

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, September 6, 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,

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 August 2, 2011 Committee meeting.

Motion by Caisley/Soeldner to recommend approval of the minutes from the August 2, 2011 meeting of the Transportation Committee.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for August 31, 2011. The prepaid and fund total for August 31, 2011 is \$1,264,377.94.

Mr. Cavallini asked about payment to Testing Services Corporation. Mr. Schmitt, County Engineer, responded that as part of the County Bridge design, the County is required to perform soil boring before the pile is driven. Testing Services Corporation is hired to perform the soil boring.

Chairman Hoselton asked where the Department is with fuel spending. Mr. Schmitt advised that the County currently approximately 2/3 through the dollar amount budgeted for 2011. The County is tracking where they should be for this time of year.

Chairman Hoselton asked the number of County vehicles that go home with employees. Mr. Schmitt stated that 10 vehicles in the Department go home with employees.

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

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that the first item to be presented for action is Audit Report #57 to be filed with the County Board, January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. Chairman Hoselton asked Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer, to address the Committee.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the audit report is received annually from the Illinois Department of Transportation. An audit is done by District 5 Local Roads on:

- County Motor Fuel Tax
- Township Bridge Fund
- Township Motor Fuel Tax

Mr. Schmitt presented the Summary Audits as follows:

Audit Report #57 is to determine the status of Motor Fuel Tax Funds, McLean County as of December 31, 2010. Receipts to the Motor Fuel Tax Fund were \$1,105,901.39, received as follows:

Interest 2010	2,724.99
Reimbursement	291,209.40
Illinois Jobs Now Program	379,917.00
Supplemental Allotment	396,950.00
B-N Airport Authority Reimbursement	35,000.00
Total Received	\$1,105,901.39

The net balance in the account on December 31, 2010 totaled \$3,205,089.38.

Chairman Hoselton asked how the County is currently doing with Motor Fuel Tax revenue. Mr. Schmitt responded that the County is tracking about \$6,300 a month above the budgeted numbers for this year. Eight allotments have been received putting us above the budgeted amount for 2011 by approximately \$50,000.

Mr. Caisley noted that an outside audit is done on the County books every year. He asked if the audit from the Illinois Department of Transportation is possibly a duplicated effort. Mr. Schmitt stated that the outside audit is done to check the County budgeted money spent. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) looks at how the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) is spent. There are specific rules as to where the County can and cannot spend MFT funds. The State does a very strict audit on all of the Department's Federal projects. The Highway Department has an Agreement of Understanding allowing the Department to do project audits in house. There is some duplication; however IDOT is detailed oriented on how the Motor Fuel Tax money is spent.

Motion by Caisley/Cavallini to recommend
Audit Report #57 be filed with the County
Board – Motor Fuel Tax – McLean County –
01/01/2010 – 12/31/2010.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next Item for Action is the Audit Report #58, Township Bridge, Road District to be filed with the County Board.

Mr. Schmitt presented Audit Report #58 which is to determine the status of Township Bridge Funds for Township Road Districts as of December 31, 2010. The Township Bridge Funds have a 4 year period to use the allotments or the funds are lost. He noted that none of the Township Bridge Funds are budgeted through the County. The Township Bridge Program is budgeted to cover the County's 10% match. Receipts to the Township Bridge Fund were \$32,179.20, received as follows:

Interest 2010	12.13
Reimbursement	32,167.07
Total Received	\$32,179.20

The net balance in the account on December 31, 2009 totaled \$82,258.28.

Motion by McKibbin/Black to recommend
Audit Report #58, Township Bridge, Road District
be filed with the County Board – Township Bridge –
County Road Districts –01/01/2010 – 12/31/2010.
Motion carried.

Audit Report #58 is to determine the status of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for County Road Districts as of December 31, 2010. Receipts to the Motor Fuel Tax Fund were \$468,680.34, received as follows:

Interest 2010	19,682.97
Reimbursement	26,816.37
Illinois Job Now	338,358.00
Supple. Allotment	83,823.00
Total Received	\$458,680.34

The net balance in the account on December 31, 2009 totaled \$2,195,949.33.

Motion by McKibbin/Black to recommend
Audit Report #58, Motor Fuel, Road District
be filed with the County Board – Township Bridge –
County Road Districts –01/01/2010 – 12/31/2010.
Motion carried

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next action item on the agenda is the Resolution & Bid Tab for August 30, 2011 County Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Construction Letting.

Mr. Schmitt, County Engineer, informed the Committee that the bid letting was for two projects. He pointed out the location of the Sweeney Road (CH 65) resurfacing project.

Chairman Hoselton compared the unit prices that Rowe uses with the County Engineer's unit prices. Why are the County's unit prices so high? Mr. Schmitt responded that the County prices are based on the history of bids received. This current job is a small project which significantly increases the unit prices. The competition in bidding has increased, which is reflected in lower bids.

He continued with the Non-MFT Dale Road District, King Mills Bridge repair. The bid came in 6.55% over the estimate. He added that the estimate was prepared by the County's consultant. This is work the consultant is not familiar with and is the reason for the low estimate. He recommended approval to award the following bids:

2011MFT Construction Sections:

McLean County Sec 11-00133-01-RS Sweeney Road (CH 65)

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Rowe Construction, a Div of United Contractors Midwest, Inc.
1523 N Cottage Ave, Bloomington, IL 61701 \$83,017.50

2011 Non-MFT Construction Sections:

Dale Road District Sec 2011 Non-MFT Bridge Repair SN 057-3901-King's Mill Bridge

The successful bidder on the above section was:

HJ Eppel & Co, Inc.
1400 Tuesburg Ct, Pontiac, IL 61764 \$56,201.00

Motion by Soeldner/Caisley to recommend approval of the Resolution & Bid Tab for August 30, 2011 County Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Construction Letting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the next item for action, the 2011 Timber Pile Bridge Inspections Engineering Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini, & Renwick, Inc (HLR).

Mr. Schmitt stated that the agreement is to do a biannual timber pile inspection on 5 County bridges. The County did a required 6-12 month timber pile inspection on several of the County bridges posted.

Motion by Black/Cavallini to recommend approval of 2011 Timber Pile Bridge Inspections Engineering Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini, & Renwick, Inc (HLR).
Motion carried.

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

Mr. Schmitt reported on the Brucker Bridge – Sec 10-00041-02-BR. Construction on this project is complete. Final paperwork needs to be completed.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the Evergreen Boat Ramp – Sec 10-00056-09-SP is completed. The final federal paperwork needs to be completed. The County's 10% share of the project will be an estimated \$10,000 - \$11,000.

Chairman Hoselton advised that people are cutting across the parking lot. Will something be done in the future to stop this? Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer responded that signs directing traffic will be placed in the area and trees will be planted along the edge of the primitive camping.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Pipeline Road Resurfacing – Sec 08-00073-10-WR. He noted that the widening, level binder, crack control, binder and surface are completed. This project should be completed by September 9, 2011.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the Towanda Barnes Road at IL State Route 9 – Sec 11-00113-05-RS construction is complete. Final paperwork needs to be completed. Final payment has been made. He pointed out that because traffic control required temporary striping, the project ran over estimate by \$1,300.

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 bridge deck and approach pads are complete. Most of the storm sewer and dirt work has been completed. The project is tentatively scheduled for completion by mid September, 2011. Mr. Schmitt noted that there will be an overrun on the Shoenig Bridge project. Contractors ran in to a soft spot in the hill on the east side of the bridge. He explained that hillsides often have moisture in the dirt. In this case the surface had a sandy 30 feet deep. To correct the problem, a 110 feet long and 42 feet wide section of the hill was undercut 18-30 inches deep. A 6" tile was placed 36" down. He advised that as soon as the tile was in place and the section was backfilled, water began to run from the pipe.

Mr. Cavallini asked if there was any way the moisture in the soil could have been detected. Mr. Schmitt responded that the soil boring process is done two or three times in a half mile. The possibility of missing an isolated condition is always possible.

Mr. Black asked if the amount of the added cost is known. Mr. Schmitt stated that the overrun cost is an estimated \$30,000.

Mr. Schmitt updated the Committee on the Sign Truck Auction. He advised that Prairie International was the successful bidder on the new truck, but offered the lowest trade-in allowance of \$3,500. At that time it was decided to retain the trade-in and auction it outright, once the new truck was put into service. The Department expects the truck to be placed in service the end of September. The public auction will be held on a Saturday morning in early October to sell the existing truck. Advertisements will be in the Pantagraph, placed on the Illinois Association of County Engineers website and our Township Road Commissioners will be notified. During the bid process, trade-in allowances were received between \$3,500 and \$12,500. Based upon these allowances, the minimum bid will be set at \$12,000.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the information on the COMED Transmission Line Project. He noted that COMED plans to raise the height of several towers on their west transmission line that stretches through McLean County. This project is very similar to the project COMED completed earlier this year on their east transmission line. COMED will raise the height of 31 towers in McLean County. This project is required to increase the ground clearance to code.

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Work will begin on October 17, 2011 in Livingston County and COMED plans to be in McLean County by October 25, 2011. Completion is planned for the end of November. Two crews with two cranes will raise one tower per day through Yates, Chenoa, Lexington, Money Creek, Towanda, Old Town, Bloomington and Randolph Townships. He referred the Committee to the distributed map showing the locations of the towers to be raised and the County Highway sections COMED will be using.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

The Transportation Committee will meet next on Tuesday, October 4, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary