

**MEETING: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**DATE/ TIME:** Monday, October 18, 2010 - 8:00 A.M.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Sinn, John Ackerman, Rosemary Palmer, Terry Von Boeckman, Jim Carius, Mel Stanford and Jan Donahue

**ABSENT:** Joe Berardi

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**MINUTES:** **MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY DONAHUE** to approve the minutes of September 20, 2010. **MOTION CARRIED** on voice vote.  
**Approve**

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
**General Maintenance Update**

Mr. Anderson informed the committee that Winkel Road was completed last week and waiting to pay out the final billing.

**Springfield Road Route 98 to Muller Road Update**

Mr. Anderson informed the committee that 98% of the job is complete. Seeding will be done on Tuesday or Wednesday and striping later this week. The curve relocation in front of the Victorious Life Church now looks natural.

**Broadway Road Bridge Update**

Mr. Anderson stated that the dirt work on the west side is complete and the abutments on the east are being formed. R. A. Cullinan will shut down their asphalt plant around Thanksgiving so probably no paving will be done prior to winter shutdown.

**Sign Upgrade Program Update**

Mr. Anderson stated that the Sign Upgrade Program should have been bid today, but the Feds had to approve the design plan and that was completed one day later than expected. We will bid in November. Mr. Carius inquired to whom we would purchase the signs. Mr. Anderson stated that we had 3 sources for the purchases. The plans will identify the number of signs and hardware for each township and municipality.

**II. Rte. 122 & Mackinaw Road Update**

Mr. Anderson informed the committee that the project has been completed and are waiting for a final pay estimate. IDOT will be reimbursing us for 50% of the cost.

**Budget Discussion**

Mr. Anderson informed the committee that the Highway Department budget meeting went well with the primary discussion on overtime. County Board parameters reduced the monies for overtime. Mr. Anderson mentioned that we are at the mercy of weather for snow removal, but overtime for technical staff should be less this year. We still have the contingent line item if needed. He informed the committee that we have received \$381,000 for the Illinois Jobs Now Capital Program for motor fuel as well as \$178,227 for the townships. Mr. David Jones recommended an increase of \$200,000 ± in the levy for County Highway fund with a reduction in levy for Matching Tax. Mr. Ackerman stated he will oppose the budget amount in the overtime line item because he doesn't believe it is realistic.

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**NEW BUSINESS:****Administrative Secy.  
Position Discussion**

Mr. Anderson informed the committee that we have received several applications here and at the Human Resource Department. Applications will be accepted until Friday. We will start to set up interviews in the next couple of weeks.

**Street Name Signs**

Mr. Anderson informed the committee that we established the name, Evergreen Lane for Township Road 589 and Spruce Street for Township Road 538 (previously named Walnut Street) in Dillon Township. The 2010 Census had to be completed before the ordering of the signs.

**RESOLUTION:**

**MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY STANFORD** to recommend to the County Board to establish the name, Evergreen Lane and Spruce Street, in Dillon Township, subject to the approval of the County Board. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**OTHER MATTERS:****Mackinaw River  
Scour Project**

Mr. Anderson informed the committee that the scour project on Springfield Road at the Mackinaw River, would be completed today.

Mr. Anderson informed the committee that on November 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be a symposium at Bradley University. Secretary LaHood will be the key speaker. He will discuss the future of Midwest Transportation. The cost will be \$125, which also includes lunch.

Mr. Ackerman asked if we had heard about the million dollar grant to Tri County Planning Commission for future land use and future roads. Mr. Anderson has not.

Mr. Anderson stated that a serious accident occurred this week-end on Manito Road at the bridge between Sapp Road and Powerton, with approach guardrail damaged. Several of the maintenance personnel were called out on overtime due to the vehicular accident. This may be an insurance claim if the driver is insured.

Mr. Anderson attended the IACE Fall meeting last week and informed them that a lot of the counties are reporting their budgets are being slashed.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**MOTION BY VON BOECKMAN, SECOND BY DONAHUE** to approve the bills as presented and recommend payment to the County Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Sinn adjourned the meeting at 8:35 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Monday, **November 8, 2010**, at 8:00 A.M.