

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 404, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: Cavallini

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 July 5, 2011 Committee meeting.

Motion by Caisley/Black to recommend approval of the minutes from the July 5, 2011 meeting of the Transportation Committee.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for July 31, 2011. The prepaid and fund total for July 31, 2011 is \$2,826,466.57.

Mr. Cavallini asked if the expenditures to the Town of Normal are reimbursement for work done. Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer, responded that this is for work done on the Pipeline Road project, from Northtown Road to Ziebarth Road.

Mr. Caisley asked about the payment to Yates Township. Mr. Schmitt reported that the payment is coming from the Township Motor Fuel Tax funds. The Township can use the MFT funds for equipment rental as well as for labor costs.

Motion by Soeldner/Caisley to recommend payment of the July 31, 2011 bills as submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first action item on the agenda is the Resolution & Bid Tab for July 27, 2011 County Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Construction and Non-MFT Maintenance Letting.

Mr. Schmitt, County Engineer, informed the Committee that the bid letting was for three projects. He pointed out the location of the Bellflower Spur, from route 54 south to US 136. The project will upgrade the road to an 80,000 lb. route. Mr. Schmitt added that Truck Access Route Program (TARP) funding was received for the project. He continued with the Non-MFT, seal coat for the County. Part of the funding for the project comes from the Illinois Jobs Now Capital Bill. The final project is the Old Town Joint Culvert liner on 2100 East. He recommended approval to award the following bids:

2011MFT Construction Sections:

McLean County Sec 01-00024-00-RS Bellflower Spur

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Rowe Construction, a Div of United Contractors Midwest, Inc.
1523 N Cottage Ave, Bloomington, IL 61701 \$643,029.26

2011Non-MFT Maintenance Sections:

McLean County 2011 Non-MFT- GR 2 (sealing)

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Steffens 3-D Construction, Inc.
2503 CR 1250 North, El Paso, IL 61738 \$112,810.00

2011 Non-MFT Construction Sections:

Old Town Road District 2011 Non – MFT Joint Bridge Culvert Liner -2100 East Rd

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Stark Excavating, Inc
1805 W. Washington St,
Bloomington, IL 61701 \$22,500.00

Motion by Caisley/McKibbin to recommend approval of the Resolution & Bid Tab for July 27, 2011 County Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Construction and Non-MFT Maintenance Letting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the next item for action, the Randolph Road District Joint Culvert – sec 2011 Non-MFT Joint Culvert.

Mr. Schmitt referred to the map pointing out the Bridge location at 1200 East, just north of 700 North. The existing culvert is a 30 inch and 18 inch culvert. The culverts will be replaced with three 36 inch pipes. He stated that the cost of the new drainage structure is \$11,500.00. The County's share of the cost is \$5,750.00. Mr. Schmitt advised that the project does qualify for the Joint Culvert funding. Randolph Road District has levied the maximum on their Road Bridge Fund for two years. He recommended replacement of the culvert.

Mr. Soeldner asked Mr. Schmitt if the Department knows the Township can financially cover their share of the costs. Mr. Schmitt reported that the Township is required by state statute to have the funds before they petition the County for a Joint Culvert. If the Township has the funds to cover the entire project, the County is required by state statute to fund 50% of the project cost.

Motion by Black/Soeldner to recommend approval of the Randolph Road District Joint Culvert – Sec 2011 Non-MFT Joint Culvert.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton advised that the next item of information is the Dale Road District Joint Bridge Repair, Sec 2011 Non – MFT Joint Bridge Culvert.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the project is located 925 feet north of the intersection of 1200 N and 750 east. The structure is one of the remaining timber pile bridges left in the County. He noted that a special timber pile inspection is done every 6 months. The consultant discovered that three piles were significantly deteriorated. Mr. Schmitt noted that the drainage structure is currently posted, with a more severe posting expected from the State. The funds are not available to replace the bridge at this time. A temporary fix will involve driving one pile just outside the bridge on each side and a third through the middle of the bridge deck. He added that a beam will run between the three piles reinforcing the strength of the bridge and removing the current posting. The temporary fix will be good for at least 5 years. The estimated cost of the repair to the drainage structure is \$60,000.00. The County's share of the cost is \$30,000.00

Mr. McKibbin asked if it would be an estimated 5 years before the bridge could be replaced. Mr. Schmitt responded that because it is a large three span timber pile bridge with concrete pile, the cost to replace the bridge is an estimated \$650,000.

Mr. Soeldner asked if the final decision to repair the bridge belongs to the Township or the County. Mr. Schmitt stated that the County made the recommendation to the Township Road Commissioner and he was in agreement. There is a significant amount of traffic on the bridge.

Mr. Black asked if the cost to replace the bridge will increase by waiting 5 years to replace it. Mr. Schmitt responded that by waiting to replace the bridge, there will probably be some increase in cost; however the funding to replace the bridge is currently not available.

Mr. Black questioned the idea of spending money on something that will be replaced in 5 years. Is there a possibility of finding funds elsewhere? Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator responded that while we may have been able to switch smaller projects around, the size and scope of this project makes more sense to prolong the life of the bridge and schedule replacement in the future.

Mr. Soeldner asked, when the bridge is replaced, will the Township be responsible for part of the cost. Mr. Schmitt stated that through the Federal Highway Bridge Program or the Township Bridge Program (TBP) the cost split will be:

- 80% Federal Highway Bridge Program or TBP
- 10% County
- 10% Township

Mr. Black asked if regular safety inspections will be scheduled until the project begins. Mr. Schmitt reported that the Department is watching the bridge. He added that once the consultant sends his report to the State, inspectors will rate and post the bridge.

Mr. Caisley asked if it would be possible to repair the bridge by removing the timber piles and the bridge deck. Mr. Schmitt responded that the Department had the consultant look at 3 different scenarios, including Mr. Caisley's suggestion. He noted that the bridge needs to be widened when repaired. The cost to widen and repair the bridge is over half the cost to replace the bridge.

Motion by Soeldner/Black to recommend
approval of the Dale Road District
Joint Bridge Repair, Sec 2011 Non – MFT
Joint Bridge Culvert.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton presented the Emergency Appropriation Ordinance, Fund 0120 – 2011.

Mr. Schmitt noted that a Federal Regulation requires all two-way radios to be narrow-band compliant by December 31, 2012. The Department has been informed of a grant opportunity that will fund 50% of the cost to replace radio equipment that will not allow reprogramming to the narrow band. To comply with this federal regulation, the County needs to replace 36 radios. He advised that the plan was to include the funding in the FY 2012 Budget. With this funding opportunity through the Terrorist Task Force, the Department is requesting the budget amendment to move forward with the replacement by the funding required deadline. The estimated cost to replace the radios is \$27,500; the grant would cover \$13,750 of that cost.

Mr. Wasson noted that the money was only made available by the Terrorist Task Force a few weeks ago. The funds will be appropriated on a first come first serve basis. He pointed out that expectations are we will be required to meet the Federal requirements by the end of 2012.

Chairman Hoselton asked if the radios are compatible to what the Highway Department currently has. Mr. Wasson responded that these are not the 800 megahertz radios used with Law Enforcement Agencies. This system has been in place with the County Highway Department for a number of years. The requirement is that we go to narrow banding which allows for additional band available for the FCC to allocate.

Chairman Hoselton asked if the 911 METCOM will be able to contact the Department trucks in an emergency situation. Mr. Wasson noted that Emergency Management Agency (EMA) has the ability to work in an intermodal process with the Highway Department as well as everyone on the statewide law enforcement network. Mr. Schmitt added that METCOM does monitor the Department's frequency during the winter months and during storm events. The Department will be replacing 27 40 watt radios and 9 100 watt radios. These radios are not able to be reprogrammed.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the funding to cover the County's cost of the radios is available.

Mr. Schmitt recommended the following Emergency Appropriation Ordinance:

	<u>ADOPTED</u>	<u>ADD</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
County Highway Department Unappropriated Fund Balance 0120-0055-0056-0400-0000	\$462,000	\$27,500	\$489,500
County Highway Department Non-Major Equipment 0120-0055-0056-0621-0001	\$19,700	\$15,500	\$35,200
County Highway Department Purchase Radio Equipment 0120-0055-0056-0839-0001	\$2,500	\$12,000	\$14,500

Motion by Caisley/Soeldner to recommend approval of Emergency Appropriation Ordinance, Fund 0120 – 2011.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the items of information, Projects Summaries.

Mr. Schmitt reported on the Brucker Bridge – Sec 10-00041-02-BR. The bridge and hot-mix approaches are complete. Work is being finished on the guardrail and shoulders. He noted that if the project stays on schedule, the bridge will be open to traffic the end of the week.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the Evergreen Boat Ramp – Sec 10-00056-09-SP is nearly completed. The aggregate base and hot-mix binder are complete. The surface is scheduled to be done on July 29, 2011. Miscellaneous work will be finished and the project should be completed by August 5, 2011.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Congerville Road and Danvers, in town. – Sec 11-00056-01-RS. He noted that the project is complete. Final paperwork is nearly complete.

Mr. Schmitt reported on the Towanda Barnes Road Sec 11-00113-05-RS. He stated that the milling and level binder are complete. The traffic signal detector loops are scheduled to be installed. The project should be completed by August 5, 2011.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Shoenig Bridge and CH 12 Road Reconstruction – Sec 04-00135-06-BR – 05-00135-07-WR project is underway. The pile have been driven and the pier caps and abutment have been poured. The bridge deck is scheduled to be poured August 2, 2011. The project is tentatively scheduled for completion by mid September, 2011.

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Chairman Hoselton stated the next item for information is the Stormwater Education Program, 2nd Quarter Report from Michael Brown.

Mr. Schmitt presented the Stormwater Education 2nd Quarter Report. He advised that the report is generated by Mr. Michael Brown, Director, Ecology Action Center. The quarterly reports outline the Stormwater Education Programs, Informational Events and Presentations, Yard Smart Programs and other efforts for Bloomington-Normal.

Mr. Soeldner asked if the Watershed Plans Implementation Committee meets regularly. Mr. Wasson responded that they do meet regularly. The current project they have been working on is the project at Evergreen Lake in cooperation with County Parks, the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal to build some wetland areas and provide some flood control to the Creek area coming in on the south end of the lake. He noted that the Committee was able to identify some grant funding opportunities.

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, September 6, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary