

MEETING: **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

DATE/ TIME: Tuesday, December 7, 2010 - 8:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Sinn, John Ackerman, Rosemary Palmer, Duane Gray, Jim Carius, and Jan Donahue

ABSENT: Terry Von Boeckman and Mel Stanford

Chairman Sinn introduced our new committee member, Duane Gray.

MINUTES: **MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY DONAHUE** to approve the minutes of November 8, 2010. **MOTION CARRIED** on voice vote.
Approve

Chairman Sinn explained the reason why the committee had to be moved to another date from the original Monday meeting. One half of the board was not on board until after the swearing in procedure. He apologized for any inconvenience caused for the members.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Broadway Road
Bridge Update**

Mr. Anderson informed the committee that the Otto Baum Company had the deck ready to pour and the weather hit. They will resume work in the spring.

**Office Manager
Position Update**

Mr. Anderson stated that he had interviewed 3 candidates for the Office Manager position a second time. He has hired Ms. Jesi Harper who is currently working in the Probation department. She has also worked in the Sheriff's department and has run a small business. He invited all three to come in and shadow with Shaaron and Randy. We were all unanimous in the decision in hiring Jesi. She will start January 10, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS:

Winter Preparations

Mr. Anderson stated that the first storm of the season arrived this last week-end. Overtime has begun for the new fiscal year. The wind was a major problem with temperatures dropping. Ice spots are quite frequent. Randy's crew usually starts their routes at 4:00 AM before commuters hit the roadways later in the morning.

**Speed Study--Stonegate
Subdivision, Groveland
Township**

Mr. Anderson informed the committee that Mr. Dave Risinger, Groveland Township Road Commissioner, had requested a speed study in Stonegate Subdivision off of Sheridan Road. A petition was submitted from the residents requesting a 25 MPH speed. The speed study revealed that the speed limit be posted at 30 MPH.

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY ACKERMAN to recommend to the County Board an ordinance for a 30 MPH speed limit in Groveland Township, Stonegate Subdivision. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**Annual General
Maintenance**

Mr. Anderson explained that this is the motor fuel program for the fiscal year. The resolution is sent to IDOT for approval. Each individual item on the general maintenance program will receive bids here in our office later in the fiscal year.

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- RESOLUTION:** **MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY PALMER** to recommend to the County Board approval of a Resolution appropriating a total amount of \$3,505,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the following maintenance programs: \$125,000.00 for Paint, \$50,000.00 for Beads, \$330,000.00 for Salt, \$200,000.00 for Guardrails, and \$20,000.00 for Gravel and the balance for road work. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.
- Annual Equipment** Mr. Anderson informed the committee that a resolution is required to take bids for the purchase of new equipment and for the motor grader that had been leased for the last 5 years, from County Highway Tax Funds.
- RESOLUTION:** **MOTION BY ACKERMAN, SECOND BY CARIUS** to recommend to the County Board approval of a Resolution appropriating a total amount of \$199,000.00 of County Highway Tax Funds for new equipment. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.
- Annual Road and Bridge Projects** Mr. Anderson informed the committee that a resolution is required to take bids for road and bridge projects. These projects are not funded by County Motor Fuel.
- RESOLUTION:** **MOTION BY GRAY, SECOND BY PALMER** to recommend to the County Board that the County Engineer be authorized to take bids. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.
- NACE Convention** Mr. Anderson informed the committee that the annual NACE convention would be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota this year and he would like to attend. The convention would be paid from the County Highway Funds, Conferences and Seminars budget for 2011.
- RESOLUTION:** **MOTION BY ACKERMAN, SECOND BY GRAY** to approve the request. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.
- IPLSA Convention** Mr. Anderson informed the committee that Mr. Dan Parr would like to attend the IPLSA conference in Springfield to keep his surveying license up to date.
- RESOLUTION:** **MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY CARIUS** to approve the request. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.
- Veterans Road Discussion** Mr. Anderson informed the committee that the highway department has been working on a bridge in Fondulac Township for some time. Federal bridge funds are available for this project. The design is nearly complete. This bridge is located near Cullinan's pit on Veterans Road and receives a twice a year inspection with the worst rated bridge in the county. Mr. Clay Moushon owns property near the proposed site and has asked for the township to purchase the entire property at an approximate cost of \$40,000.00. The Fondulac Township

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board is concerned about its share of the costs. Mr. Roger Cramer, Fondulac Township Road Commissioner, is having problems with the township board in the matter of authority regarding this project. The board may want to ask the county for additional financial help. The board has OK'd the acquisition of the property at a value of \$60,000.00±. Morton, Groveland, and Fondulac townships all feed into Veterans Road. Mr. Anderson stated that backing out at this time is not a desirable option due to the poor condition of the bridge.

OTHER MATTERS:

Chairman Sinn informed the committee that for Shaaron Metzger's retirement, she is planning on a lunch at the highway department on January 7, 2011 and invited all of the committee members.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Sinn adjourned the meeting at 8:40 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Monday, January 17, 2011, at 8:00 A.M.