

DATE/ TIME: Monday, May 16, 2011 - 8:00 A.M.

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

ABSENT: Jim Carius

MINUTES: **MOTION BY PALMER, SECOND BY VON BOECKMAN** to approve the minutes of April 18, 2011. **MOTION CARRIED** on voice vote.

Approve

Chairman Sinn introduced and welcomed new County Board member, Mrs. Nancy Proehl, to the Transportation Committee.

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

Sec. 11-00000-08-GM
Tazewell County General
Maintenance

Sec. 11-00000-08-GM
County Motor Fuel Tax Fund

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| R.A. Cullinan & Son..... | \$443,939.74 |
| Fischer Excavating..... | \$405,438.86 |

RESOLUTION: **MOTION BY ACKERMAN, SECOND BY DONAHUE** to accept the low bid of Fischer Excavating in the amount of \$405,438.86, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

Mr. Anderson noted this project was bid because of the savings achieved from the general maintenance bid last month being nearly \$500,000 less than the estimate.

Sec. 11-00080-00-RS
Tazewell County
Pavement Sealing

Sec. 11-00080-00-RS
County Matching Tax Fund

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| American Road Maintenance..... | \$146,843.48 |
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RESOLUTION: **MOTION BY ACKERMAN, SECOND BY PALMER** to accept the low bid of American Road Maintenance in the amount of \$146,843.48, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

Sec. 11-00081-00-DR
Washington Road Culvert
Extension

Sec. 11-00081-00-DR
County Bridge Fund

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| Otto Baum Company, Inc..... | \$49,452.00 |
| R.A. Cullinan & Son..... | \$81,149.20 |
| Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc..... | \$42,112.00 |
| N.E. Finch Co..... | \$113,311.00 |
| Stark Excavating..... | \$68,312.60 |
| Fischer Excavating..... | \$76,097.60 |

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY ACKERMAN, SECOND BY DONAHUE to accept the low bid of Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$42,112.00, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

Sec. 11-01000-01-GM
Boynton Road District

Sec. 11-01000-01-GM
Township Motor Fuel Tax Fund

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| R.A. Cullinan & Son..... | \$16,445.03 |
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RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY PALMER, SECOND BY DONAHUE to accept the low bid of R.A. Cullinan & Son in the amount of \$16,445.03, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

Sec. 11-02000-01-GM
Cincinnati Road District

Sec. 11-02000-01-GM
Township Motor Fuel Tax Fund

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| R.A. Cullinan & Son..... | \$40,582.66 |
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RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY VON BOECKMAN, SECOND BY DONAHUE to accept the low bid of R.A. Cullinan & Son in the amount of \$40,582.66, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

Sec. 11-03000-00-GM
Deer Creek Road District

Sec. 11-03000-00-GM
Township Motor Fuel Tax Fund

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| R.A. Cullinan & Son..... | \$53,184.27 |
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RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY ACKERMAN, SECOND BY PALMER to accept the low bid of R.A. Cullinan & Son in the amount of \$53,184.27, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**Sec. 11-04000-00-GM
Delavan Road District**

Sec. 11-04000-00-GM
Township Motor Fuel Tax Fund

R.A. Cullinan & Son..... \$33,682.62

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY VON BOECKMAN, SECOND BY DONAHUE to accept the low bid of R.A. Cullinan & Son in the amount of \$33,682.62, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation.
MOTION CARRIED on a voice vote.

**Sec. 11-08000-00-GM
Groveland Road District**

Sec. 11-08000-00-GM
Township Motor Fuel Tax Fund

R.A. Cullinan & Son..... \$137,521.91
Beniach Construction Co., Inc... \$128,980.00

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY STANFORD to accept the low bid of Beniach Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$128,980.00, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation.
MOTION CARRIED on a voice vote.

**Sec. 11-12000-00-GM
Mackinaw Road District**

Sec. 11-12000-00-GM
Township Motor Fuel Tax Fund

R.A. Cullinan & Son..... \$165,171.78
Beniach Construction Co., Inc... \$147,585.60

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY STANFORD, SECOND BY ACKERMAN to accept the low bid of Beniach Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$147,585.60, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**Sec. 11-16000-00-GM
Sand Prairie Road District**

Sec. 11-16000-00-GM
Township Motor Fuel Tax Fund

R.A. Cullinan & Son..... \$41,811.92
Beniach Construction Co., Inc... \$39,693.15

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY STANFORD, SECOND BY DONAHUE to accept the low bid of Beniach Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$39,693.15, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation.
MOTION CARRIED on a voice vote.

Sec. 11-17000-03-GM Sec. 11-17000-03-GM
Spring Lake Road District Township Motor Fuel Tax Fund

R.A. Cullinan & Son..... \$34,800.78

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY STANFORD, SECOND BY DONAHUE to accept the low bid of R.A. Cullinan & Son in the amount of \$34,800.78, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

Sec. 11-03000-01-GM Sec. 11-03000-01-GM
Deer Creek Road District Non-MFT

R.A. Cullinan & Son..... \$23,234.01

NOTE: THIS PROJECT WAS BID AS A CONVENIENCE TO DEER CREEK TOWNSHIP AND WAS NOT NECESSARY TO BRING TO THE COMMITTEE FOR A VOTE.

Sec. 11-18000-01-GM Sec. 11-18000-01-GM
Tremont Road District Non-MFT

R.A. Cullinan & Son..... \$53,766.81

NOTE: THIS PROJECT WAS BID AS A CONVENIENCE TO TREMONT TOWNSHIP AND WAS NOT NECESSARY TO BRING TO THE COMMITTEE FOR A VOTE.

OLD BUSINESS:
Broadway Road Bridge Update

Mr. Anderson stated paving has been scheduled for this week. Opening for this road is expected to be in two weeks once the paving is complete and the guardrails are up. Otto Baum was given a set number of Working Days in the contract, and they have depleted their days. When the project is finished there will likely be a penalty. Mr. Ackerman added he is quite impressed with how far the bridge deck was built up. He said it cut down on the up and down hills of the road, and it is now much more fluid. Mr. Anderson stated because of the late start last year (June 2010) it was going to be very difficult to get all of the work done in 2010, which turned out to be accurate. The bridge deck was poured in March 2011, but heavy rains in April and May have hindered the base preparation for pavement work.

Veterans Road Bridge Update

Mr. Anderson stated the Pekin Times just printed an article about this project that day. He advised the project, in Fondulac Township, will be paid with Federal Funds. The county has obtained three Right of Way parcels, and the fourth, with Norfolk Southern, is underway.

Mr. Anderson said this project will be bid through IDOT due to the use of Federal Funds.

**Rural Sign Upgrade
Update**

Mr. Anderson advised the committee that the sign deliveries should begin this week. He stated all of the signs in Tazewell, including municipalities with a population under 5,000, all 18 townships, and Tazewell County highways, will be upgraded with Federal Funds.

Heritage Lake Update

Mr. Anderson stated the most current activity involves a petition being circulated throughout the homeowners. The main goal for Heritage Lake is to have their now private road maintained by a government entity. They have been turned down by the Village of Mackinaw, and they are now asking for Mackinaw Township to take over the roads. Chairman Sinn stated the subdivision has outgrown its ability to maintain the roads, and the cost to repair the roads before handing them over is the big issue at hand. Mr. Anderson stated an estimate of 2.5 million was provided by the homeowners, but it is mostly likely more because the estimate did not include culverts and signs. Chairman Sinn stated although the estimate may be too low, the homeowners have been warned if the estimate is higher, their contribution will need to be higher. Mr. Ackerman stated it could be an advantage for the County if a government entity took over the roads because it would create ease in obtaining property access if necessary.

Eastern Bypass Update

Chairman Sinn stated the public meeting for this project has not yet been scheduled, but it is expected to be late this summer. He stated the Eastern Bypass Committee has narrowed the corridors down to six, and they plan to narrow it down to a more manageable three to four corridors. Chairman Sinn stated he would like to have a special meeting to update the committee members about the project. Mr. Anderson agreed by stating the project is so large it would take a special meeting to cover everything.

**NEW BUSINESS:
Wagonseller Road –
Cincinnati Township**

Mr. Anderson stated the press has released information about the expansion of Excel Foundries and F. L. Smidth on Wagonseller Road. With all of the parts and machinery coming in and out of these companies, plus the other companies in the same area, the road condition has taken a lot of toll. Mr. Anderson stated the intersections at Townline Road/Wagonseller Road and Manito Road/Wagonseller Road should be improved to accommodate trucks. The road should also be overlaid and widened. Loads are heavy and long, and the turns are hard to make. A more recent load was stuck at the corner, and while holding up traffic, had to be towed out. Mr. Anderson stated IDOT has an Economic Development Program that grants state money to improve highways that provide access to expanding industrial developments. With excel planning to add 30-40 plus jobs, it is the goal of Tazewell County and Cincinnati Township to apply for these funds. Mr. Ron Hawkins, Cincinnati Road Commissioner, stated the low viaduct on Manito road towards Route 29 and the bridge over Mackinaw River create issues for trucks wanting to use Manito Road from Wagonseller.

He stated when trucks use Wagonseller Road to Townline Road they have great trouble making the turn. Mr. Donahue asked how much of the road will be repaired. Mr. Anderson stated it would most likely be from Manito Road to the railroad tracks and both intersections. Mr. Hawkins said he would like to try for the whole stretch between Manito Road and Townline Road to avoid repairing the sections at two or three different times, but he said he will take what he can get. Mr. Anderson said we are trying to setup a meeting with businesses and IDOT to get the process started.

**RESOLUTION:
Tremont Triathlon**

MOTION BY ACKERMAN, SECOND BY STANFORD to recommend to County Board to grant permission for the Tremont Park District to use Allentown Road for the Tremont Triathlon with no liability on our part, June 25, 2011. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**RESOLUTION:
Delavan Fall Fest**

MOTION BY VON BOECKMAN, SECOND BY PROEHL to recommend to County Board to grant permission for the Delavan Bicycle Club to ride on the county roads with no liability on our part, September 3, 2011. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

Mr. Donahue asked if the County is liable for these events. Mr. Anderson stated both events are insured, have police escorts, and know they are held liable for any unforeseen occurrences. Mr. Donahue stated Tazewell County Highway Department should meet with Tazewell County State's Attorney Stewart Umholtz to see exactly where the County Stands in cases like the Delavan Race and Tremont Triathlon.

**County Engineer's Salary/
Vehicle Compensation**

Chairman Sinn reminded the committee that the County Engineer's salary and mileage are discussed in May so a resolution can be passed at the June meeting. MR. David Jones, County Administrator, will attend the June meeting. Chairman Sinn informed the committee Mr. Anderson's salary is currently at \$108,693 until June 30, 2011. A County Engineer Salary Program is set through IDOT with 100% being funded through County Motor Fuel (no levied funds). If the County pays the engineer 95% of the recommended salary established by IDOT, the County will be reimbursed by the state for 50% of the salary. The salaries are based on size of the counties and comparable to IDOT Bureau Chief salaries. Mr. Anderson informed the committee that his contract is a six year contract, as are all other County Engineer Positions in Illinois. However, his salary is subject to an annual review. Mr. Anderson briefly described his vehicle compensation. He stated he is paid \$650 per month for local mileage for driving his own vehicle. Chairman Sinn stated an employee evaluation for Mr. Anderson would serve as advantageous to the County and the County Engineer.

Motion was made by Mr. Stanford and seconded by Mr. Donahue to go into Executive Session at 9:27 A.M. for this discussion.

OTHER MATTERS:

Tax Bill

Mr. Ron Hawkins expressed his concerns to the committee regarding the current tax bill combining Road and Bridge levies.

Manual Checks / Bill Pay

Chairman Sinn informed the committee Mr. Anderson and Vicki Grashoff, Tazewell County Auditor, will be meeting regarding the current bill pay process. Mr. Anderson advised without manual checks, some companies may have to wait up to 50 days for payment on projects. Mr. Anderson said he will soon be discussing other payment processes with Ms. Grashoff.

Vehicle Logos

Mr. Ackerman inquired about the Tazewell County Highway Department logos on the unmarked Highway Department vehicles. Mr. Anderson said they are in the process of getting these completed, but are waiting on direction for a countywide logo.

Chairman Fill-in

Chairman Sinn stated he may be absent at the June meeting, and in case of his absence, Mr. Donahue would fill in as Chairman. Mrs. Donahue was Vice Chairman of the Transportation Committee, and Mr. Donahue, by taking Mrs. Donahue's place, took over all of her duties.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Sinn adjourned the meeting at 9:50 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Monday, June 20, 2011, at 8:00 A.M.