

Minutes of the Special Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman William Caisley, Members Mark Johnson, Josh Barnett, Randall Martin

Members Absent: Members Catherine Metsker, Don Cavallini, Carlo Robustelli,

Other Members Present: Chairman John McIntyre and Vice Chairman Jim Soeldner

Staff Members Present: Mr. Donald Knapp, Assistant County Administrator, Ms. Jessica Woods, First Civil Assistant State's Attorney Civil, Ms. Julie Morlock, and 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 4:01 p.m. declared a quorum, indicated there were no minutes to approve or appearances by members of the public

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve an Engineering Services Agreement with Farnsworth Group for Towanda-Barnes Road & Ireland Grove Road Intersection, Section 13-00168-02-FP. Mr. Stokes this modifies plans from those previously submitted to focus on the southbound right turn lane from Towanda Barnes to Ireland Grove Road and update amounts. Mr. Stokes went over project and lane distances. Mr. Soeldner asked if changes would need to be updated if there are other improvements done to that intersection. Mr. Stokes indicated that other improvements or work done would be done on other quadrants of the intersection so this work would be permanent. Mr. McIntyre asked if this agreement included engineering fees. Mr. Stokes indicated that Resolution Bloomington passed the night before included payment of the amount from previous agreement and payment for new engineering services. Mr. McIntyre asked if there would be separation of this turn lane. Mr. Stokes indicated there would be an island that would hold the traffic signal.

Mr. McIntyre asked about use of cut through and if it would cause a traffic hazard with this new layout. Mr. Hohulin went over the entrances to the Pony Baseball fields and the new traffic pattern. Mr. Johnson stated that the access road is a city street and then dumps into pony fields and asked if the City or the Chairman could contact the Pony Baseball fields about putting up something to block that cut through as it is not used to park at the Pony Baseball fields.

Mr. Barnett said that he would support this project and thanked everyone for their work on the project. He stated that his only concern was that an open house was held in the Fall for the public to garner information and show support, but there has not been a public hearing since significant changes were made. Mr. McIntyre also thanked everyone for their efforts on this

project including Highway department, City of Bloomington and Committee members and Chairman Mr. Caisley. Mr. Soeldner indicated he supported this project but did not want them to forget about other part of the intersection as he felt there were traffic issues there in relation to the school.

Motion by Barnett/Johnson to recommend approval of an Engineering Services Agreement with Farnsworth Group for Towanda-Barnes Road & Ireland Grove Road Intersection, Section 13-00168-02-FP
Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve Highway Fund Resolution, Towanda-Barnes Road & Ireland Grove Road Intersection, Section 13-00168-02-FP. Mr. Stokes indicated that originally this project was to be paid from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund but since the project changed the payment will come from the Highway Fund. Mr. Caisley pointed out that use of the Motor Fuel Tax required a public hearing but now that the project will be paid from Highway Department Funds no public hearing was required. He stated that the City will use its own funds for their portion of the project.

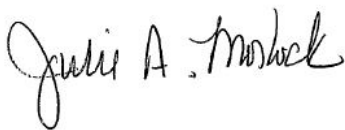
Motion by Johnson/Barnett to recommend approval of Highway Fund Resolution, Towanda-Barnes Road & Ireland Grove Road Intersection, Section 13-00168-02-FP
Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance for the Highway Fund. Mr. Stokes went over the Emergency Appropriation Ordinance including revenue and expenses. Mr. Johnson asked about the timeline for the project. Mr. Stokes indicated that once this passes it will take Farnsworth about 6 weeks to update plans with bid in June and project tentative start date in August.

Motion by Barnett/Martin to recommend approval of Request Approval of Emergency Appropriation Ordinance, Highway Fund
Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley again thanked the City of Bloomington for their assistance on the project. He then asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee; hearing none, he adjourned the Transportation Committee at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie Morlock
Recording Secretary