

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington St., Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: Member Logan Smith

Other Members Present: Chairman John McIntyre, Members Jim Soeldner and Catherine Metsker

Staff Members Present: Ms. Camille Rodriguez, County Administrator, Mr. Eric Schmitt, Assistant County Administrator, Cassy Taylor, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Jessica Woods First Assistant State's Attorney Civil Division, 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 Chairman Caisley at 8:00 a.m. and a quorum declared. Chairman Caisley asked for a moment of silence in memory of Highway Department worker Scott Bundy.

Ms. Elizabeth Johnston joined the meeting at 8:01 a.m.

Chairman Caisley indicated they would proceed out of order and first take up the Nicor presentation. Mr. Bernard Anderson, Regional Manager of Community Affairs introduced Mario Morrell, Director of Storage and Peaking. He also introduced Joe Deters Manager of Illinois Underground Storage facilities and Justin Weaver, construction manager. He indicated they are in the process of two installation projects at the Hudson and Ancona storage facilities and a replacement project at Hudson. He showed pictures of and went over the replacement of outdated equipment including truck routing and layout of plant in Hudson; the facility in McLean County. Mr. Friedrich asked him about a back-up compressor. Mr. Morrell indicated there are three compressors at Hudson so they would keep one and retire two of the older compressors. Mr. Caisley asked him to confirm the compressors do not directly affect the withdrawal of the gas. Mr. Morrell confirmed. Mr. Thompson asked if this was just storage. Mr. Morrell confirmed it is storage. Mr. Friedrich asked how many days storage they have. Mr. Joe Deters came up and explained the storage capacity of the facility. Mr. Friedrich asked if this was liquid or vapor. Mr. Deters confirmed it is vapor and explained storage of the gas vapor. Mr. Caisley asked if they sold gas to other companies. Mr. Deters stated larger commercial customers can buy their own molecules and they store them at their facility, but they do not sell to other companies. Chairman Caisley asked if there were further questions; hearing none, he thanked them for their time.

Chairman Caisley indicated there were no minutes for approval.

Chairman Caisley presented the bills for review and approval in the amount of \$1,375,379.73. Mr. Caisley asked if we could become members of the Farm Bureau to help with our FS bill each month by receiving dividends. Ms. Woods indicated she would look into it. Mr. Stokes indicated we are a member of the Farm Bureau but do not receive dividends.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Transportation Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0006	SHOW BUS		\$69,294.49	\$69,294.49
0120	HIGHWAY		\$336,075.09	\$336,075.09
0121	BRIDGE MATCHING FUND		\$466,974.24	\$466,974.24
0122	MCLEAN COUNTY MATCHING		\$104,972.24	\$104,972.24
0123	MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$298,923.21	\$298,923.21
0501	TOWNSHIP MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$99,140.46	\$99,140.46
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			\$1,375,379.73	\$1,375,379.73


COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Thompson/Watchinski to recommend payment of bills as submitted by the County Auditor in the amount of \$1,375,379.73
Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley confirmed no other appearances by members of the public or employees.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve a Motor Fuel Tax Resolution, for the Ron Smith Memorial Highway (CH63), Section 19-00123-02-RS.

Motion by Martin/Johnston to recommend approval of a Motor Fuel Tax Resolution, for the Ron Smith Memorial Highway (CH63), Section 19-00123-02-RS.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve a Motor Fuel Tax Resolution for Pipeline Road – PJ Keller Highway, Section 19-00192-00-RS.

Motion by Johnston/Thompson to recommend approval of a Motor Fuel Tax Resolution for Pipeline Road – PJ Keller Highway, Section 19-00192-00-RS.
Motion carried.

Mr. Stokes indicated both Covell Road and Stringtown Road projects are complete and final numbers had come in under budget. Mr. Stokes next provided an update on the Jefferson

St., Towanda project stating project and sidewalks, ramps and shoulders are complete. He stated there were just a few things left on the punch list. Mr. Stokes indicated the final surface of Old Colonial Road project was being applied today, with shoulder and driveway work to be completed shortly. He estimated that the project would be complete in about 2-3 weeks. He stated that CIR was the way to go with that project.

Mr. Stokes provided pictures of the Money Creek II Bridge project and went over status of the project. He explained the ground was hard so they had to switch piles, which caused a delay, but they are back on track now. Mr. Caisley asked if piles were structurally equivalent, Mr. Stokes confirmed they are.

Mr. Thompson asked him to provide definition of CIR. Mr. Stokes indicated it is cold in place replacement and discussed process.

Mr. Stokes next indicated that the Gillum Road project just started last week with milling next week and then resurfacing. Mr. Friedrich asked if there would be a bridge replacement. Mr. Stokes indicated that the bridge that goes over 74 is under IDOT jurisdiction. Mr. Friedrich asked for the specific location of resurfacing and how long the project would last. Mr. Stokes went over where the project will take place and stated it is scheduled to be completed October 1st. Mr. Friedrich asked if road would be closed. Mr. Stokes indicated road will not be closed, but will be down to 1 lane at times. Mr. Caisley asked if this was a TARP project. Mr. Stokes indicated they received approval for TARP (Truck Access Route Program) funds, which provides additional funding to upgrade to 80,000 pounds. Mr. Friedrich asked if there was timing for replacing the bridge as it was in bad shape. Mr. Stokes indicated IDOT has stated they have other structures they need to address first.

Mr. Stokes went over Stanford project brought forth at stand up last week. He showed pictures that showed the reasons for needing to move forward with the project. He explained the process of removing the concrete structure and putting in pipe. Mr. Stokes confirmed it was a 96-inch steel pipe with coating.

Chairman Caisley indicated the Field trip was cancelled for this month. After discussion regarding availability next month, it was the consensus of the Committee to not have a field trip this year.

Chairman Caisley asked if there was anything else to come before the Committee; hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Morlock

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