

MEETING: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approved 4/16/2012

DATE/ TIME: Monday, March 19, 2012 - 8:00 A.M.

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

ABSENT: Nancy Proehl

MINUTES: **MOTION BY VON BOECKMAN, SECOND BY DONAHUE** to approve the minutes of February 13, 2012, and In-Place Meeting minutes of February 29, 2012. **MOTION CARRIED** on voice vote.

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

Sec. 11-00079-00-BR Sec. 11-00079-00-BR
Armington Rd. Bridge County Bridge Fund

N.E. Finch Co.....	\$187,187.00
Halverson Construction Co., Inc.	\$169,658.05
Otto Baum Co., Inc.....	\$166,570.30
Freesen, Inc.....	\$157,616.40
County Contractors, Inc.....	\$142,441.00
Laverdiere Construction, Inc.....	\$133,544.35
Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc.....	\$133,143.00
Stark Excavating, Inc.....	\$126,628.00

RESOLUTION: **MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY CARIUS** to accept the low bid of Stark Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$126,628.00, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

Tandem Axle Truck (With Trade) New Tandem Axle Truck w/Dump Body, Hydraulic System, and Salt Spreader
County Highway Tax Fund, New Equipment

JX Peterbilt.....	\$122,682.00
Truck Centers, Inc.....	\$120,284.00
Central Illinois Trucks, Inc.....	\$117,681.00

Chairman Sinn informed the committee that Mr. Anderson and Mr. Evelsizer will review all bids, and an In-Place meeting will be held before the County Board meeting on March 28, 2012. Motion by Mr. Donahue, second by Mr. Stanford to table this issue until County Board night. Motion carried on a voice vote.

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**Sec. 12-00000-01-GM
County General
Maintenance**

Sec. 12-00000-01-GM
County Motor Fuel Tax Fund

R.A. Cullinan & Son, Inc..... \$3,072,395.97

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY STANFORD, SECOND BY DONAHUE to accept the low bid of R.A. Cullinan & Son, Inc. in the amount of \$3,072,395.97, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation.
MOTION CARRIED on a voice vote.

**Sec. 12-01000-00-GM
Boynton Road District**

Sec. 12-01000-00-GM, Bituminous Class A-1
Township Motor Fuel Tax & Non-MFT

Beniach Construction Co., Inc..... \$112,560.50
R.A. Cullinan & Son, Inc..... \$112,369.21

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY PALMER, SECOND BY VON BOECKMAN to accept the low bid of R.A. Cullinan & Son, Inc. in the amount of \$112,369.21 subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation.
MOTION CARRIED on a voice vote.

**Sec. 12-07000-00-GM
Fondulac Road District**

Sec. 12-07000-00-GM, Hot Mix
Township Motor Fuel Tax & Non-MFT

Advanced Asphalt Co..... \$48,666.00
R.A. Cullinan & Son, Inc..... \$44,147.61
Tazewell County Asphalt Co., Inc \$42,466.40

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY STANFORD to accept the low bid of Tazewell County Asphalt Co., Inc in the amount of \$42,466.40, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation.
MOTION CARRIED on a voice vote.

**Sec. 12-10000-00-GM
Hopedale Road District**

Sec. 12-10000-00-GM, Bituminous Class A-1
Township Motor Fuel Tax

R.A. Cullinan & Son, Inc..... \$63,695.27
Beniach Construction Co., Inc..... \$54,570.25

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY ACKERMAN, SECOND BY VON BOECKMAN to accept the low bid of Beniach Construction Co., Inc in the amount of \$54,570.25, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation.
MOTION CARRIED on a voice vote.

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Sec. 12-17000-00-GM Sec. 12-17000-00-GM, Bituminous Class A-1
Spring Lake Road District Township Motor Fuel Tax

R.A. Cullinan & Son, Inc..... \$76,115.30
Beniach Construction Co., Inc..... \$72,329.50

RESOLUTION: **MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY ACKERMAN** to accept the low bid of Beniach Construction Co., Inc in the amount of \$72,329.50, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation.
MOTION CARRIED on a voice vote.

Sec. 12-18000-00-GM Sec. 12-18000-00-GM, Bituminous Class A-1
Tremont Road District Township Motor Fuel Tax & Non-MFT

R.A. Cullinan & Son, Inc..... \$181,990.42
Beniach Construction Co., Inc..... \$156,049.75

RESOLUTION: **MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY ACKERMAN** to accept the low bid of Beniach Construction Co., Inc in the amount of \$156,049.75, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation.
MOTION CARRIED on a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Veterans Road Bridge Mr. Anderson informed the committee that the work on Veteran’s Road Bridge has started, and they will begin to drive piling in about a week and a half. He stated Mr. Paul Augspurger is the Resident Engineer on the project.

Farmdale Road Update The Illinois Commerce Commission has started to proceed with this project’s agreement. Once the agreement is in place, the next step will be to acquire property.

Wagon seller Rd. / Manito Rd. / Townline Rd. Improvements Mr. Anderson advised the committee that Highway Department will be taking bids for the Wagon seller Rd. (Garman Rd. North to Manito Rd.) and Shady Lane (Wagon seller Rd. Westerly 1,500ft.) project next month.

Heritage Lake SSA Update Mr. Anderson stated he spoke with Mr. Dave Riggert regarding Heritage Lake’s annual meeting. Mr. Riggert stated there was no resolution at this time to go forth with the estimate provided to them. It is now up to their street and finance committees to determine the next step. Chairman Sinn stated there is a chance Heritage Lake Homeowner’s may decide to keep their roads and improve them, while needing Tazewell County to be the “banker.” This would be at the board’s approval. Mr. Donahue inquired if the Highway Department will be a part of the project if we were to provide bonds. Mr. Anderson stated it is likely. Mr. Carius questioned our ability to repair our own projects if we temporarily fund theirs.

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Chairman Sinn stated our bonding sources are separate from our budget and almost unlimited, therefore, not affecting our own project funds. He added that although the funding is there, the process of funding a project that is not following township or highway standards could open us up to being obligated to help others wanting to do the same thing. Chairman Sinn stated there is still an unpaid bill to Attorney Bob Brown. Mr. John Ackerman stated he would like to make a motion to pay Attorney Brown in next month's bills. Motion by Mr. Ackerman, second by Mr. Donahue to pay the invoice of \$6,905 to Attorney Bob Brown's office with next month bills. All were in agreement. Chairman Sinn added that it shows good faith to Heritage Lake that we tried everything we could for their Special Service Area.

Terminal Road Update Mr. Anderson stated he drove by the subject area, and foundations have been poured for the new towers. He said that the old petition for the project will have to be rewritten since it is outdated and included the cost of the towers.

Eastern Bypass Update Mr. Anderson said he and Chairman Sinn will be attending Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) meeting Thursday, March 22, 2012. Mr. Ackerman questioned if the plan is to narrow six corridors down to three at the meeting. Chairman Sinn stated he is not sure what will occur. Mr. Donahue asked if there is a representative from Pekin in the Advisory Group. Chairman Sinn stated he is not sure of a specific person there from Pekin, but there are a few that would have Pekin's best interest in mind.

Winter Update – Overtime and Salt Usage Mr. Anderson informed the committee that the Highway Department is in good shape regarding overtime and salt. He stated Mr. Randy Evelsizer worked to sell salt to entities in need and finding places to store the overflow. Mr. Donahue asked if we have met our contract obligation. Mr. Evelsizer stated the last of our required 70% will be delivered by the end of the week. Mr. Anderson stated we will still be bidding salt for the next winter season, but it will not be as much. Chairman Sinn asked how much will likely be ordered on our next contract. Mr. Evelsizer informed him that he will be evaluating those figures.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dee Mack Rd. / Cooper Rd. Intersection Upgrade Mr. Anderson stated the Highway Department applied for safety funding for the intersection at Dee Mack Road and Cooper Road through IDOT. The upgrade will involve paved shoulders, a correction in pavement cross slope, and improved sight distance. Mr. Anderson stated Mr. Dan Parr has recently worked to acquire Right of Way. Although there were a few issues, everything has been worked out. The project will be bid through IDOT next month since it involves federal funds.

Dillon Township Lighting Request for Springfield Rd. /Townline Rd. Mr. Anderson referenced a letter included in the meeting packet from Dillon Township asking for the Highway Department to take over costs on a street lamp for the intersection at Springfield Rd. and Townline Rd.

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He stated the light currently points toward a homeowner's property. The homeowner currently pays to light his own property; however, he no longer wishes to pay the fee. Ameren Illinois has agreed to turn the lamp to point toward the intersection if the bill for the electricity will continue to be paid. Mr. Anderson stated he receives several requests to light intersections, but it would not be economical to light every intersection in the county. Mr. Stanford asked if there is a state standard for lighting intersections or if a policy could be developed to decide which intersections are in need and which are not. Mr. Anderson stated that a state to state route has to be lit and is covered by the state. A county to state route is the responsibility of the county, as is a county to county road. A few committee members agreed that perhaps a policy needs to be in place. Mr. Carius stated this light in particular could cause concern if it was taken completely out. He stated that although the light was facing a property, drivers may become confused if the light is no longer there at all. Motion by Mr. Carius, second by Mr. Von Boeckman to approve the lighting request for the south end of the Springfield/Townline Rd. intersection. Motion carried on voice vote. Mr. Anderson will research a potential policy.

**OTHER MATTERS:
Sign Upgrade Program**

Mr. Carius inquired if the signs were being put up now that the weather is nice. Mr. Anderson stated several entities are finished, and the ones that are not finished are in the process of putting up their signs.

Mr. Ackerman stated he would like to invite all of the township supervisors, township road commissioners, and Tazewell County Sheriff's Office to next month's meeting to discuss road weight limits. He said he has had several complaints from homeowners living along certain routes who are concerned that the limits are not in place or being enforced. Mr. Anderson stated the township roads are annually posted from January 15 to April 15. Mr. Donahue stated the Sheriff's Office does not have the equipment or manpower to enforce the limit laws like the state police. He informed Mr. Ackerman that the concerned citizens should contact the specific road commissioner regarding the issue.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Sinn adjourned the meeting at 9:10 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Monday, April 16, 2012, at 8:00 A.M.