

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 404, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

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

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 September 6, 2011 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Motion by Caisley/Cavallini to recommend approval of the minutes from the September 6, 2011 meeting of the Transportation Committee.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for October 4, 2011. The prepaid total is \$1,300,480.29.

Mr. Cavallini asked about the payment of \$109,078.80 to Steffens 3D Construction, Inc. Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer, responded that the payment is for the additional oil and chip work done this year. The funding for the additional projects was received from the Illinois Capital Bill.

Mr. Caisley asked if the Department is insured for employee medical expenses. Mr. Schmitt advised that the expenses are for employee drug testing and physicals for summer help.

Mr. Soeldner asked if the County takes bids for fuel. Mr. Schmitt reported that the County takes quotes as fuel is needed. This gives the County the best and most current price. The quotes for a full tanker are taken the morning of delivery.

Motion by Soeldner/Black to recommend payment of the October 4, 2011 bills as submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first item to be presented for action is the Resolution and Bid Tab for September 27, 2011 County MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) Construction Letting.

Mr. Eric Schmitt stated that this is the final construction project for 2011. He pointed out the location of the overlay project on Shirley Road. The bid includes the elevation correction on the slope of the curves.

Chairman Hoselton noted that Stark's bid of \$.35 on Aggregate will be used if additional quantities are needed.

Mr. Schmitt recommended approval to award the following bids:

2011MFT Construction Sections:

McLean County Sec 11-00093-05-RS Shirley Road (CH 34)

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Rowe Construction, a Div of United Contractors Midwest, Inc.
1523 N Cottage Ave, Bloomington, IL 61701 \$253,419.85

Motion by Cavallini/Caisley to recommend approval of the Resolution & Bid Tab for September 27, 2011 County Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Construction Letting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton continued with Item B, Gridley Road District – Sec 09-18131-00-BR – Schlipf Bridge Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation.

Mr. Schmitt advised that this Local Agency Agreement for Federal participation is for 2.5 miles south, southeast of Gridley over Buck Creek. This is the last timber pile bridge in Gridley Township. The funding of the project break down is:

- 80% Federal \$240,000
- 10% Township \$33,000
- 10% County \$33,000
- Total \$330,000

Motion by Black/Soeldner to recommend approval of the Gridley Road District – Sec 09-18131-00-BR – Schlipf Bridge Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action to be presented to the Committee is the FY'2012 Budget and 5 Year Plan Review.

Mr. Schmitt presented the FY'2012 Recommended Budget. He stated that the first fund to be addressed is the Highway Fund. The Highway Fund is used for some construction, some salaries, equipment purchases, and daily operations.

County Highway Fund 0120-0055 The Revenue can be found on page 214 of the FY'2012 Recommended Budget

Mr. Schmitt noted that the Department included justifications for any significant changes.

Highlights of the Recommended Budget:

REVENUE:

401.0001 General Property Taxes: This line item account went up \$32,168 in the FY'2012 Recommended Budget. The County Highway Fund is permitted by law to levy a property tax in an amount not to exceed a tax rate of \$0.0750 per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation. The tax rate for the FY'2012 Recommended Budget is projected to be \$0.07250 per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation, a decrease from the FY'2011 Adopted Budget tax rate of \$0.07256.

410.0015 Engineering: This line item account was budgeted at \$115,000 in the FY'2011 Adopted Budget and is budgeted at \$130,000 in the FY'2012 Recommended Budget. This increase of 13% is reflective of the fact that we are doing more engineering work for the townships including bridge work and construction inspection.

410.0130 Reimb. Trans. Planning: This line item account was budgeted at \$145,000 in the FY'2011 Adopted Budget and is budgeted at \$75,000, a decrease of 48%, in the FY'2012 Recommended Budget. This line item is down because we have received our last of six \$50,000 payments from Horizon Wind Energy for the wind farm south of Illinois Route 9. Revenue will now be based only on individual permit fees.

410.0035 Unclassified Revenue: This line item account was budgeted at \$9,000 in the FY'2011 Adopted Budget and is budgeted at \$10,000 in the FY'2012 Recommended Budget. This reflects the trend for the last three years above \$10,000.

EXPENDITURES:

Mr. Caisley asked why line item 599.00003 Social Security Contributions is showing \$0 expense. Mr. Schmitt reported that Social Security Contributions do not come from County Highway Fund 0120-0055. Mr. Wasson added that the Social Security Contributions comes out of the 0130-0131 funds for FICA Contributions.

Personnel:

There is a 0.70 reduction in the Full-Time Equivalent Staffing levels for the Highway Fund in the FY'2012 Recommended Budget. This is the result of the elimination of two vacant full-time positions from the Highway Department FY'2012 Budget. This includes one Truck Driver/Laborer position (Union) and one Engineering Technician I position (non-Union). The salaries are spread over three funds:

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- County Highway Fund
- County Bridge Fund
- County Motor Fuel Tax

0516.0001 Occasional/Seasonal Employee: The increase of 12% from \$28,250 in FY'2011 to \$31,500 in FY'2012 is due to the plan to hire two part-time Summer Engineering Technicians to help the office staff next summer with Construction Project Inspection and Supervision.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Department plan is to hire two part time, summer engineering technicians. Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT has a program, hiring engineering and industrial technology students to work as summer project technicians. The program will help the Department acquire what is needed but at the same time is not a full time position. Currently the County has 4 resident engineers on projects and 2 technicians. The Program will increase the help on projects by an additional 2 technicians. This will be the County's first year participating in the project. The pool of interns will generally come from Illinois State University, Bradley University and the University of Illinois.

Fringe Benefits:

The increase in fringe benefits is due to the increase in health insurance costs.

Materials and Supplies:

All of the line items in the Materials and Supplies line item accounts have decreased by more than 2% with the exception of the following:

0608.0001 Gasoline/Oil/Diesel Fuel: increased 15% from \$295,470 in FY'2011 to \$340,000 in FY'2012. The increase is based on the price of fuel in April 2011 and our annual fuel usage.

0621.0001 Non-Major Equipment: increased 73% from \$19,700 in FY'2011 to \$34,000 in FY'2012. The increase reflects the purchase of 27 – 40 Watt radios to comply with the Narrowbanding regulations. This line item can be changed to reflect the Grant funding confirmation received by the County.

Mr. Wasson asked the amount the County Highway levy should be reduced.

Mr. Schmitt recommended line item 061.0001 be reduced from \$34,000 to \$19,700; a decrease of \$14,300 received by the Terrorism Task Force Grant.

0621.0005 Computers Under \$1,000, increased from \$0 in FY'2011 to \$3,400 in FY'2012. This was moved from line item 833-0002, because the Department is purchasing computers for less than \$1,000 each. The Department will purchase 4 new computers in 2012.

Contractual Services:

All of the line items in the Services line item accounts have decreased by more than 2% with the exception of the following:

- 0767.0001 increased \$30
- 0778.0002 increased \$200
- 0781.0001 remained the same
- 0795.0003 increased \$200

0716.0001, Maintenance Roads/Drainage Structures increased 4%; from \$120,000 in the FY'2011 Adopted Budget to \$125,000 in the FY'2012 Recommended Budget. This increase of \$5,000 is due to the continued increase in the cost of road maintenance materials.

Mr. Black referred to line item 0630.0001 Postage. He noted that in today's day of more electronic mail, \$3,300 seems to be an extremely high budget for postage. Mr. Schmitt responded that the Department has gone paperless on as much as possible. A large number of Township Road Commissioners do not have email accounts. Larger documents and contracts needing to go IDOT are sent by UPS.

Capital Outlay:

All of the line items in the Capital Assets line item accounts have decreased by more than 2% with the exception of the following line items:

0832.0001 Purchase Furnishings/Office Equipment increased from \$0 in FY'2011 Adopted Budget to \$4,000 in FY'2012 Recommended Budget, for the purchase of 3 new desks.

0832.0002 Lease/Purchase Office Equipment increased \$100 because of the microwave network equipment.

0839.0001 Purchase Radio Equipment increased 380% from \$2,450 in FY'2011 Adopted Budget to \$12,000 in FY'2012 Recommended Budget. The increase is to purchase 9 – 100 Watt radios to comply with the Narrowbanding regulations.

Mr. Schmitt recommended that line item 0839.000 be reduced from \$12,000 to \$2,500 due to the Confirmation of the Terrorism Task Force Grant confirmation.

Mr. Schmitt presented the highlights of the FY'2012 Recommended Budget for the County Bridge Matching Fund 0121:

0121.0055 Bridge Matching Fund: Revenue can be found on page 221 of the FY'2012 Recommended Budget Book.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the Bridge Matching Fund pays for the maintenance and construction of bridges, culverts, and other drainage and engineering work done in McLean County. The fund also pays for joint culvert projects done with the Townships.

REVENUE:

401.0001 General Property Taxes: The \$1,499,812 of generated revenue in the FY'2012 Recommended Budget decreased \$193,188, 11% less, from the FY'2011 Adopted Budget. The County Bridge Fund is permitted by law to levy a property tax in an amount not to exceed a tax rate of \$0.0500 per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation. The tax rate for the FY'2012 Recommended Budget is projected to be \$0.04131 per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation. This is down from the FY'2011 Adopted Budget tax rate of \$0.04725 per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation.

400.0000 Unappropriated Fund Balance: increased \$136,722 from \$775,150 in FY'2011 Adopted Budget to \$911,872 in the FY'2012 Recommended Budget; an increase of 18%. This is the carryover of funding for the bridge replacement project on County Highway 31 near the intersection of 2450N and 1725E. The project was originally planned for construction in 2011 and was pushed back to 2012.

EXPENDITURES:

Personnel:

There is a 0.14 decrease in the Full-Time Equivalent Staffing levels for the Bridge Fund in the FY'2012 Recommended Budget. This is the result of the elimination of two vacant full-time positions from the Highway Department FY'2012 Budget. This includes one Truck Driver/Laborer position (Union) and one Engineering Technician I position (non-Union).

0516.0001 Occasional/Seasonal Employee increased from \$1,000 in FY'2011 Adopted Budget to \$6,050 in FY'2012 Recommended Budget due to the Department's plan to hire two part-time Summer Engineering Technicians to help the office staff next summer with Construction Project Inspection and Supervision.

Typically the occasional/seasonal employees hired are the winter snow plow drivers or the part time students hired during the summer. The work done by these employees are not eligible for Bridge Funding. The salaries for the 2 new engineering positions will come significantly from this fund. The interns will be working on bridge construction with the resident engineers.

Contractual Services:

716.0001 Maintenance Roads/Drainage Structures: increased from \$135,940 in the FY'2011 Adopted Budget to \$145,000 in the FY'2012 Recommended Budget. The 7% increase of \$9,060 is for maintenance on County bridges and culverts and to replace culverts that have deteriorated.

716.0002 Engineering/Design Expense: increased from \$150,000 in the FY'2011 Adopted Budget to \$175,000 in the FY'2012 Recommended Budget. The 17% increase of \$25,000 is for the design of bridges for construction. The Department continues to build the bridges that we started the design of several years ago. The County needs to have plans ready for construction if additional funds become available.

Capital Outlay:

820.0001 Purchase of Right-of-Way: increased from \$15,000 in the FY'2011 Adopted Budget to \$20,000 in the FY'2012 Recommended Budget. This increase is needed for the three bridges constructed in 2012. Two bridges will need significant right-of-way.

Mr. Schmitt stated that in 2012 all County bridges built will be widened to 32 feet. The bridges for 2012 are:

- Lake Bloomington Bridge – Carvers Corner
- Dawson Lake Road Bridge
- Meadows Road Bridge

Chairman Hoselton stated that \$15,000 is a reasonable amount for the acquisition of right-of-way. Mr. Schmitt reported that a typical bridge project only requires an estimated 500 feet of land.

Mr. Schmitt presented the highlights of the FY'2012 Recommended Budget for the County Matching Tax Fund 0122. This fund is used for matching project State and Federal dollars. The monies are primarily for construction, engineering, and the purchase of right-of-way. The use of the funds is limited.

Highlights of the Recommended Budget:

0122.0055 County Matching Fund: Revenue can be found on page 225 of the FY'2012 Recommended Budget Book.

REVENUE:

401.0001 General Property Taxes: This revenue line is the same in the FY'2012 Recommended Budget as it was in the FY'2011 Adopted Budget. The County Matching Tax Fund is permitted by law to levy a property tax in an amount not to exceed a tax rate of \$0.0375 per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation. The tax rate for the FY'2012 Recommended Budget is projected to be \$0.03546 per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation a decrease in the tax rate of 1.3% from the FY'2011 Adopted Budget tax rate of \$0.03593.

400.0000 Unappropriated Fund Balance: increased from \$0 in the FY'2011 Adopted Budget to \$200,000 in the FY'2012 Recommended Budget. This funding is available due to the low bids we received in 2011 on construction projects and the \$173,700 TARP funding we received for the Bellflower Spur project.

EXPENDITURES:

Capital Outlay:

810.0001 Construction Roads/Bridges/Culverts: increased from \$1,254,000 in the FY'2011 Adopted Budget to \$1,450,550 in the FY'2012 Recommended Budget. This increase will be used for construction costs.

Mr. Soeldner asked for an explanation of 0778.0002 Administrative Surcharge. Mr. Wasson responded that the surcharge is an administrative fee charged by the County for payroll, administrative processes and risk management.

Mr. Schmitt presented the Highlights for the FY'2012 Recommended Budget for the Motor Fuel Tax Fund 0123.

0123.0055 Motor Fuel Tax Fund: Revenue can be found on page 227 of the FY'2012 Recommended Budget Book.

REVENUE:

407.0020 County Motor Fuel Tax: increased 17% to \$71,950 in the FY'2012 Recommended Budget. This reflects the current level of Motor Fuel Tax Allotments that the County is receiving.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the County is \$60,000 ahead of the FY'2011 Adopted Budget.

400.0000 Unappropriated Fund Balance: increased from \$0 in the FY'2011 Adopted Budget to \$400,000 in the FY'2012 Recommended Budget. This funding is available due to the low bids we received in 2011 on construction projects and the 2nd allotment of \$380,000 for local agencies the County received in August of 2011 from the Illinois Jobs Now! Capital Bill. The first allotment was received in October, 2010.

EXPENDITURES:

Personnel:

There is a 0.92 decrease in the Full-Time Equivalent Staffing levels for the MFT Fund in the FY'2012 Recommended Budget. This is the result of the elimination of two vacant full-time positions from the Highway Department FY'2012 Budget. This includes one Truck Driver/Laborer position (Union) and one Engineering Technician I position (non-Union).

0516.0001 Occasional/Seasonal Employee: decreased 0.72% from FY'2011 to FY'2012, because we plan to hire two part-time Summer Engineering Technicians to help the office staff next summer with Construction Project Inspection and Supervision.

Mr. Schmitt added that in the past 11 part-time summer helpers were hired for the Maintenance Department. This has been reduced to 8 part-time summer helpers. The Department has also reduced the snow plow help from three part-time employees to two part-time employees.

Contractual Services:

716.0001 Maintenance Roads/Drainage Structures: This line item account was budgeted at \$1,020,000 in the FY'2011 Adopted Budget and is budgeted at \$1,262,000 in the FY'2012 Recommended Budget. A 24% increase of \$242,000 to cover the amount of oil and chip work to be done in 2012. The funding is coming from the Illinois Jobs Now! Capital Bill allotment.

Mr. Schmitt reported that, through the Illinois Association of County Engineers, the Department worked on a study of the funding needed for maintenance of County Roads. He referred to the hand out showing Oil prices – 2002 to Present:

Oil Prices 2002 to Present

<u>Year</u>	<u>CRS-2</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>HFP</u>	<u>Price</u>
2002	158,321	\$0.820		

<u>Year</u>	<u>CRS-2</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>HFP</u>	<u>Price</u>
2003	151,653	\$0.980	11,263	\$1.230
2004	51,066	\$0.876	149,381	\$1.067
2005	111,471	\$1.050	47,580	\$1.300
2006	47,583	\$1.250	108,645	\$1.550
2007	63,449	\$1.490	39,664	\$1.850
2008	91,217	\$1.610		
2009	48,497	\$2.250	11,569	\$2.650
2010	56,258	\$2.250	9,450	\$2.550

Mr. Schmitt pointed out that CR-2, oil and chip work decreased from 158,321 gallons, at \$.82 a gallon to 56,258 gallons at \$2.25 a gallon. In the past 20-25 miles of oil and chip work was done. The goal of the Department is to do every road every 6 years. Because of the increase in cost the goal is not being reached. The oil and chip work has been replaced with slag seal and hot mix. Pavement preservation is the approach the Department is taking, extending the 20 year life of County roads to a 24 year life.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the County has 126 miles of oil and chip roads. Recovering the road every 6 years would require 21 miles of road done each year at a cost of \$333,000 of oil and chip work each year. Extending the hot mix to 24 year life cycle, requires 10 miles a year of slag seal, along with 10 mile a year of crack seal work.

Capital Outlay:

810.0001 Construction Roads/Bridges/Culverts: increased 40% from \$613,544 in the FY'2011 Adopted Budget to \$860,301 in the FY'2012 Recommended Budget. This increase will be used for construction costs. The funding is coming from the Illinois Jobs Now! Capital Bill allotment.

Mr. Soeldner stated that he appreciates all the efforts the Highway Department has made in keeping expenses down.

Mr. Schmitt referred to the McLean County Highway Department 5 Year Plan 2012-2016 pointing out various projects on the attached table.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the Department continues to work on funding for the Illinois State University Farm composting project.

Mr. Caisley referred to the agreement with Hudson Township to upgrade the three miles Roadway through the Village of Hudson pointing out that it is not on the 5 Year Plan. He noted that Hudson Township is still anxious to get the project completed.

Chairman Hoselton responded that the road is currently not in need of immediate repair. The road is in good condition. Mr. Caisley advised that the surface of the road is in good condition; however there are rapid changes in elevation. Chairman Hoselton stated that is important to focus on funding projects with the greatest need. Mr. Schmitt has talked to the Hudson Township engineers and they do understand the situation.

Mr. Caisley advised that the County made a commitment to Hudson Township to include the project in the 5 Year Plan. Mr. Schmitt noted that he has had contact with the Road Commissioner. The County is working with them to replace the crossroad culverts. The project was in the 5 Year Plan but because of the decreasing MFT, the project had to be removed. At the time of the commitment, MFT was increasing every year. We have seen a significant decrease the last several years. The Township Road Commissioner does understand that the Hudson project not being in the 5 Year Plan is a reflection of the economy. The County is working to preserve the system we have.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the projects to be done in 2012 are not permanent long term upgrades to the roads. The projects are more maintenance type projects.

Chairman Hoselton added that the 5 Year Plan reflects what needs to be done.

Mr. Caisley pointed out the in 2014 – 2016 a considerable amount of work is being done on Towanda Barnes Road. Towanda Barnes, in some places is within the City of Bloomington or the Town of Normal. He asked if there is some sort of long term agreement relative to jurisdiction in the case of annexation. Mr. Schmitt responded that there is no such agreement. When a municipality annexes up to a Township Road, the municipality automatically acquires the road. This is not the case with County Roads.

Mr. Schmitt stated that 6-7 years ago the County had the opportunity to transfer part of Ireland Grove Road to the City of Bloomington. Six Points Road, Oakland Avenue and other roads were also transferred at this time. Mr. Schmitt does not foresee an opportunity to transfer any part of Towanda Barnes Road to the City of Bloomington or the Town of Normal. Mr. Schmitt added that the work to be done on Towanda Barnes Road in 2012 is maintenance. The traffic count on Towanda Barnes in front of the Highway Department is between 13,000 – 14,000 cars a day. The heavy volume of traffic along with the snow plowing quickly deteriorates the road surface. Towanda Barnes Road will require resurfacing approximately every 10-12 years.

Mr. Caisley asked if the bicycle trail project will be done in 2012. Mr. Schmitt responded that grant funding from Parks and Recreation has been received for the project from

north Normal to Towanda. The Engineering Agreement will be presented to the Committee in the next few months. The project will go to construction in 2012.

Mr. Caisley asked if the County or Parks and Recreation is responsible for maintenance on the Constitution Trail from Bloomington to Shirley. Mr. Schmitt responded that the County Highway Department partners with Parks and Recreation to maintain the trail.

Motion by Soeldner/Cavallini to recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2012 Recommended Budget for County Highway Fund 0120-0055, 0121.0055 Bridge Matching Fund, 0122.0055 County Matching Fund, 0123.0055 Motor Fuel Tax Fund, reducing Fund 120, Revenue – 401.0001 General Property Tax Levy to \$2,608,404 a reduction of \$23,800 and Expenditure Line Item 621.0001 Non Major Equipment to \$19,700 and 839.001 to \$2,500 and McLean County Highway Department 5 Year Plan.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton thanked the Department for a job well done.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next items to be presented to the Committee are items of Information. The first items are Project Summaries.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Pipeline Road (CH 31) Resurfacing – Sec 08-00073-10-WR project is complete. Final paperwork need to be completed.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Schoening Bridge and CH 12 Road Reconstruction Sec 04-00135-06-BR and 04-00135-07-WR. He stated that the bridge is complete. Most of the dirt work and the surface is complete. The guardrail still needs to be installed. The estimated completion date is October 7, 2011.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the Bellflower Spur (CH 5) – Sec 10-00024-04-RS construction is under way with curb and gutter, aggregate base course, bituminous base course, sidewalk, level binder and crack control treatment work completed. The binder and surface should be complete by October 4, 2011.

Mr. Schmitt reported on the Anchor Bridge project. Construction of the bridge is complete. The approach work is currently being done. The guardrail needs to be installed. Completion date is October 15, 2011.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the Dale Township Bridge repair project has started. The pile is driven and structural steel is being put into place. The bridge should be open for traffic by the end on the week.

Mr. Caisley asked if the sidewalks on the Bellflower Spur are completed. Mr. Schmitt responded that the Department replaced some sidewalk at the intersection on the west side. Work was done on the culvert to improve the drainage. The contract required detectable warnings to be installed.

Mr. Schmitt presented a Request for "Excessive Engine Braking Noise Prohibited" signs on Illinois Route 9 to the Committee. The request came from a resident of Fox Hills Subdivision. IDOT no longer installs this sign at new locations. IDOT does allow Counties and Municipalities to install and maintain the sign if they request permission to do so by permit. In September of 2009, the County Highway Department established a Departmental policy regarding the installation of "Excessive Engine Braking Noise Prohibited" signs on County Highways stating:

- Signs would only be installed and maintained by the County if the ADT of 7500 cars a day or more.
- If numerous complaints have been received.
- The County would allow a small Municipality to install the sign on County right-of-way if the ADT was under 7,500 cars a day.

In October, 2009 the County Board approved the installation of two signs along Towanda Barnes Road.

Mr. Schmitt stated that at this location on Illinois Route 9 is under IDOT's jurisdiction. The recent traffic counts the average daily traffic count at 5200 vehicles per day and the Department has received only the one complaint. This does not meet the criteria set forth by the Departmental Policy. If the Committee would like the Department to proceed with this request and/or modification of the current Departmental Policy regarding the installation of such signs, a Resolution will be brought to the Transportation Committee and County Board in November.

Mr. Black asked if by placing the signs on Towanda Barnes Road did the engine braking noise decrease. Mr. Schmitt noted that no new complaints were received.

Mr. McKibbin suggested staying with the current policy.

Mr. Soeldner asked if there is any enforcement of the posting. Mr. Schmitt stated that law enforcement can enforce the posting.

Mr. McKibbin stated that contacting law enforcement might be part of the solution.

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Mr. Black noted that changing the Policy for one complaint is setting a precedent for the future. He added that the policy is fair and effective.

Mr. Soeldner added that he agrees that one complaint does not justify the change in the Department Policy.

Mr. Caisley stated that there is a provision in the traffic code prohibiting unnecessary noise. He advised informing the complainant to contact the Sheriff's Department.

The consensus of the Committee is to stay with the current Department Policy.

Mr. Schmitt pointed out that the next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 Room 404.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary