

Minutes of the Land Use and Transportation Committee

The Land Use and Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington St., Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman James Soeldner, Members William Friedrich, Gerald Thompson, Lea Cline, Jim Rogal and Beverly Bell

Members Absent Member Shayna Watchinski

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Cassy Taylor, County Administrator; Cathy Dreyer, Assistant County Administrator; Anthony Grant, Assistant County Administrator; Christopher Spanos, First Assistant State's Attorney – Civil Division, Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Jerry Stokes, County Engineer

Others Present: Luke Hohulin, Assistant County Engineer

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Soeldner at 8:00 a.m. and a quorum declared.

Chairman Soeldner presented the April 5, 2022, Land Use and Transportation Committee regular meeting minutes for approval.

Motion by Rogal/Cline to approve the April 5, 2022, Land Use and Transportation Committee regular meeting minutes.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented prepaid bills in the amount of \$1,137.16 for Building and Zoning and \$724,553.57 for Highway.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Land Use Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$1,137.16	\$1,137.16
			\$1,137.16	\$1,137.16

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Transportation Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0006	SHOW BUS		\$225,800.71	\$225,800.71
0120	HIGHWAY		\$114,740.72	\$114,740.72
0121	BRIDGE MATCHING FUND		\$124,633.66	\$124,633.66
0123	MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$211,034.45	\$211,034.45
0601	TOWNSHIP MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$48,344.03	\$48,344.03
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			\$724,553.57	\$724,553.57



COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Friedrich/Bell to recommend payment of bills as presented.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner confirmed with Cassy Taylor there were no appearances by members of the public or employees.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve Motor Fuel & Matching Tax Resolutions, Holder Road (CH 25) – Section 22-00040-06-SC. Mr. Stokes went over projects that would be included. Mr. Soeldner asked Mr. Stokes to confirm Funds the amounts were to be paid from. Mr. Stokes confirmed and indicated they rounded up to try to cover the increase in material costs. Mr. Soeldner asked if they would be able to keep at least one lane open during the project. Mr. Stokes confirmed.

Motion by Thompson/Friedrich to recommend approval of Motor Fuel & Matching Tax Resolutions, Holder Road (CH 25) – Section 22-00040-06-SC

Motion Carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve a Bridge Construction Petition for Riprap Installation, Bansau Bridge, Martin Road District – 21-22140-00-BR and a Bridge Construction Petition for Riprap Installation, Moore’s Mill Bridge, Mount Hope Road District – 21-24121-00-BR. Mr. Stokes went over projects, showed pictures and discussed how this would help prevent scour holes that might undermine bridges. Mr. Friedrich asked how many bridges there were in the County and how many were under the County’s jurisdiction. Mr. Stokes indicated there are 380 total bridges in the County, 293 are Township controlled and 87 are County controlled. Mr. Friedrich asked how many might be at risk for scouring. Mr. Stokes indicated about six but these two are the critical ones. Ms. Bell asked if he had current photos. Mr. Stokes indicated he could send her pictures. Ms. Bell asked about weight limits on the bridges. Mr. Stokes indicated there are weight limits posted on the roads that lead to these bridges. Mr. Thompson asked about the process they use to get rip rap under bridges and Mr. Stokes went over equipment they use, but indicated these projects will involve more water work, so they were contracted out.

Motion by Thompson/Cline to recommend approval of Bridge Construction Petition for Riprap Installation, Bansau Bridge, Martin Road District – 21-22140-

00-BR and a Bridge Construction Petition for Riprap Installation, Moore's Mill Bridge, Mount Hope Road District – 21-24121-00-BR
Motion Carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve a Motor Fuel Tax Resolution, Stringtown Road (CH 32) – Section 22-00057-13-RS. Mr. Stokes indicated this was not scheduled for this year, but there is a chance they could get grant funding. With that in mind they wanted to go ahead and get the first phase started in case they could get grant funds. Mr. Stokes went over project that would upgrade the road to 80,000lbs. Mr. Soeldner asked where this project was in relation to the gravel pit. Mr. Stokes indicated it was West of the gravel pit.

Motion by Friedrich/Cline to recommend approval of a Motor Fuel Tax Resolution, Stringtown Road (CH 32) – Section 22-00057-13-RS
Motion Carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve a Bridge Construction Petition for Joint Culvert Replacement #1, Dry Grove Road District. Mr. Stokes went over project and how it would assist with flooding. Mr. Soeldner asked how subdivision traffic would be impacted. Mr. Stokes indicated they would have to close the road for a couple of weeks and went over alternate routes for those that live in the area.

Motion by Rogal/Thompson to recommend approval of a Bridge Construction Petition for Joint Culvert Replacement #1, Dry Grove Road District
Motion Carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve a Bridge Construction Petition for Joint Culvert Replacement #1, Gridley Road District. Mr. Stokes indicated when road commissioner talked to them about making the road wider and resurfacing they looked over culverts and noted a couple that needed to be replaced that would be included in this project to assist with water flow. Ms. Bell asked him to confirm manholes. Mr. Stokes confirmed two. Mr. Stokes went over time frame of project.

Motion by Cline/Bell to recommend approval of a Bridge Construction Petition for Joint Culvert Replacement #1, Gridley Road District
Motion Carried.

Mr. Stokes provided an update and showed pictures of the Brand II bridge project outside of Stanford. Mr. Thompson asked about material and size of piles. Mr. Stokes went over material used for Piles. Mr. Stokes provided an update on the meadows Road Project. Mr. Soeldner asked if project was being paid with Rebuild Illinois Funds. Mr. Stokes confirmed. Mr. Stokes indicated the White Oak Road project was scheduled to begin in a few weeks. Mr. Soeldner asked if traffic signals triggers in the road would be updated. Mr. Hohulin indicated they are transitioning from activations in pavement to microwave or video activations. He stated they were working with the City of Bloomington to make that change with this project. Mr. Soeldner asked if the City of Bloomington would pay for those as well as maintenance. Mr. Hohulin indicated expense was covered under a joint agreement with the City of Bloomington.

Mr. Stokes also noted they planned to start oil and chip in May and indicated they were starting the first pours on the Sapphire Sky Windfarm.

Ms. Cline asked about new solar farm being proposed and how those might impact our roads differently from Windfarms. Mr. Stokes confirmed impact is not same as loads are not as heavy for solar farms. Mr. Stokes indicated they were in discussions with Mr. Phil Dick and Dale Township on Township Road agreements to cover damages and spell out weight limits. He noted they had provided them with an agreement the County had used in the past as an example. Ms. Cline asked them to confirm this matter would not come to this Committee. Discussion about process to get approval for the project. Mr. Stokes noted request of ZBA is for special use to see if they can even use the land and then company would have to get building and other permits issued by the County that would go through the Committee and Board cycle. Ms. Cline asked him to confirm that this company did not have the reputation for not paying fines. Mr. Stokes indicated he had not heard of any issues.

Mr. Friedrich asked if there had been any issues with the new windfarm. Mr. Stokes indicated he had received one dust complaint. Mr. Friedrich asked if Administration had received any complaints. Ms. Taylor indicated they had not. Mr. Friedrich asked if they could please contact him if they did as he wanted to stay on top of any complaints. Mr. Thompson asked if they would be putting slopes on roads where rock had been laid as there were significant drop offs. Mr. Stokes indicated the Company would be bringing in dirt to shore up rock but right now there is no dry dirt to deliver. Mr. Thompson asked about additional signs on roads where they transition to gravel. Mr. Stokes indicated he would talk with windfarm about putting up additional signs for those transitions.

Mr. Friedrich thanked him for work on flashing signs and asked about colors and if the stop signs would also flash. Mr. Stokes indicated they had done they yellow warning signs first and were working to put in the stop signs. Mr. Stokes also noted there were some locations that were considered State roads.

Chairman Soeldner indicated Mr. Phil Dick was not present and did not have any actions items. Mr. Soeldner reminded Members of the Zoning meeting this evening on the solar farm.

Chairman Soeldner asked if Ms. Taylor had anything for the Committee. Ms. Taylor indicated she had nothing for the Committee for action. She thanked Jerry and Luke for their help with parking lot resurfacing projects for Metcom and the Government Center. She indicated funding requests would be going to other committees based on how they were being funded.

Chairman Soeldner noted the date and time of next meeting and asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee; hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Morlock

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Recording Secretary