presented the request for approval of the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for the Route 66 Bike Trail with Cummins Engineering Corporation, Section 17-00001-05-BR.

Mr. Stokes stated that in 2016 the County was selected to receive Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funding for the engineering of the Historic Route 66 Bike Trail 3.5 mile project from 1.1 miles south of Shirley to Funk's Grove. This is the engineering agreement with Cummins Engineering Corporation, Inc. for Phase II design of this section of the trail. The cost is \$92,976.41. Funding for the engineering work is:

- 80% ITEP
- 20% local match

The local match is funded in accordance with the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Route 66 Bikeway Development and Maintenance from November 1999. The County's share of 24.9% would be \$9,610.23. Construction of this portion of the trail will be constructed in 2019.

Chairman Caisley asked why the section from Shirley to Funks Grove was chosen instead of the section from Towanda to Lexington. Mr. Stokes responded that ITEP funding is very competitive. Projects that have completed Phase I (Environmental Study) are given more points when projects are reviewed.

Mr. Wasson added that he anticipates that the Phase I work from Towanda to Lexington will be next in job order when applying for ITEP funding.

Motion by Cavallini/Martin to recommend approval of the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for the Route 66 Bike Trail with Cummins Engineering Corporation, Section 17-00001-05-BR.
Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley continued with the request for approval of the Historic Route 66 Bike Trail – ITEP Grant Application.

Mr. Stokes stated that in April 2017 IDOT announced the solicitation of projects for the 2018 ITEP. In accordance with the Intergovernmental Agreement for Route 66 Bikeway development and Maintenance from November 1999, McLean County will apply for funding to construct the Historic Route 66 Bike Trail from one mile south of Shirley to Funks Grove. He advised that the project will be approximately 3.35 miles in length and will be a continuation of the trail constructed in 2016. The estimated cost of the project is \$2,400,000. The funding is:

- 80 % Federal
- 20% Local Match shared by entities of the Intergovernmental Agreement.

The County's share of 24.9% will be \$119,520. Construction will begin in 2019.

Chairman Caisley asked who is responsible for maintenance on the completed trail. Mr. Stokes responded that maintenance is the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation

Department. Mr. Wasson added that maintenance trail sections are the responsibility jurisdiction the trail exists in. The County is responsible for the sections that exist in the unincorporated areas of McLean County. Major infrastructure such as repaving is included in the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Motion by Metsker/Cavallini to recommend approval of of the Historic Route 66 Bike Trail – ITEP Grant Application.

Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley presented the request for approval of Emergency Appropriation Ordinance – McLean County Bridge Fund 0121.

Mr. Stokes advised that in 2017 the Highway Department contracted to construct two County bridges, one Township bridge and other various joint culverts for Townships. The preliminary estimates on these projects that were used for budgeting purposes in July 2016 were lower than the estimated cost after the final design was completed. This budget amendment transfers funds from the unappropriated fund balance to the construction of bridges and culverts line item.

Mr. Stokes recommended approval of the following:

	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ADD</u> <u>(SUBTRACT)</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
0121-0055-0056-0400.000 (Unappropriated Fund Balance)	\$670,000	\$250,000	\$920,000
0121-0055-0056-0810.0001 (Const, Roads/Bridges/Culverts)	\$2,076,962	\$250,000	\$2,326,962

Motion by Johnson/Metsker to recommend approval of the Emergency Appropriation Ordinance – McLean County Bridge Fund 0121.

Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley presented items for information, Project Summaries – Trent Bridge – CH 29 – Section 13-00074-02-BR.

Mr. Stokes stated that the Trent Bridge on CH 29 is open to the public. The Department is finishing final paper work.

Mr. Stokes advised that the Roselands Bridge located on CH 8 is open. The Department is finishing the final paperwork.

Mr. Stokes reported that they are working on intersections and placing the hot-mix asphalt surface on the Gridley Road from P.J. Keller to US Route 24.

Mr. Hohulin presented a pictorial of the Danvers Township Joint Culvert Liner. He distributed the before and after material referring to how the steam process transforms the felt like material. The pictorial showed the process of using forced air to force the material through the culvert. The material is then pressure steamed to inflate and harden the material. This creates a resin-lined culvert that adds structure to the existing culvert lasting at least 75 years. He added that the road was closed only 5-6 hours.

Ms. Metsker asked how the Department discovered this process. Mr. Hohulin responded Danvers Township brought this technology to our attention. Tazewell County has successfully used this process on several projects. He advised that this process will be used in the future if it warrants cost effectiveness.

Chairman Caisley stated that next on the agenda is a closed session pursuant to 2 c 1 of the Open Meetings Act (5ILCS 120/c 1 to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Motion by Cavallini/Metsker to go into a Closed Session.
Motion carried.

The Committee went into Closed Session at 8:35 a.m.

The Committee returned to Open Session at 8:52 a.m.

Chairman Caisley continued with a discussion on the intersection of Towanda Barnes and Ireland Grove Road. He advised that the City of Bloomington City Council has tabled the project and referred it to the Transportation Advisory Committee for study. He asked the Committee if they were in the mind to send a letter to the Transportation Advisory Committee indicating our willingness to meet with them.

Ms. Metsker asked the opinion of the Department. Mr. Stokes responded that we can only wait and see what comes out of this Commission meeting. We are planning to attend the meeting to answer any additional questions they may have.

Ms. Metsker does not want to give the impression that we want this project. We just voted to fund it. We did not vote to support the project. She is not in favor of any letter.

Mr. Johnson advised that he was disappointed with the media coverage stating "on the far edge of town". The tone of the council is that this is only a speeding issue. They must not have the information reported to us concerning the nature of the accidents. He would like to see information given to the Council addressing these points. Mr. Stokes

stated that the presentation given to the Transportation Committee along with the Committee Minutes were also provided to the City of Bloomington staff.

The City of Bloomington Transportation Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 28, 2017. Mr. Wasson noted that this is not a subcommittee of the Council. This is a Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Mr. Cavallini stated that at some point in time, the situation with the Towanda Barnes and Ireland Grove Road will have to be dealt with. We can sit back and wait for the City of Bloomington to do something or we can be proactive and try to do what we can in addressing the problem.

Ms. Metsker stated that she would hope the City of Bloomington would at least make some change to eliminate the use of the road that runs parallel to Towanda Barnes along the pony fields.

Chairman Caisley stated that we can take no action on the project; however, direction can be given. He advised that Mr. McIntyre and himself met with the City of Bloomington Mayor and the Deputy City Manager.

Ms. Metsker stated that now that she knows this is a Citizen's appointed Board vs an elected board, she is not in favor of our Committee meeting with them. Chairman Caisley advised that we want to keep it on the front burner. The City Council does not have a Committee structure, as does the County.

Mr. Cavallini does not see a problem in writing a letter to let them know our interests. He will attend if a meeting is scheduled.

Mr. Martin stated that there is a need to add the turn lane. The County is not in a position to fund the complete project. Unless the City of Bloomington is going to pay their share, the project will die. He does not think we need to meet as a group. Maybe send a representative to have a conversation with the Transportation Advisory Committee.

Mr. Wasson cannot speak to whether their by-laws allow such a meeting to take place. We would have to talk to the City of Bloomington staff. If we have a majority of a quorum we would need to post an agenda and have minutes taken. Mr. Martin added this is his reasoning for sending a representative.

Mr. Johnson thinks a letter outlining any discussions might help them understand the issue at hand concerning traffic counts and accidents. He stated that the City of Bloomington is responsible for maintenance of the road.

Chairman Caisley stated this is a priority for the County due to the high traffic counts on Towanda Barnes and we need to let them know our concerns and not let this die.

Ms. Metsker is not sure, with the members absent, that this Committee is in total agreement that we should proceed. She agrees with presenting them the facts showing the need and pointing out their responsibility for road maintenance.

Mr. Stokes stated that the City staff will present the information to the Commission. They will then review the facts and ask questions of our Department. The Commission will then make a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council will then vote on whether to make changes on the funding, kill the project or move forward with the project. The County will then need to regroup.

Chairman Caisley asked if we do not spend this money on improving the Towanda Barnes – Ireland Grove Road intersection, will we be left with a surplus of MFT funding. Mr. Stokes responded that there is another project in our Five Year Plan that would be moved, but costs for the associated project will increase.

Mr. Johnson stated that the longer this intersection continues to back up; presents more cars sitting still. This is how accidents happen. The point is more than just speed problems. Mr. Stokes added that we are seeing more rear end accidents.

Chairman Caisley stated that he will proceed to indicate we are continuing to be interested in the project and wish to provide any information they need.

Chairman Caisley asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee.

Hearing none, he adjourned the Transportation Committee at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diana Hospelhorn".

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary