

MEETING: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE/ TIME: Monday, October 17, 2011 - 8:00 A.M.

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

ABSENT:

MINUTES: **MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY PALMER** to approve the minutes of
Approve September 19, 2011. **MOTION CARRIED** on voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

General Maintenance / Toboggan Ave. Guardrail Mr. Anderson informed the committee the guardrail repair project should be finished in about two weeks. He stated R.A. Cullinan and Son have been working on the shoulders, and once that is finished, the new guardrail will be put in.

Veterans Road Bridge Update Mr. Anderson stated the project is scheduled for IDOT's November bid letting. The project will be funded with 80% federal funding. Mr. Anderson stated the bidding climate is good. Contractors can use the winter season to prepare for the project by obtaining materials, and they like to know they will have work for the next construction season.

Rural Sign Upgrade Update Mr. Anderson informed the committee about two thirds of the townships have completed the process of putting up their signs. He stated the new signs have noticeable change in reflectivity and are very bright. Mr. Anderson stated Tazewell County's signs have not yet been put up, but Mr. Evelsizer will begin putting up the signs after striping is complete.

Wagonseller Road Improvements Update (Industrial Expansion) Mr. Anderson stated the grant applications have been submitted. Tazewell County did a lot of the research, but Jim Cummings with EDC prepared the application. Mr. Anderson stated it is now a waiting process. Chairman Sinn inquired about Shady Lane in Cincinnati Township. Mr. Anderson stated they are already in the process of widening it. Mr. Donahue asked if there was a date set for a reply regarding the grants. Mr. Anderson stated there is no set date or time frame. IDOT informed Mr. Anderson this is a promising project, and the reply will likely be a shorter time period rather than a longer one.

Broadway Road Bridge Update Mr. Anderson stated the final task of this project was to plant trees. The trees could not be planted until fall, and now that it is time, the trees were ordered planted, and finished up Friday, October 14th, 2011. Mr. Paul Augspurger, the Regional Engineer for the project, will put together a final estimate. From there, the appropriate townships will be billed for their shares.

Heritage Lake Update Mr. Anderson stated he went along with Mr. Dan Parr, Chairman Sinn, and Mr. David Zimmerman to take a tour of Heritage Lake. He stated they observed several factors such as poor grades, roads that follow the lay of the land, and approximately 49 cul-de-sacs in the subdivision.

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Those are just a few of many details that may create problems for possible transition to Mackinaw Township. Mr. Anderson added that Mackinaw Township currently has 4 cul-de-sacs. He stated these road types make it hard for snow plows. He stated he was able to brainstorm with Mr. Parr regarding factors needing addressed and questions to be asked. As a result, they believe the estimate of \$2.5 million may be fairly low for the work needing done to get the area up to county township standards. Mr. Anderson stated Mr. Zimmerman contacted Bob Brown who knows about this sort of process. A meeting with Mr. Brown is scheduled for today, October 17, at 11:00AM. Mr. Anderson stated a few steps may need to be taken backward to move forward in the right direction. Mrs. Proehl inquired about the possibility of repairing the main routes of Heritage Lake and leaving the cul-de-sacs to the Homeowner's Association to maintain. Mr. Ackerman stated he would like to see the roads that are transitioned to be entirely fixed the correct way in the beginning, rather than "getting by" and running into problems later after it is maintained by Mackinaw Township. Mr. Anderson stated those are questions that will be addressed. He informed the committee the goal is to meet with Mr. Brown, come up with a process and a timeline, and eventually complete a more accurate estimate.

NEW BUSINESS: County Engineer Reappointment

Chairman Sinn stated he spoke with Christy Webb and David Zimmerman regarding Mr. Anderson's reappointment, and they both stated the Transportation Committee will prepare and vote on a resolution rather than the Executive Committee.

Motion was made by Mr. Donahue and seconded by Mr. Stanford to go into Executive Session at 8:29 A.M. for this discussion.

At 8:58 A.M., the Executive Session was concluded.

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY VON BOECKMAN to recommend to County Board to reappoint the incumbent County Engineer for the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012, and that the salary shall be the greater of 102% of the State County Engineer salary or 104% of the current year's salary plus vehicle expenses of \$650.00 per month with subsequent year's salary and vehicle expenses to be negotiated prior to each January 1 of the next year on an annual basis. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Sinn adjourned the meeting at 9:05 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Monday, October 26, 2011, at 8:00 A.M.

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