

DATE/ TIME: Monday, March 21, 2011 - 8:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Sinn, Rosemary Palmer, Mel Stanford, Jim Carius, Jim Donahue, and John Ackerman

ABSENT: Terry Von Boeckman

MINUTES: **MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY ACKERMAN** to approve the minutes of February 14, 2011, and January 27, 2010. **MOTION CARRIED** on voice vote.

Approve

Chairman Sinn introduced and welcomed new County Board member, Mr. Jim Donahue, to the Transportation Committee.

LETTING: **MOTION BY STANFORD, SECOND BY CARIUS** to close bids for the following items:

**Sec. 11-00000-04-GM
Rock Salt**

Sec. 11-00000-04-GM
County Motor Fuel Tax Fund

Cargill, Inc.....	\$63.79/Ton	\$577,618.45
Central Salt LLC.....	\$72.89/Ton	\$660,018.95
Morton Salt Company.....	\$66.03/Ton	\$597,901.65

Mr. Anderson informed the committee the salt bid includes seven townships and two villages. The seven townships are as follows: Groveland, Elm Grove, Cincinnati, Delavan, Washington, Morton, and Dillon. The two villages, Hopedale and Morton, were added to the bid this year. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Evelsizer also added the new bid is up from last year's bid by only \$0.90 per ton, and they are pleased considering fuel costs are higher. Mr. Carius inquired about township and village salt deliveries. Mr. Anderson stated deliveries would be made directly to the appropriate township or village storage facilities.

RESOLUTION: **MOTION BY ACKERMAN, SECOND BY STANFORD** to accept the low bid of Cargill in the amount of \$63.79/Ton, or \$577,618.45, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**Sec. 11-00078-00-DR
Springfield Road Culvert**

Sec. 11-00078-00-DR, Culvert
County Bridge Fund

R.A. Cullinan & Son.....	\$56,455.68
Midwest Bridge & Crane, Inc....	\$63,893.41
Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc.....	\$60,661.00
Stark Excavating, Inc.....	\$46,985.00
Otto Baum Construction.....	\$49,335.00

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Chairman Sinn asked Mr. Anderson to describe this job. Mr. Anderson stated the project, that will be located south of Dillon, is necessary due to a partial failure of the existing box culvert. Mr. Anderson said the road will remain open to traffic with one lane completed at a time with flaggers controlling traffic. Mr. Donahue questioned where the estimates come from since the estimate for this job is lower than the bids, and Mr. Anderson informed him historical data for similar type work is the foundation behind the estimates. The estimate is provided by in-house staff. The competitive bidding provided by five contractors shows what the job will essentially cost and may reflect higher fuel prices.

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY PALMER, SECOND BY DONAHUE to accept the low bid of Stark Excavating in the amount of \$46,985.00, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**Sec. 11-01000-00-GM
Boynton Road District**

Sec. 11-01000-00-GM, Bituminous Class A-1
Township Motor Fuel Tax

Beniach Construction.....	\$66,520.90
R.A. Cullinan & Son.....	\$60,258.90

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY ACKERMAN to accept the low bid of R.A. Cullinan & Son in the amount of \$60,258.90, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**Sec. 11-05000-00-GM
Dillon Road District**

Sec. 11-05000-00-GM, Bituminous Class A-1
Township Motor Fuel Tax

Beniach Construction.....	\$49,968.80
R.A. Cullinan & Son.....	\$48,317.15

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY STANFORD, SECOND BY PALMER to accept the low bid of R.A. Cullinan & Son in the amount of \$48,317.15, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**Sec. 11-18000-00-GM
Tremont Road District**

Sec. 11-18000-00-GM, Bituminous Class A-1
Township Motor Fuel Tax & Non-MFT

Beniach Construction.....	\$67,178.40
R.A. Cullinan & Son.....	\$60,263.65

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RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY ACKERMAN, SECOND BY DONAHUE to accept the low bid of R.A. Cullinan & Son in the amount of \$60,236.65, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Broadway Road Bridge
Update**

Mr. Anderson informed the committee the bridge deck was poured Friday, March 18. Although there was slight rain, weather did not affect the pour. Mr. Paul Augspurger added that no substantial issues arose. Mr. Anderson said the contractor will now focus on getting the bridge abutments backfilled and compacted. The roadway will have to be regraded prior to R.A. Cullinan & Son placing the asphalt approaches. Weather permitting; we are hopeful of reopening the road in late April or early May. Mr. Anderson also notified the committee of the recent and unfortunate passing of Ms. Koepnick, a property owner adjacent to the bridge. He stated his regret for her passing.

Veterans Road Bridge

Mr. Anderson advised the committee of Mr. Dan Parr's progress with right of way acquisition, and three more properties remain to be acquired. An agreement has been reached with Mr. Moushon. The railroad has been the main problem due to difficulty in getting them to respond. The plan is to bid the project this summer. Mr. Anderson provided a brief description of the project to Mr. Donahue by stating Veterans Rd. has the poorest condition rating in the county. The bridge replacement will hopefully start this year and cost \$1,200,000, of which 80% are Federal Funds.

**Farmdale Road
Meeting with Interstate
Commerce Commission
(ICC)**

Mr. Anderson gave an update by stating the road, maintained by Fondulac Township, is in need of relocation for safety reasons and will consist of eliminating two railroad crossings. However, Fondulac Township does not have sufficient funds to complete the project. The Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) has now offered \$500,000, up from \$330,000, to put towards the project and has proposed an additional \$250,000 if IDOT will agree to fund a third railroad crossing. As a result, an application has been submitted to IDOT in regards to the third crossing. Since there will still be a \$300,000-\$400,000 shortfall, Tazewell County may need to cover the deficit or risk losing the ICC funds. The consultant has been requested to see if costs of the project can be lowered.

Eastern Bypass Update

Mr. Anderson said he and Chairman Sinn recently attended a Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) meeting regarding the Eastern Bypass. Both said the project has to meet various parameters, and there are several variables to consider. One variable in particular consists of eliminating the numerous possible routes for the bypass. Chairman Sinn stated the committee is trying to downsize the 14 possible routes to five possible routes. Mr. Donahue asked how members for CAG are selected and what authority do they have. Mr. Anderson and Chairman Sinn explained the committee is made up of volunteers to provide input to IDOT.

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Specifically, Mr. Anderson volunteered, and Chairman Sinn was appointed by County Board Chairman Zimmerman to represent Tazewell County. From the committee's input, IDOT can make a better educated decision, but ultimately IDOT has the final say and all authority. Mr. Ackerman added the committee is established to help with "buy-in" from stakeholders and help to remove criticism IDOT would receive if a project was built without the input of the community it was being established in.

**Rural Sign Upgrade
Program Update**

Mr. Anderson began by affirming the Sign Upgrade Program is 100% funded by IDOT with labor being the responsibility of the local agency. A few villages and townships have received their first deliveries of posts and bolts. Included in this month's Accounts Payables are checks to Allied Municipal Supply for these deliveries. Sign deliveries will be at a later date. Each entity, including the County, will be responsible for putting up their own signs.

**NEW BUSINESS:
Culvert Replacement on
Hopedale Road.**

Mr. Anderson informed the committee Hopedale Road will be closed from Townline Rd. to Kentuckiana starting March 22nd and lasting approximately three days, weather permitting. The closure is needed to replace a culvert damaged from the wet winter. This week was chosen to coincide with local schools' Spring Break. (Olympia)

**Sec. 09-00010-15-RS
Manito/Townline Road**

Mr. Anderson requested the approval of a final cost for the project that was budgeted in 2009.

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY STANFORD to approve the final construction costs, subject to approval of the County Board. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**OTHER MATTERS:
Meeting with
Representative Unes**

Mr. Anderson stated he and Mr. Dan Parr attended a meeting with Representative Mike Unes. He said the meeting went well, and they discussed future projects, including Terminal Ave. and Farmdale Rd., which would involve Representative Unes.

Bidding Fuel Prices

Mr. Anderson and Mr. Eveltizer informed the committee of a discussion they had with John Papenhouse of Ag-Land in regards to fuel prices. They said they were advised against bidding fuel prices now because the bid would be based on emotion, and the Highway Department might actually be buying high. Papenhouse said fuel may drop after Memorial Day, and the best time to bid would be from November to February. Mr. Anderson said the Highway Department will look into bidding fuel prices at a later date.

**Heritage Lake
Homeowners**

Mr. Anderson informed the committee of inquiries by Heritage Lake homeowners wanting their road system's maintenance to be the jurisdiction of a government system. In this case, they would like Mackinaw Township to take

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over. However, the current road system is in need of major repair. The estimated cost for repairs, estimated by representatives of the homeowners, would be approximately \$2,500,000. A preliminary meeting may be scheduled with representatives of Tazewell County Highway Department, Mackinaw Township Road Commissioner, and Homeowners Association during the week of March 28th, 2011. Mr. Parr added if the estimate of \$2,500,000 is accurate the cost could be met by 500 homes of Heritage Lake paying \$500 per year for 10 years.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION BY ACKERMAN, SECOND BY STANFORD to approve the bills as presented and recommend payment to the County Board.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Sinn adjourned the meeting at 9:07 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Monday, April 18, 2011, at 8:00 A.M.