

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman William Caisley Members Randall Martin, Josh Barnett, Elizabeth Johnston, Logan Smith, Gerald Thompson and Shayna Watchinski

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. William Wasson, County Administrator, Trevor Sierra, 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

The Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Martin. at 8:00 a.m. and declared a quorum.

Vice Chairman Martin presented the December 31, 2018 meeting minutes for review and approval.

Motion by Smith/Watchinski to approve the December 31, 2018 regular meeting minutes.
Motion Carried.

Vice Chairman Martin presented the bills for review and approval. Mr. Caisley arrived at the meeting and asked about a Pantagraph invoice. Mr. Stokes indicated it was for bid lettings advertising.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Transportation Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0006	SHOW BUS		\$476,339.60	\$476,339.60
0120	HIGHWAY		\$121,519.56	\$121,519.56
0121	BRIDGE MATCHING FUND		\$25,542.86	\$25,542.86
0123	MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$61,974.23	\$61,974.23
0501	TOWNSHIP MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$40,219.75	\$40,219.75
			\$725,596.00	\$725,596.00


COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Smith/Johnston to recommend payment of bills as submitted by the County Auditor in the amount of \$725,596.00.

Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley indicated members of the public to be on the agenda to speak and asked Mr. Stokes to introduce them. Mr. Stokes indicated that Ms. Leah Dettmers and Jami Stone from Ameren were at the meeting to provide an update on the Reliability Project for Ameren Illinois. Ms. Stone went over the route for a new 10-mile transmission line and associated facilities that will improve energy reliability for local customers. She went over how the route had been decided and how it would benefit the area including decreased outage time. She also discussed the poles including height and placement. She indicated they had held public meetings and then based their submission to ICC on input from those open houses. She indicated that the ICC had been approved the route submitted. She indicated that they were currently contacting residents about easements and would continue with environmental permitting, pre-construction phase this year and then construction would begin next year. She stated they were in discussions with Mr. Stokes regarding road use agreements. She discussed a monitoring report that would include video of current road conditions, monitor the roads throughout the project and then video at the end of the project to see where the road would need to be fixed. She indicated they hoped to have an agreement in the near future. Ms. Johnston asked about weight of poles and transporting them. Ms. Stone indicated they are shipped in three sections, but she did not have the weight of each piece. She indicated that the concrete trucks would probably be more of an issue and discussed things they do to minimize damage to roads. Ms. Stone indicated that they plan the poles will last 60 years but they are estimated to last 100 years. Mr. Thompson indicated there have been challenges with mud on roads with current project and asked if there had been discussion about how to handle in the future. Mr. Stokes indicated they have been working to address this matter. Ms. Stone indicated they would also include a track out system to try to assist with this matter. Mr. Caisley asked about the East/West line and if it was along a road. Ms. Stone indicated it is property lines and not a road. Mr. Gerald asked if you could put the pole on the property line. Ms. Stone indicated that they could but would need to get easement on either side of the pole from each landowner. Chairman Caisley asked if there were further questions; hearing none, he thanked them for the information.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve a Resolution for January 29, 2019 Material and Project Letting.

Motion by Smith/Johnston to recommend approval of a Resolution for January 29, 2019 Material and Project Letting.

Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve a Resolution for January 24, 2019 Equipment Letting.

Motion by Martin/Smith to recommend approval of a Resolution for January 24, 2019 Equipment Letting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve a Highway Fund Resolution, for Jefferson Street in Towanda – Section 18-00113-08-RS. Mr. Barnett asked for clarification on location. Mr. Stokes went over location and indicated this was a resurfacing project and upgrade to sidewalk ramps.

Motion by Smith/Barnett to recommend approval a Highway Fund Resolution, for Jefferson Street in Towanda – Section 18-00113-08-RS
Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve a Bridge Fund Resolution for Money Creek II Bridge, Ron Smith Memorial Highway (CH 63) – Section 17-00123-01-BR. Mr. Stokes indicated this was the County bridge project for 2019. He showed pictures of the bridge and discussed reasons this bridge needed to be replaced. Mr. Martin asked for parameters that would determine a bridge needs to be closed. Mr. Stokes went over the inspection guidelines and rating system and indicated bridges under a two need to be closed. He stated this bridge is a 4/5, which would require maintenance or replacement. He stated that is why they do inspections regularly so they can keep track of bridges to make sure they are replaced before they reach that point. Ms. Johnston asked about the rating system and what rating a new bridge would receive. Mr. Stokes indicated ratings are based on a national bridge rating system that requires a class and refresher courses every five years so everyone follows same guidelines. He stated a new bridge would be rated a nine. Mr. Caisley asked about the spacing of the piers. Mr. Stokes indicated that utilizing steel beams allows for the piers to be placed a little farther apart. Mr. Caisley asked about timing on the project. Mr. Stokes indicated it would start in July and is scheduled to be done in November.

Motion by Martin/Barnett to recommend approval of a Bridge Fund Resolution, Money Creek II Bridge, Ron Smith Memorial Highway (CH 63) – Section 17-00123-01-BR.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley asked for a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to section 2 (c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity

Motion by Johnston/Martin to go into Closed Session pursuant to section 2 (c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Motion Carried. Mr. Smith voted against.

The Transportation Committee went into closed session at 8:30 a.m.

The Transportation Committee returned to open session at 8:38 a.m.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request under section 108-43 F (2) (b) [3] of the McLean County Code to authorize the County Administrator to offer a salary above that identified in section 108-43 F (2) (b) [2].

Motion by Johnston/Barnett to recommend under section 108-43 F (2) (b) [3] of the McLean County Code to authorize the County Administrator to offer a salary above that identified in section 108-43 F (2) (b) [2].

Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley indicated there were no new hires at the Highway Department.

Chairman Caisley asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Mr. Thompson asked about posting of weight limits. Mr. Stokes indicated that they did not post them last week and indicated that they would talk to the road commissioners and discuss future posting.

Chairman Caisley asked if there was anything else to come before the Committee; hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 8:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Morlock

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