

## **Minutes of the Transportation Committee**

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, November 1, 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 October 4, 2011 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Motion by Caisley/Cavallini to recommend approval of the minutes from the October 4, 2011 meeting of the Transportation Committee.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for October 31, 2011. The prepaid total is \$1,515,092.29.

Mr. Soeldner asked why there are so many line items paid to one vendor? He asked if it would be simpler to make one payment. Mr. Schmitt, County Engineer, responded that one check is written. The billing is for several Townships oil and chip work projects from the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds.

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

Chairman Hoselton stated that Ms. Julie Vahling, Illinois Department of Transportation's presentation has been postponed until the December 6, 2011.

Mr. Black asked for an explanation of the presentation of "IDOT in Motion". Mr. Schmitt responded that "IDOT in Motion" is a new State program to provide email notices of information regarding road conditions and road closures. IDOT is addressing local government agencies to promote the program.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first item to be presented for action is the Pipeline Road (CH 31) – Sec 08-00073-10-WR – 80,000 lb Weight Limit Resolution.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the resolution will establish Pipeline Road (CH 31) from County Highway 12 (2200N) to County Highway 63 (2350N at 1708E), a distance of 10,581 feet (2.004 miles), as a Class III Truck Route with an 80,000 pounds maximum weight limit. TARP funding was not received for this project. New State Statute requires all roads, unless posted, will be 80,000 pound roads. All future County Roads designed will be 80,000 pound roads.

Motion by Caisley/Cavallini to recommend approval of the Pipeline Road (CH 31) – Sec 08-00073-10-WR – 80,000 lb Weight Limit Resolution.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton advised that the next item for action is the Shirley Road (CH 34) – Sec 11-00093-05-RS – 80,000 lb Weight Limit Resolution.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the resolution will establish Shirley Road (CH 34) from U.S. Route 51 to County Road 1350E a distance of 5,633 feet (1.07 miles) as a Class III Truck Route with an 80,000 pound maximum weight limit. He noted that one mile of the Shirley Road from Route 51 back to 1350 was upgraded to a 73,280 pound truck route in the early 1990's. The Bloomington Normal Water Reclamation District requires year around access to their facility on the Shirley Road.

Motion by Soeldner/McKibbin to recommend approval of the Shirley Road (CH 34) – Sec 11-00093-05-RS – 80,000 lb Weight Limit Resolution.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the 2012 County MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) Maintenance Resolution.

Mr. Schmitt stated the County Maintenance Resolution is done annually. The \$2,192,000 is appropriated from the MFT allotment for maintenance on County Roads and is included in the FY2012 Recommended Budget. This amount was increased from last year, due to the \$400,000 received from the Illinois Jobs Now Capital Bill. He referred to the attached pages detailing the estimated maintenance costs pointing out the various types of products purchased for resurfacing and patching projects. New this year, the County is stockpiling 900 tons of GR 14 chipping material.

Mr. Soeldner asked how the salt price compares to last year. Mr. Schmitt responded that the cost of salt has increased \$2.75 per ton. The Resolution reflects the County's share of purchased salt. Additional salt purchased by the County to sell to the Townships is included in the contract.

Mr. Caisley asked if the Department is under the County gas contract. Mr. Wasson responded that the Highway Department is included in the County contract. Mr. Schmitt added that the Department is allowed through MFT to pay a portion of heating the garage.

Motion by Caisley/Cavallini to recommend approval of the 2012 County MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) Maintenance Resolution.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated the next item to be presented is the Resolution Extending Sec 2010 Non MFT Pip Culvert Contract with Contech Construction Products.

Mr. Schmitt advised that this is an extension of the Non-MFT Pipe Culvert Contract bid in January, 2010 with special conditions allowing us to extend the contract for two years. He noted that the other primary bidder was not able to come close to the 2010 prices. Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of extending the following:

2010 Non MFT Maintenance Section:

McLean County	Sec 2010 Non- MFT Pipe Culvert	
The successful bidder on the above section was:		
Contech Construction Products		\$251,121.70
1509 W Mc. Vernon, Metamora, IL 61548		

Chairman Hoselton asked if the County is receiving the product or is Contech Construction going to inventory the product. Mr. Schmitt responded that the dollar amount shown establishes a price per foot for all the different sizes of pipe. The Department places orders throughout the year for specific culvert projects and the Department also has an inventory of commonly used pipe.

Motion by Black/Soeldner to recommend approval of the Resolution Extending Sec 2010 Non MFT Pip Culvert Contract with Contech Construction Products.  
 Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton presented the Emergency Appropriation Ordinances:

1. Fund 0122 Matching Tax Fund – FY2011
2. Fund 0123 Motor Fuel Tax Fund – FY2011

Mr. Schmitt noted that the County entered into and Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Normal in August, 2005 for the reconstruction of Pipeline Road between Northtown Road and Ziebarth Road. Part of the project was done in 2008 and part in 2009. The project was completed in 2010. The Department has received the bill from the Town of Normal for the County's share of the project's cost.

Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of the following Emergency Appropriation for Fund 0122 Matching Fund - FY2011:

	ADOPTED	ADD	AMENDED
County Highway Department			
Unappropriated Fund Balance			
0122-0055-0056-0400-0000	\$0.00	\$120,000	\$120,000
	ADOPTED	ADD	AMENDED

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County Highway Department Construction Roads/Bridges/Culverts 0122-0055-0056-0810-0001	\$1,254,000	\$120,000	\$1,374,000
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Motion by Caisley/ McKibbin to recommend approval of the Emergency Appropriation Ordinance, Fund 0122 – FY2011.  
 Motion carried.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the County received \$173,700 in TARP (Truck Access Route Program) Funds and \$379,917 from the first allotment of the Illinois Jobs Now Capital Bill for the upgrade of the Bellflower Spur Road (CH 5) from U.S. Route 136 to Illinois Route 54. The level of competitiveness in the market and current prices gave the County the opportunity to use the additional funds to do the Shirley Road and Sweeney Road projects.

Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of the following Emergency Appropriation for Fund 0123 Motor Fuel Tax Fund-FY2011:

	ADOPTED	ADD	AMENDED
County Highway Department Unappropriated Fund Balance 0122-0055-0056-0400-0000	\$0.00	\$500,000	\$500,000

	ADOPTED	ADD	AMENDED
County Highway Department Construction Roads/Bridges/Culverts 0122-0055-0056-0810-0001	\$613,544	\$500,000	\$1,113,544

Motion by Soeldner/Caisley to recommend approval of the Emergency Appropriation Ordinance, Fund 0123 – FY2011.  
 Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that the next items to be presented to the Committee are items of information. He presented Projects Summaries.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Schoenig Bridge and CH 12 Road Reconstruction – Sec 04-00135-06-BR/05-00135-07-WR project north of Towanda, over Money Creek is completed. The final paperwork needs to be completed. The overall project cost is approximately \$25,000 over the estimate due to the unforeseen undercut work done.

Chairman Hoselton commented on the success of the project. The T junction on the north south road has been widened to increase visibility.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the Bellflower Spur (CH 5) – Sec 10-00024-04-RS resurfacing project is complete. The final paperwork needs to be completed. The Federal Highway Administration now requires a safety edge on the pavement. The safety edge strikes a 30% angle on the asphalt. The Bellflower Spur is the first project for the County with the 30% angle requirement.

Mr. Black asked the reason for the new requirement. Mr. Schmitt responded that the 30% angle on the edge of the asphalt should make it easier to return to the road with less of a drop off. The County does more shoulder maintenance than most other Counties and has never had an issue with shoulder problems. Maintenance this winter will determine if the 30% angle has created problems.

Chairman Hoselton asked if the thickness of the road is maintained in the 30% angle. Mr. Schmitt stated that the angle decreases to nothing on the edge of the shoulder.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Sweeney Road. The resurfacing project is from CH 12 to Old Route 66. The new safety edge was required on this project also. This project is complete with the final paperwork to be completed.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the Pipeline Road was the Federal project from 2010. The bill from IDOT has been received. The project was over by approximately \$17,000. Additional shoulder and crack fill material was used. The County's share of the project cost was \$44,155.77.

Mr. Schmitt noted that on October 22, 2011 an auction to sell the sign truck was held. Livingston County Highway Department was the successful bidder with a bid of \$12,000. This bid is \$8,500 higher than the trade-in allowance of \$3,500 offered by Prairie International at the time of the letting for the new sign truck.

Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that the Department is working on the Composting project at ISU Farm to upgrade County Highway 8 in Lexington to north of the overpass. Funding options for the project with an Intergovernmental Agreement will be presented to the Committee in November, 2011. The project will begin construction in 2012.

Mr. Black asked if Mr. Schmitt has had any feedback on the Resolution passed in October regarding the Engine Braking Signs. Mr. Schmitt reported that he has not heard anything further concerning the Engine Braking Signs.

Mr. Schmitt updated the Committee on the Anchor Bridge mussel situation. He stated that the project was completed in October. The Township Bridge south of Cooksville

was also completed and the Bridge has been opened to the public. The only construction project left to be completed in 2011 is the Shirley Blacktop which should be completed next week.

Mr. Soeldner commented that he attended the EDC Transit Summit. The event was informative with a good mix of city and rural issues. One session with the Bloomington Normal Public Transit addressed the possibility of, in the future, extending this service into the rural areas. Another session from IDOT Dave Spiker reported on the problem the State is having with the surface of Illinois 39 north breaking up in certain areas. Mr. Soeldner added that the problem seems to come from a certain type of rock from a certain quarry. It is interesting to see that material from different vendors can have such varying properties. Mr. Schmitt added that varying properties in materials are not only seen from a supplier and a source but can at times be seen within the same source.

Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer, pointed out that they are not sure on the exact problem. It could be the rock and it could be the concrete. There is a difference between the two contractors in the way one section of the concrete is deteriorating.

Mr. Soeldner would like to see a written conclusion of the Summit. He added that the thing most evident was the fact the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal and McLean County do a good job of working together to better the community.

Mr. Wasson noted that feed back shows that in the future the Summit will maybe be a ½ day event twice a year instead of a full day once a year. They will generate a summary based upon the study groups. The summary will be distributed to the participants, and local government officials.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the County is in good shape with the salt supply and are where they need to be with the fuel supply.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any further business to be brought before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 8:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn  
Recording Secretary

