

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman William Caisley Members Catherine Metsker, Don Cavallini, Carlo Robustelli, Randall Martin

Members Absent: Mark Johnson

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. William Wasson, County Administrator, Jessica Woods, First Assistant State’s Attorney Civil Division, Mr. Eric Schmitt, Administrative Services Director; Ms. Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary

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

Others Present: Mr. Luke Hohulin, Assistant County Engineer; Mr. Michael Brown, Ecology Action Center

Chairman Caisley called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and presented the October 2, 2018 Transportation Committee meeting minutes for approval.

Motion by Metsker/Martin to recommend approval of the October 2, 2018 Transportation Committee Minutes.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley presented the bills for review and approval. Mr. Cavallini asked Mr. Stokes confirm the services provided by VCNA Prairie LLC. Mr. Stokes indicated they provide materials such as limestone and riprap.

MCLEAN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

AS OF 10/31/2018

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Transportation Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0006	SHOW BUS		\$72,883.02	\$72,883.02
0120	HIGHWAY		\$297,196.88	\$297,196.88
0121	BRIDGE MATCHING FUND		\$197,813.55	\$197,813.55
0123	MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$224.27	\$224.27
0501	TOWNSHIP MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$406.26	\$406.26
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			\$568,523.98	\$568,523.98


COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Cavallini/Robustelli to recommend payment of bills as submitted by the County Auditor in the amount of \$568,523.98.
Motion carried.

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

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve an Agreement for Storm Water Education Program Services with Ecology Action Center. Ms. Metsker asked Mr. Michael Brown to explain any differences from past agreements. Mr. Brown indicated there were changes for services with the City and Town but no changes to services for the County. Mr. Brown stated there was also a built in minimal increase based on the CPI index. Ms. Metsker asked about the herbicides and tools used in the Sugar Creek Stewardship program. Mr. Brown stated this is a volunteer program to improve vegetation along the bank areas through Bloomington and Normal by removing exotic and invasive species by putting in native grasses and wildflowers to help stabilizing banks and improving the filtration and absorption functions. He said the herbicides are used minimally to prevent re-sprout of noxious weeds. Ms. Metsker asked how this relates to our noxious weed policy. Mr. Hohulin indicated he would work with the Ecology Action Center to make sure the number of times the Ecology Action Center sprays is included in his report. Ms. Metsker thanked him overseeing this program as she feels it is beneficial to the community. Mr. Martin indicated that the Federal government has a program for pollinators such as monarch butterflies and wondered how that program works. Mr. Brown said the monarchs are dependent on the native species, so we try to increase those to help that program. Mr. Stokes indicated this program helps with the Highway's public outreach reporting requirements in their annual EPA report. Mr. Caisley asked if there was a scheduled collection of hazardous materials for the spring. Mr. Brown indicated they try to set those up every other year and have one scheduled for the Fall of 2019. Mr. Brown discussed funding for that event. Mr. Caisley asked if there were further questions, hearing none he called the question.

Motion by Robustelli/Martin to recommend approval of an Agreement for Storm Water Education Program Services with Ecology Action Center.

Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve a 2019 Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Resolution & Estimate of Cost. Mr. Stokes indicated this was for the 2019 yearly materials requests including oil and chip, rock, signs, etc.

Motion by Cavallini/Metsker to recommend approval of a 2019 Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Resolution & Estimate of Cost.

Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve a Quit Claim Deed to the City of Lexington for a small section of land on the PJ Keller Highway. Mr. Stokes showed the Committee the location on a map and went over what this Quit Claim Deed would cover. Mr. Wasson stated that the County has no benefit from this small portion along the County Road and so Staff no objection to issuing a Quit Claim Deed. Ms. Metsker asked them to confirm this would now belong to City of Lexington. Mr. Stokes confirmed.

Motion by Metsker/Cavallini to recommend approval of a Quit Claim Deed to the City of Lexington.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Stokes stated there were no positions filled at the Highway Department.

Mr. Stokes showed pictures and provided an update on the Shaffer Bridge project. He stated that the Concrete deck had been poured but the rain has since delayed the project.

Mr. Stokes showed pictures of the Towanda-Barnes Road/Ireland Grove Road Intersection project. He stated that the project is almost complete as the right turn lane is open, but some grading and clean up remains. Ms. Metsker asked if there is runoff on the road with all the rain. Mr. Stokes indicated there has not been in any runoff but grading will help. Ms. Metsker asked about percentage complete and budget for project. Mr. Stokes indicated it is about 85% complete payment wise and about 95% complete construction wise. He stated that project looks to be about \$100,000 under budget. He stated that some amounts had been included for contingency matters including drain tile and soft spots, and those had not been required for the project.

Mr. Stokes presented an update on the Bellflower-Saybrook Road indicating this project was complete and they were working up final paperwork.

Mr. Stokes provided summary of the Division Street Project with the City of Chenoa. He stated they are working with Hanson engineering to reconstruct portion of street and sidewalks in Chenoa. He stated that they proposed that in return the City of Chenoa would take jurisdiction of that area and provide future maintenance. Mr. Stokes indicated the City Council is scheduled to meet on Monday night and vote on this. Ms. Metsker asked if he felt they would approve it. Mr. Stokes stated that the Mayor and one Council member had indicated support. Ms. Metsker indicated they might have concerns about taking out some trees. Mr. Stokes indicated it could be an issue and would have to negotiate more with the landowner. Mr. Caisley asked if students use the sidewalk. Mr. Stokes confirmed students use the sidewalk.

Mr. Stokes indicated that the Executive Leadership Development Series is a program the County Engineer Association holds every 5 to 6 years. He stated that both he and Mr. Schmitt has gone through the program and felt it was a worthwhile program. He stated he felt it would be beneficial for Mr. Luke Hohulin to attend and wanted to let the committee know they had signed Mr. Hohulin up for the program. He stated it is a two-year commitment including eight modules on team building, leadership, communication, etc.

Chairman Caisley asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Ms. Metsker stated she was frustrated because during the election many had stated that McLean County roads are maintained well; however, there is the belief we do not need more funding to take on projects that have been put on the back burner. She indicated she was not sure if

this was because of lack of communication, but would like to get more information out about needs we have in the County regarding our roads.

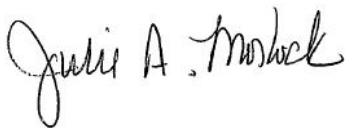
Mr. Robustelli indicated this was Mr. Cavallini's last meeting and thanked Mr. Cavallini for his service to the Committee, the County Board and his constituents as well as his friendship during their time together on the Board. Mr. Cavallini thanked him.

Mr. Stokes indicated they had provided a map that showed all of the projects completed from 2000 to 2018. He stated that a second map had been provided that showed oil and chip, and hot mix roads that have not been resurfaced in the last 18-20 years, but are on the 5-year plan to be completed. Mr. Robustelli stated that to follow-up on Ms. Metsker comments, it would be good to add information that shows projects we do not have the funding to work on. He asked if they could update such a map every other year to show it was not for a lack of knowledge or lack of will, but because we did not have the funding in place. He stated that he agrees with Metsker there is a lot of miss information in the public about our need for funding and status and future of our County roads.

Mr. Stokes indicated the January meeting falls on New Year's Day and wanted to see about rescheduling that meeting because Ameren wanted to come to present information regarding the sub-station that was to be built in the County. Mr. Wasson stated they had discussed this with other committees and felt it was best to set these meetings after the December 3 reorganization meeting. He stated there will be new members and will need to confirm with them their availability for meetings. There was discussion of imminent domain for the substation and statements that general belief Ameren did not want to do that, as they wanted voluntary acquisitions for those easements.

Chairman Caisley asked if there was anything else to come before the Committee; hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie A. Morlock". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Julie Morlock
Recording Secretary