

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 8:02 a.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: Members Robustelli, Cavallini and Johnson

Other Members Present:

Staff Members Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator, Mr. Don Knapp, Assistant County Administrator, Ms. Jessica Woods, First Civil Assistant State's Attorney Civil, Ms. Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, County Engineer,

Others Present: Mr. Luke Hohulin, Assistant County Engineer

Chairman Caisley called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and presented the December 5, 2017 Transportation Committee Minutes for approval.

Motion by Metsker/Martin to recommend approval of the December 5, 2017 Transportation Committee Minutes
Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley presented the bills as of December 29, 2017 for review and approval. The prepaid total is \$1,307,611.61.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

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| FUND | FUND TITLE | PENDING TOTAL | PREPAID TOTAL | FUND TOTAL |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 0006 | SHOW BUS | | \$965,685.49 | \$965,685.49 |
| 0120 | HIGHWAY | | \$228,898.58 | \$228,898.58 |
| 0121 | BRIDGE MATCHING FUND | | \$73,811.13 | \$73,811.13 |
| 0123 | MOTOR FUEL TAX | | \$349.25 | \$349.25 |
| 0501 | TOWNSHIP MOTOR FUEL TAX | | \$38,867.16 | \$38,867.16 |
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| | | | \$1,307,611.61 | \$1,307,611.61 |

Motion by Metsker/Barnett to recommend payment bills as of December 29, 2017 as submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

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Chairman Caisley confirmed there were no members of the public to appear before the Committee.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve a Resolution & Bid Tab for December 20, 2017 Letting for 2018 County and Township Maintenance Materials. Mr. Stokes indicated this was a continuation of last month requests for maintenance materials for Townships to use in 2018. Ms. Metsker asked if Townships could contact County or go directly to vendor for materials. Mr. Stokes confirmed they could do it either way for same cost.

Motion by Metsker/Martin to recommend approval Resolution & Bid Tab for December 20, 2017 Letting for 2018 County and Township Maintenance Materials
Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve a Resolution & Bid Tab for December 20, 2017 Equipment Letting. Mr. Stokes indicated this was for a Caterpillar backhoe. Ms. Metsker asked why selected Caterpillar over John Deere. Mr. Stokes indicated the reach of the John Deere backhoe is different so the attachments we have for the Caterpillar backhoe will not work with the John Deere backhoe.

Motion by Martin/Metsker to recommend approval of a Resolution & Bid Tab for December 20, 2017 Equipment Letting.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve a general Engineering Services Agreement with Lewis, Yockey & Brown, Inc. Mr. Stokes stated this for miscellaneous work such as survey and topographical work they do for the County. Mr. Martin asked him to confirm that contract starts January 1st. Mr. Stokes confirmed.

Motion by Metsker/Barnett to recommend approval a General Engineering Services Agreement with Lewis, Yockey & Brown, Inc.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve a Motor Fuel Tax Resolution, Weston Road, Section 18-00130-16-RS. Mr. Caisley asked if work was being done in conjunction with Livingston County. Mr. Stokes indicated he reached out to Livingston County but they do not have funds to upgrade at this time. Mr. Stokes stated that it was determined the Mclean County portion of this road needed repairs, so they put it in the 2018 plan. Ms. Metsker asked if we would see more traffic on this road because of the elevator complex. Mr. Stokes indicated that it could be about the same as the construction traffic decreases grain traffic to the elevator could increase.

Motion by Metsker/Martin to recommend approval of a Motor Fuel Tax Resolution, Weston Road, Section 18-00130-16-RS.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve a Motor Fuel Tax Resolution, Bellflower-Saybrook Road 14-00024-06-RS. Mr. Stokes indicated this is a federal project for 2018 that will use funds from IDOT. He also stated that the County had applied for TARP funds for the truck access route and we received funds to upgrade this to an 80,000-pound route from Route 136 to Route 9. Ms. Metsker asked about the Rail Road Omission. Mr. Stokes indicated that as part of the report they have to show where no work is planned. Ms. Metsker asked about condition of the railroad crossing. Mr. Hohulin indicated that the railroad crossings were worked on in the last 5-10 years and went over process to tie County work into the work done on the crossings. Mr. Caisley asked if Dairy farm traffic had been taken into consideration. Mr. Stokes confirmed they had.

Motion by Metsker/Barnett to recommend approval of a Motor Fuel Tax Resolution, Bellflower-Saybrook Road 14-00024-06-RS.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve the Road Upgrade and Maintenance Agreement with McLean County Wind Energy LLC. Mr. Stokes indicated this agreement was a modified version of the previous agreement with the same company. He went over the County roads the Company would be utilizing and discussed work that would be done to fix any damage to County roads. Ms. Metsker stated her concern about how sometimes when they fix township roads it leads to standing water issues. Ms. Metsker asked if the escrow amount will be adequate. Mr. Stokes indicated that the last agreement had a letter of credit and escrow amount and this agreement was modified for no letter of credit but an increased escrow amount that should be adequate. He further stated that work will be done after construction and the County would get reimbursed by Invenergy for those road repairs. He indicated that the Escrow amount would be utilized to cover costs that Invenergy does not reimburse us for and provided examples of possible maintenance or patch work. He said they have had a good working relationship in the past and did not foresee payment for repair work being an issue. Ms. Metsker agreed that waiting to do work afterward would save time and money as all issues could be fixed one time. She asked if the 2-year escrow is enough. Mr. Stokes confirmed that because the 2 years does not start until commencement of commercial operations it would be enough time. Ms. Metsker asked about decommissioning. Mr. Knapp indicated that would be handled in the permits and reclamation would be handled in a separate agreement. Ms. Metsker expressed concerns for the Company being late making payments to the Townships and asked about having a penalty for late payments added to the Agreement. There was a discussion about approving this agreement and amending at a Stand-up meeting. Mr. Wasson pointed out that we can draw on the Escrow account to pay any late payments. Mr. Stokes went over the process for bid tab for roadwork. Ms. Metsker asked if they had issues in the past with payment for the County of fees and roadwork. Mr. Stokes confirmed they had not. Mr. Caisley asked if the Company would be seeking temporary easements with landowners. Mr. Stokes confirmed. Mr. Caisley asked how they would transport the part parts. Mr. Stokes indicated they did not have those details worked out as of yet.

Motion by Martin/Barnett to recommend approval of the Road Upgrade and Maintenance Agreement with McLean County Wind Energy LLC
Motion Carried.

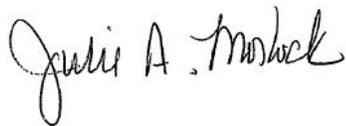
Mr. Stokes presented for information the final report for the Roselands II Bridge (CH 8) – Section 15-00031-03-BR. Mr. Stokes indicated final payment had been made on this project and this report included the final costs which ended up lower than bid costs.

Chairman Caisley reported that no positions were filled under the purview of the Highway Department.

Chairman Caisley indicated that the Transportation Advisory Committee of the City Council had approved the improvements for Ireland Grove Road and Towanda Barnes intersection and it would go back to the full City Council for approval. Mr. Caisley reviewed the history of proposed plan and indicated he felt members of the County Board and particularly members of this Committee needed to contact City Council members to let them know how important these improvements are. Ms. Metsker indicated she was not sure the City Council would pass it even if the City Council Committee had recommended it. She indicated she felt there were City Council members who felt the funds should be used on roads and streets in other areas of the City of Bloomington. Mr. Barnett stated he felt this was a safety issue and asked if follow up had been made on previous meeting suggestions such as increased police patrols and contacting the developer of the Southwest corner to see if signs or road blocks could be put up to prevent cut through traffic. Mr. Stokes stated there are two separate issues including high speed and traffic congestion at the intersection. He stated speeding is being addressed with increased police presence from the City. He stated that congestion needs to be addressed with changes at the intersection as they felt stopping cut through traffic would not solve the issue. Ms. Metsker asked Mr. Stokes to confirm we have the funds and are ready to proceed with work if it is approved. Mr. Stokes confirmed. Mr. Martin stated that he felt work needed to be done at the intersection but he was not concerned about the number of accidents that occurred at the intersection.

Chairman Caisley asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the Transportation Committee at 8:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie Morlock
Recording Secretary