

DATE/ TIME: Monday, October 22, 2012 - 8:00 A.M.

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

ABSENT: Jim Carius

MINUTES: **MOTION BY PALMER, SECOND BY VON BOECKMAN** to approve the minutes of September 17, 2012. **MOTION CARRIED** on voice vote.
Approve

OLD BUSINESS:
Veterans Road Bridge Mr. Anderson stated although the Veterans Road Bridge project is now complete, a railroad crossing on Bittersweet Road, adjacent to the bridge, was improved as well. The improvement included gating of the crossing, and the railroad company finished their portion of the gating process. Tazewell County’s Maintenance crew will now be set to paint and stripe railroad symbols. He stated two major endeavors in that area will soon be complete. Mr. Ackerman made positive mention of the “Thank You” letter from Fondulac Township included in the Committee packet. Mr. Anderson agreed and stated the letter was nice, and Mr. Paul Whittington appreciated the help from the County since he was new to the Road Commissioner position. Mr. Anderson added that a great working relationship has been created with Mr. Whittington, and that he is outstanding to work with.

Farmdale Road Update Mr. Anderson stated this project has been a bit of a struggle due the turnover of project managers for the project. He stated the next goal is to get final plans to IDOT for approval; therefore, a mutual agreement has been made to transfer project files so this step of the project can be finished. Mr. Anderson stated another goal in progress involves purchasing property.

Eastern Bypass Update Mr. Anderson said there is currently no update at this time other than a new group called Eastern Bypass Coalition which has been generated to push for the bypass. Chairman Sinn stated Mr. Stanford was asked to be a part of this group since he (Chairman Sinn) and Mr. Anderson are already a part of the Eastern Bypass Advisory Group. They felt it would be a conflict of interest to be a part of both units. Mrs. Proehl stated she received mail regarding the Eastern Bypass Coalition and wondered if being a County Board member and being on the Coalition created a conflict of interest. Chairman Sinn stated that Mr. Stanford would not be taking a stance on the road’s location, but would be recommending the bypass in general.

Wagon seller Road / Shady Lane Construction Update Mr. Anderson stated a ribbon cutting took place on October 3, 2012, where Congressman Schock announced another grant of \$500,000 from DECA. He stated Mr. Denny Kief, the DECA Representative who wrote the grant, is trying to arrange a meeting with involved parties to discuss the grant stipulations and how the money can be used.

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Centennial Drive Update Mr. Anderson reminded the committee that the Centennial Drive project is through PPUATS with Washington Township and City of East Peoria. Mr. Dan Parr and Washington Township are currently working on purchasing property. He stated there are 29 parcels total to acquire, and 21 of the 29 parcels have been acquired thus far. Chairman Sinn inquired about the property purchasing process. Mr. Parr briefly described the process by stating the plans are configured showing how much land will be needed, surveyors produce plats, title insurance is acquired, the land is appraised, and then purchased. Chairman Sinn asked if any appraisals had been questioned. Mr. Parr stated there were some discussions, but in turn, agreements were made.

Enbridge Pipeline Mr. Anderson informed the committee of the upcoming Enbridge Pipeline project. He stated representatives from Enbridge met at the Highway Department to discuss their project with Highway Department personnel and road commissioners involved. He stated the project will cost \$2.7 billion for a pipeline from Flanagan to Oklahoma. Enbridge representatives discussed their plan to haul in pipe, transport pipe, and to lay the pipe. They currently have a request in to Ms. Kristal Deininger to have a staging area just off of Townline Road, south of South Pekin. Their idea is to haul their pipe from that area to areas in Tazewell, Mason, and Woodford County. Chairman Sinn illustrated on a map where the staging area would be and where the pipeline will go. Mr. Anderson added that the new pipeline will run parallel to an existing pipeline. Chairman Sinn stated Enbridge plans to begin the work August 1, 2013, and finish by December 1, 2013. Mr. Anderson stated that during the meeting, the road commissioners suggested good roads and bad roads for hauling the pipe. Enbridge plans to keep communication up with those involved by preparing proposals for their routes.

**NEW BUSINESS:
Line Item Transfer**

Mr. Anderson informed the committee the Highway Department is requesting the Finance Committee to approve a line item transfer of \$1,500.00 from County Highway Fund, Field Engineer Expense, line item 202-311-522-121, to Highway Maintenance, line item 202-311-533-740. Mr. Anderson informed the committee a transfer is necessary to cover costs of random drug testing of personnel and the monthly cell phone bill. Mr. Anderson reminded the committee that the finance committee will vote on this item; therefore no action is necessary from the Transportation Committee.

**Centennial Drive – Local
Agreement and
Intergovernmental
Agreement**

Mr. Anderson stated the next two items are funding agreements for Centennial Drive. He stated these items are normally covered by a blanket resolution at the beginning of every year. However, Centennial Drive was not in 2012's budget, and therefore not included in 2012's blanket resolution. One agreement states Tazewell County will act as the bank, and the other agreement states the local agencies will pay us back. **MOTION BY ACKERMAN, SECOND BY DONAHUE** to consolidate the items. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

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- RESOLUTION:** **MOTION BY ACKERMAN, SECOND BY PALMER** to approve both agreements, subject to approval of the County Board. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.
- OTHER MATTERS:**
- November Meeting** Chairman Sinn stated Mr. Anderson's job evaluation has been completed, and he and Mr. Anderson will review and discuss the evaluation for the November meeting.
- Marked County Vehicles** Mr. Ackerman inquired if all County vehicles had been marked. Mr. Anderson stated they have not been marked, and that he was waiting for a universal logo from Mr. David Jones. He stated since that has not been processed at this time, the Highway Department's technical vehicles are not marked. He stated, however, all maintenance vehicles are marked.
- ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Sinn adjourned the meeting at 8:32 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Monday, November 5, 2012, at 8:00 A.M.