

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 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, Elizabeth Johnston, Logan Smith, Gerald Thompson Shayna Watchinski and William Friedrich

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Ms. Camille Rodriguez, County Administrator, Ms. Jessica Woods 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 presented the minutes from the February 4, 2020 regular meeting for review and approval.

Motion by Thompson/Johnston to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2020 regular meeting.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley presented a transfer and prepaid bills in the amount of \$376,017.56 for review and approval. Mr. Caisley asked about Pantagraph invoices. Mr. Stokes stated they were for construction project bids and a job posting. Mr. Stokes stated the transfer was for additional expenses for patch and culvert work. Mr. Martin asked about the clear talk invoice. Mr. Stokes stated that was for maintenance work on the repeater on Waterson Towers.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

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FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0120	HIGHWAY		\$148,975.58	\$148,975.58
0121	BRIDGE MATCHING FUND		\$34,898.88	\$34,898.88
0123	MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$187,714.62	\$187,714.62
0501	TOWNSHIP MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$4,428.48	\$4,428.48
			\$376,017.56	\$376,017.56


COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Friedrich/Martin to recommend payment of bills as submitted by the County Auditor in the amount of \$376,017.56 and the Transfer.
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 Resolution for February 24, 2020 Project & Material Letting. Mr. Stokes indicated this is for paving part of the windfarm project from last year. Mr. Caisley asked them to confirm seven miles. Mr. Stokes confirmed. Mr. Stokes stated this also included a 3-block reconstruction, storm sewer, curb and gutter and resurface project in Chenoa. Mr. Caisley asked if this also included sidewalks. Mr. Stokes confirmed. Mr. Stokes indicated other items are for township oil and chip work and maintenance items.

Motion by Martin/Watchinski recommend approval of a Resolution for February 24, 2020 Project & Material Letting.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve a Resolution for February 21, 2020 Equipment Letting. Mr. Stokes indicated these would go on the Tandems purchased in January. He went over what was included and indicated the welding shop will also do some of the work. Mr. Friedrich asked what the total cost of each truck would be. Mr. Stokes indicated last year was about \$178,000 per truck when all is added in including new spreader, plow, work done on truck and the truck. Mr. Caisley pointed out it would be more without our shop being able to do some of the work.

Motion by Thompson/Martin to recommend approval of a Resolution for February 21, 2020 Equipment Letting.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve an Engineering Services Agreement – Farnsworth Group, Brand II Bridge, Section 20-00057-12-BR – Stringtown Road (CH 32). Mr. Stokes showed pictures of the current bridge and went over reasons for work needing to be completed. He also went over history and past work done on the bridge that was built in 1963. He stated they would need to raise the bridge up so engineering costs will be a little higher. Mr. Martin asked him to confirm age of bridge and that there are others in similar age and condition. Mr. Stokes indicated there are about 5 bridges from about the same time period and indicated they are not as bad as this bridge. Ms. Johnston asked purpose behind raising bridge. Mr. Stokes indicated they would like to use steel beams, so they have to be raised above the flood plain. Ms. Johnston asked if the newer guardrail can be re-used. Mr. Stokes indicated it would not be able to be used on this project, but they would save it for other another project or repairs.

Motion by Martin/Johnston to recommend approval of an Engineering Services Agreement – Farnsworth Group, Brand II Bridge, Section 20-00057-12-BR – Stringtown Road (CH 32)

Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley presented for action a request to approve a Road Use Agreement with Ameren Illinois Company for McLean County Reliability Project. Mr. Stokes showed the Committee a map for the project and went over where it would affect County roads. He stated Road Use Agreement is similar to Enbridge Agreement when pipeline went through a few years ago. He stated there would be 78 structures on this 10-mile stretch. He went over the concrete structures, poles and lines that would be involved. Mr. Friedrich asked if the poles would be in our right of way. Mr. Stokes indicated they would not. Mr. Friedrich asked about width of right of way. Mr. Stokes indicated they have 100-foot easements. Mr. Friedrich asked about width of our County easements and if this went outside of that. Mr. Stokes indicated County has 80-foot easements, so they do go outside of that. Mr. Stokes said taller towers so poles can be spread out more. Mr. Caisley asked about height. Mr. Stokes indicated they had been told they would be 75 to 130 feet tall. Mr. Friedrich asked if all County roads had an 80-foot right of way. Mr. Stokes indicated that all hot mix roads are done at 80 feet and the oil and chip are usually around 30-35 feet. He indicated some bridge projects require larger right of ways. Mr. Caisley indicated he was concerned about provision regarding wages and asked Ms. Woods to give more information. Ms. Woods confirmed there was a change to Illinois Prevailing Wage Act that changed how it was set each year, but we still have to pay prevailing wage set by the State.

Motion by Martin/Watchinski to recommend approval of a Road Use Agreement with Ameren Illinois Company for McLean County Reliability Project

Motion Carried.

Mr. Caisley indicated there were no recent positions filled at the Highway Department.

Chairman Caisley asked if there was anything else to come before the Committee; hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 8:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Morlock

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