

MEETING: **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

DATE/ TIME: Monday, February 14, 2011 - 8:00 A.M.

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

ABSENT: Duane Gray

MINUTES: **MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY VON BOECKMAN** to approve the
Approve minutes of January 17, 2011 **MOTION CARRIED** on voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Broadway Road
Bridge Update**

Mr. Anderson stated there was nothing to update except Mr. Larry Bolliger, Tremont Township Road Commissioner, hired a plow Thursday after the storm, and they did a good job on the route. The route was open before majority of the township roads.

Veterans Rd. Bridge

Mr. Anderson informed the committee Mr. Dan Parr is working on acquisition of property. He stated the bid will be late summer, and it is still a complicated ordeal.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Blizzard 2011 –
Overtime and Salt Usage**

Mr. Anderson pointed out and discussed the winter storm timeline prepared in the meeting packet. He summarized the events such as meetings with E.S.D.A. and David Jones. Mr. Anderson stated a game plan was constructed in case the storm was going to be as bad as predicted. The storm was in fact as bad as predicted, and the Highway Department guys worked accordingly. They were pulled off of the road when visibility and plowing capabilities became impossible, and they stayed in for the night. Six workers even stayed overnight in the Highway Department Office Building fearing if they went home they would not be able to make it back. It was noted their dedication was impressive. Tazewell County, along with sister counties, knew how important it was to have the plows unstuck and working properly when the storm settled. Once the crew began to plow again, the roads were widened out by Thursday afternoon and cleared to bare pavement by Friday afternoon. Chairman Sinn stated the storm was well planned and the Highway Department did the best they could. He said they should be well commended for their efforts. He also asked about the cost and I.E.M.A./F.E.M.A. involvement. Mr. Anderson said very little overtime and no salt was used. He stated the storm clipper that weekend used more overtime and salt than the blizzard. Mr. Evelsizer added the salt was unnecessary during the storm since the ice was not an issue. Mr. Anderson stated the county, townships, villages, and cities were all working to prepare figures for I.E.M.A. With these figures, it would be determined if our area would be reimbursed for storm costs.

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**Farmdale Rd. Meeting
with I.C.C. Funding
Shortfall**

Mr. Anderson stated Fondulac Township initiated this project, but now Tazewell County Highway has taken over. The project will involve the elimination of two railroad crossings by relocating a portion of the road. I.C.C. currently has \$330,000 committed, but may be willing to commit more. A meeting has been scheduled with the Interstate Commerce Commission on February 24, 2011, to discuss the status, and as of now, the project has a shortfall of \$700,000. Mr. Anderson said the Highway Department will need help deciding if we should financially take on this project or not, and if we do not take it on, we will lose the substantial amount offered by I.C.C. Chairman Sinn questioned if the road would be utilized regardless of repair. Mr. Anderson stated it would be used either way, but the continuous traffic will just mean a repair later on down the road and possibly no contribution from I.C.C.

**OTHER MATTERS:
Approval of Bills**

MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY STANFORD to approve the bills as presented and recommend payment to the County Board.

Mr. Anderson addressed an article in the Peoria Journal Star in regards to City of Peoria and tandem bids. Mr. Anderson stated Tazewell has not bid a tandem in the last two years, and it is delaying the inevitable. He added things went smoothly during the storm because of the quality of the equipment, but we need to be concerned about keeping the fleet updated.

Salt bids were questioned, and Mr. Anderson and Mr. Evelsizer informed the committee we are within 200 tons of our minimum by contract. Mr. Carius asked if the salt would be fine throughout the summer if we met our minimum without actually using it. Mr. Evelsizer said it would be fine to sit because of the dome protection.

Mr. Anderson also informed the committee of the maintenance worker's contract nearing end, and the County Board may be making a vote soon.

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, March 21, 2011, at 8:00 A.M.