

## **Minutes of the Transportation Committee**

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 404, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Hoselton, Members Black, Caisley, Cavallini, McKibbin and Soeldner

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer

Others Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer, Ms. Rita Bane, Deputy County Auditor, Ms. Jennifer Sicks, Transportation Planner, Regional Planning Commission

Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. He stated that the first item for action is approval of the minutes from the June 7, 2011 Committee meeting.

Motion by Caisley/Cavallini to recommend approval of the minutes from the June 7, 2011 meeting of the Transportation Committee.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for June 30, 2011. The prepaid and fund total for June 30, 2011 is \$1,788,726.68.

Mr. Schmitt pointed out the purchase of two properties in April, 2011. The purchase is for right –of-way for the County Highway 12 Bridge, north of Towanda.

Mr. Soeldner asked if the “finished construction” is for one particular project. Mr. Schmitt responded that it is for all of the County’s oil and chip work.

Motion by Cavallini/McKibbin to recommend payment of the June 30, 2011 bills as submitted by the County Auditor.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first action item on the agenda is the Motor Fuel (MFT) Resolution for Sweeney Road (CH 65) – Section 11-00133-01-RS.

Mr. Schmitt pointed out the location on the map. He stated that the project is a short section of County Highway 65 at the intersection of 2200 North and 2275 East. The project was in the 2012 plan, however with the distribution of the second allotment of the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) Illinois Jobs Now Capital bill, the project was moved to 2011.

Mr. Schmitt referred to the circular letter received from IDOT providing local agencies with the second installment of \$500 million. The first allotment was received in October, 2010 and the second allotment is scheduled in August, 2011. He stated that the County's share is \$379,917.00. Mr. Schmitt reported that the Department has been tracking slightly above the budgeted MFT funds for 2011. He advised that, with that the second allotment being allocated, his recommendation is to move forward with spending the first allotment. The second allotment will be included in the FY 2012 budget.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the two jobs to be done this year are the Sweeney Road and the Shirley Road.

Mr. Schmitt noted that work has been done to extend the life of the Sweeney Road. The road was last overlaid in 1978. He advised that with the High Speed Rail coming through an agreement has been reached to extend a 50 foot taper to avoid the additional \$5,000 - \$10,000 cost of the extra work required and the cost of railroad insurance. The project will go to bid in August, 2011.

Mr. Cavallini asked for an explanation of railroad insurance. Mr. Schmitt explained that, when a road project crosses the rail road, it requires access to the railroad right-of-way. He noted that access to railroad right-of-way requires the County to purchase railroad insurance and to pay a flagger to be on site of the project. The insurance is temporary during the project construction.

Mr. Soeldner asked if the High Speed Rail is improving the crossings. Mr. Schmitt confirmed that the improvements being made are first rate.

Mr. Cavallini asked if any railroad crossings were being closed. Mr. Schmitt stated that he did not believe any crossings were being closed, however he added that the High Speed Rail is willing to negotiate with land owners concerning closing private crossings.

Motion by Soeldner/Black to recommend  
approval of the Motor Fuel (MFT) Resolution  
for Sweeney Road (CH 65) – Section 11-00133-01-RS.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is the Motor Fuel Tax Resolution for the Shirley Road (CH 34) – Sec 11-00093-05-RS.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the Shirley Road will also be an overlay project.

Mr. Soeldner asked if the County will need to deal with the State on Route 51. Mr. Schmitt responded that the County will tie into the concrete taper on Route 51.

Mr. Schmitt added that both the Sweeney Road and the Shirley Road projects will be completed with funds from the 2009 Illinois Jobs Now Capital Bill.

Mr. Black asked if Mr. Schmitt could foresee any problems receiving the funds allocated by the Capital Bill. Mr. Schmitt does not foresee any problems receiving the allocated funds. The current problems experienced were due to the Capital Bill not being

included in the current budget. The budget has now been passed including the Capital Bill and allocating the funds.

Motion by Soeldner/Black to recommend approval of the Motor Fuel (MFT) Resolution for Shirley Road (CH 34) – Section 11-00093-05-RS.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is the Funk's Grove Road District, Sec 11-17140-00-BR Township Bridge Program (TBP) Petition.

Mr. Schmitt reported that, as part of the Illinois Jobs Now Capital Bill, a members initiative fund of \$500,000 comes to the County for work on timber pile bridges. He stated that it is the Department's recommendation to use part of the County's \$379,917.00 funding for the Gilmore Bridge in Funks Grove Road District. Funding is the same as the Township Bridge Program:

- 80% Member Initiative Funds
- 10% County
- 10% Township

Mr. Schmitt noted that a second timber pile Township Bridge in Martian Township will also be funded through the Illinois Jobs Now Capital Bill. He presented the Preliminary Engineering Service Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc.

Mr. Black asked how the Engineering Agreement approved with Hampton; Lenzini & Renwick in June, 2011 is different than the current agreement. Mr. Schmitt advised that Individual agreements are done for each project.

Motion by Cavallini/Black to recommend approval of the Funk's Grove Road District, Sec 11-17140-00-BR Township Bridge Program (TBP) Petition and the Preliminary Engineering Service Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton thanked Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer and Mr. Schmitt for the efficient way they handled the difficulties concerning the detour in Money Creek. An agreement was reached and the County will double stripe the no passing zone.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the items of information.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Brucker Bridge – Sec 10-00041-02-BR. The bridge deck was poured on Tuesday. The approach slabs are formed and the rebar is in place. He noted that if the project stays on schedule, the bridge will be open to traffic the end of July, 2011.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Congerville Road/Danvers hot mix project. He reported the project has been completed.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Shoenig Bridge and CH 12 Road reconstruction project is underway. The existing structure has been removed and the dirt work has begun. The pile have been driven and they have poured the casements.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the Lake Evergreen safety project has not been started.

Mr. Schmitt explained that the Committee will be touring Danvers, Hudson, Pipeline Road, CH 12 Bridge and CH 21. He noted that the Committee we be seeing different stages of two bridge projects as well as two asphalt projects.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Department is working on a grant program under the Economic Development Program, IDOT, and the composting project at ISU's farm north of Lexington. The project will be scheduled for 2012 construction.

Mr. Soeldner asked if the possible shut down of the Federal Government on August 2, 2011 will create any transportation problems. Mr. Schmitt responded that the funds for County projects have already been allocated to the State.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the High Speed Rail is continuing to replace the rail. They are raising the elevation of the rail road 6-8 inches. Some of the crossings are not being raised if it creates concerns or issues.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

The Transportation Committee will meet next on Tuesday, August 2, 2011.

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Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn  
Recording Secretary