

MEETING: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE/ TIME: Monday, December 12, 2011 - 8:00 A.M.

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

ABSENT: Jim Donahue

MINUTES:

Approve **MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY VON BOECKMAN** to approve the minutes of November 7, 2011. **MOTION CARRIED** on voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

General Maintenance / Toboggan Ave. Guardrail Mr. Anderson informed the committee that the guardrail repair project's final work included ordering and installing a few posts. That work has been finished, and the project is now complete. The process now is having the final estimate approved by IDOT and paid to R.A. Cullinan & Son.

Veterans Road Bridge Update Mr. Anderson stated the project was let on IDOT's November 18th bid letting. The current low bidder is Freesen, Inc., a division of UCM and sister company to R.A. Cullinan & Son. The bidders list included three to four bidders, and the low bidder should be awarded the contract soon. The work should begin Spring 2012.

Rural Sign Upgrade Update Mr. Anderson informed the committee that the replacement of signs has slowed down for the year. Work should begin again next spring. A lot of Tazewell County's signs met reflectivity standards. Some were part of the Sign Upgrade Program and some were ordered separately. As the signs go up, inventory is being taken. Each sign for the County, townships, and municipalities will have data such as sign type, location, birth date, etc. Mr. Carius inquired about when the sign work should have started. Mr. Anderson said the signs were received mid-summer of 2011, but some of the entities were already involved in projects, had little manpower, or both, and therefore could not commence installation.

Wagon seller Road Improvements Update (Industrial Expansion) Mr. Anderson stated the grant applications have been submitted, and we have not received a response yet from DCEO. Chairman Sinn asked if Shady Lane (near Wagon seller) has already had improvements. Mr. Anderson stated Mr. Ron Hawkins, Cincinnati Township Road Commissioner, has widened the road with gravel. Paving of Shady Lane would be part of the Wagon seller Road Improvements.

Heritage Lake Update Mr. Anderson informed the committee of a meeting that will take place Friday, December 16, 2011, with representatives of Heritage Lake homeowners. This meeting will be to discuss the estimated cost to upgrade the road system before it can be dedicated to Mackinaw Township. Mr. Anderson stated he would like to divulge the number to the homeowners first, but he did state that the number is considerably higher than what the homeowners estimated.

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**NEW BUSINESS:
Annual General
Maintenance - 2012**

Mr. Anderson explained the Annual General Maintenance Resolution is for the motor fuel program for Fiscal Year 2012. 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.

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY PALMER, SECOND BY PROEHL to recommend to the County Board approval of a resolution appropriating a total amount of \$3,180,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the following maintenance programs: \$100,000.00 for Paint, \$40,000.00 for Beads, \$320,000.00 for Salt, \$10,000.00 for Gravel (Location1), and \$10,000.00 for Gravel (Location2) and the balance for road work. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**Annual General
Maintenance – 2011
Supplemental**

Mr. Anderson stated work was added to the Annual General Maintenance Resolution for 2011. A supplemental resolution is necessary to spend additional Motor Fuel Tax funds.

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY PALMER, SECOND BY PROEHL to recommend to the County Board approval of a resolution appropriating an additional \$10,663.70 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the following maintenance programs: \$1,104.20 for Gravel (Location2) and \$9,559.50 for Spray Patching. **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 to pay for leased equipment from County Highway Tax Funds.

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY STANFORD, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to the County Board approval of a resolution appropriating a total amount of \$248,000.00 of County Highway Tax Funds for the following: \$30,000 for End Loader Lease, \$28,000 for Mowing Tractors Lease, \$160,000 for Replacement of Tandem #16, \$10,000 for a Wing Snow Plow, and the balance for miscellaneous items. **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 included in the 2012 budget.

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY PROEHL, SECOND BY STANFORD 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 will be held in Lexington, Kentucky this year, and he would like to attend.

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The convention is a way to continue his Professional Engineering education credits. The convention will be paid from the County Highway Funds, Conferences and Seminars budget for 2012.

RESOLUTION: **MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY PALMER** 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 continue his education credits in Professional Land Surveyors' license.

RESOLUTION: **MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY VON BOECKMAN** to approve the request. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

County Engineer's Salary Program (CESP) Mr. Anderson informed the committee that CESP is an annual resolution that allows the Highway Department to use Motor Fuel Tax funds to offset salary expenses of the County Engineer. One-half of the County Engineer's salary is reimbursed through the program. This resolution will be for the period of January 1st, 2012 through December 31st, 2012.

RESOLUTION: **MOTION BY STANFORD, SECOND BY CARIUS** to recommend to the County Board that \$57,650.77 of Tazewell County's Surface Transportation Program funds be used for the County Engineer's salary. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

County Engineer's Salary/ Vehicle Compensation Mr. Anderson's annual salary review was previously discussed and set to take in effect January 1st, 2012 through December 31st, 2012. Mr. Anderson's salary will be discussed again in December 2012. The following resolution is to propose the 2012 salary and stipend pay figures and is needed to establish reimbursement amount.

RESOLUTION: **MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY DONAHUE** to propose the salary for January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 will be set at \$115,301.53 per annum. Also, his stipend pay for mileage will remain at \$650.00 per month, with an additional mileage reimbursement for outside Tazewell/Peoria metro area county functions at the current mileage rate. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**Sec. 12-00000-00-CS
County Engineer's
Salary** Mr. Anderson informed the committee that this is the annual IDOT Resolution for the County Engineer's salary and benefits. This allows the Highway Department to pay for the county engineer's insurance, IMRF, mileage, salary, and Social Security expenses out of County Motor Fuel Tax funds.

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RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY STANFORD, SECOND BY ACKERMAN to appropriate \$165,000.00 for the salary, insurance, IMRF, and Social Security expenses incurred for the County Engineer, be paid from County Motor Fuel Funds, subject to the approval of the County Board. **MOTION PASSED** on a voice vote.

OTHER MATTERS:

Mr. Anderson stated that the first snow of the season arrived last Friday, and the crews did go out. They started their routes at 3:30AM to treat the roads before commuters travel the roadways later in the morning. A few areas had to be retreated due to the temperatures causing ice. Mr. Ackerman stated he had a citizen ask about liquid salt on bridges. The citizen claimed the treatment made the bridges worse. Mr. Anderson stated Tazewell County uses GeoMelt, or beet juice, not liquid salt on our bridges. He said the treatment would not be used if it made conditions worse.

Mr. Anderson informed the committee of a mini-presentation by IDOT scheduled before the January County Board Meeting for the Eastern Bypass. It will give everyone a chance to view exhibits and later discuss routes. The presentation will be informative and is intended to create communication in hopes to narrow down possible corridors. Mr. Ackerman voiced his wish to see the Board take a stand together on the direction they would like to see the project go. Chairman Sinn stated the Eastern Bypass Committee will gladly listen to individual comments just the same.

Mr. Ackerman stated he spoke with a couple constituents who shared their concerns. One concern was regarding a culvert on Hopedale Road. Mr. Anderson stated he was unaware of the issue, and he would inform Mr. Eveltizer of the matter. The other concern was regarding trespassers parking their vehicles on property at Springfield Road Bridge and Mackinaw River. The farmer stated work was recently completed there, and he wondered if any preventative measures are taken following the construction work to keep trespassers out. Mr. Anderson stated this is a problem at every bridge location along the Mackinaw River. He said it is nearly impossible to keep trespassers out. Even with fences and guardrails, vehicles and those on foot will still find a way in. Mrs. Proehl agreed that problem is extremely hard to bring to an end. She stated the best way to limit the traffic is to call the Sheriff's Department if trespassers are caught in the act.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Sinn adjourned the meeting at 8:38 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Monday, January 23, 2012, at 8:00 A.M.

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