

**DATE/ TIME:** Monday, November 5, 2012 - 8:00 A.M.

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

**ABSENT:**

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Chairman Sinn began the meeting by thanking Mr. Jim Carius for his several years of service and stated it was a pleasure working with him. He also stated with the upcoming election, reorganization may take place, and the Transportation Committee may consist of different members after November. He thanked everyone for being a part of the committee.

**MINUTES:** **MOTION BY PALMER, SECOND BY VON BOECKMAN** to approve the minutes of October 22, 2012. **MOTION CARRIED** on voice vote.  
**Approve**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Veterans Road Bridge** Mr. Anderson stated the railroad crossing adjacent to this project has been gated and striped, and the project is complete.

**Farmdale Road Update** Mr. Anderson stated the Highway Department is evaluating land acquisitions and will soon be making the first offer to a property owner. Mr. Anderson stated there are four parcels to purchase; one of which may possibly be eliminated due to acquisition concerns.

**Wagonseller Road / Shady Lane Construction Update** Mr. Anderson stated during the winter months Mr. John Replogle will be working on plans for the south overlay toward Townline Road and Christopher Burke Engineering will continue working on the intersection at Wagonseller and Townline so the projects can be bid. He stated he received an email from County Board Chairman Mr. David Zimmerman regarding the grant of \$500,000 from the U.S. Department of Commerce (EDA). Mr. Zimmerman stated a meeting in Chicago may take place to figure out restraints and requirements to use the money. Mr. Anderson stated there are several federal requirements that must be met, and one requirement of how the engineering company is hired is already being looked into. He stressed that receiving this kind of money is not easy.

**Centennial Drive Update** Mr. Anderson stated this project is coming along nicely. He stated Mr. Parr has continued to purchase parcels. He stated 24 of the 29 parcels have been acquired thus far. He added that he spoke to the City of East Peoria, and they have acquired 5 of their 7 parcels. Mr. Anderson stated the design plans that the contractors will pickup for the bidding process have been submitted and approved by IDOT. He stated the only setback that may occur would be with Ameren. He stated there is a gas transmission line on the south side, and the Highway Department is trying to contact Ameren to see if they would have anything that would be reimbursable. He clarified reimbursable by stating Ameren claims they purchased private easement for the placement of their main.

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Therefore, if the easement is impacted by this project, the local agency would have to pick up the cost of the adjustment. He stated an agreement must be made with Ameren before a bid date can be set. Mr. Anderson stated the projects plans must be 100% complete, as in parcels, agreements, etc., by November 30, 2012 to be on the bulletin for January's letting at IDOT.

**Enbridge Pipeline**

Mr. Anderson stated there is really no update; however, ZBA will be considering a special use permit on Wednesday, November 7, 2012. The permit will be for the staging area off of Townline Road. Mr. Anderson stated he was asked to provide comments regarding this area. He stated comments to Ms. Deininger in regards to the staging area were positive, but his concerns of the traveling to and from this staging area, which will come much later, will be higher. Mr. Ackerman inquired about the staging area and if there were houses nearby that may be affected. Mr. Anderson stated it is a rural area a few homes are close. He also stressed that it is only a temporary staging area. Mr. Donahue asked if the roads that will be traveled and possibly affected are known yet. He also inquired about the possibility of having a staging area to north to save some of the roads along the pipeline route. Mr. Anderson stated the exact routes are still unknown, but some roads, such as Townline Road, will be used for sure. He added that an area in Woodford County is being looked into for staging as well. Mr. Donahue also inquired about the land being used in Tazewell and if it was being rented or not. Mr. Anderson stated it is being leased and an agreement has been drawn up.

**NEW BUSINESS:  
IDOT ITS Funds**

Mr. Anderson stated about eight months ago, he was contacted by IDOT regarding their Intelligent Transportation System (ITS). This system has cameras throughout the area and the feed from these cameras can be viewed on their website. Mr. Anderson stated these cameras are used for emergency response and incident management. IDOT informed Mr. Anderson they have funds to update this system and involve the Sheriff's Office by updating their system and hardware and allow them to utilize ITS. Mr. Anderson stated he spoke with Chief Lower who has reviewed and agreed to the information. Mr. Anderson stated the funds will be coming to the Highway Department, since we work often with IDOT, but the funds will be funneled directly to the Sheriff's Office. Chairman Sinn asked if this system is something the Highway Department could view for purpose of checking road conditions. Mr. Anderson stated the Highway Department would need a terminal to do so. Mr. Ackerman asked if it would be something the Highway Department could benefit from. Mr. Anderson stated the best way to check the road conditions is to check them in person and stated that is exactly what Mr. Randy Evelsizer does. He said the roads are all over the county and what is happening in the north may not be happening in the south. He stated a lot of cameras would be necessary to use it for that purpose. Mr. Donahue asked if the system was for enforcement. Mr. Anderson stated it was for incident management and response.

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Mrs. Proehl confirmed that the resolution was to accept funds from IDOT to give to the Sheriff's Office for the purpose of updating their hardware. Mr. Anderson agreed.

**RESOLUTION:**

**MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY CARIUS** to recommend to the County Board approval of a Resolution for Tazewell County to enter into an agreement with IDOT to participate in the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) to enhance traffic management, increase motorist safety, reduce motorist travel times, and improve incident response times, subject to approval of the County Board. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

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

Chairman stated the December County Board meeting has been cancelled, which is normally the time when Mr. Anderson's salary resolutions are passed. He stated that although the salary can be discussed during the November meeting, as usual, the resolution will not be passed until the County Board meeting in January. Chairman Sinn stated that Mr. Anderson has already spoken with IDOT and County Board Chairman David Zimmerman regarding this matter, and both gave approval for passing the salary resolutions in January, retroactive January 1.

Chairman Sinn stated he completed an evaluation of Mr. Anderson. He stated he felt an evaluation would be an excellent tool to have on hand for several reasons, one of which being that the committee may consist of different members in January. He stated the evaluation will be on hand and help support the discussion of the current Committee.

Motion was made by Mr. Ackerman 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.

Chairman Sinn informed Mr. Anderson that his evaluation was discussed and will be kept on file for the January Committee. Chairman Sinn asked Mr. Anderson if he had any comments. Mr. Anderson thanked the committee and stated since the Committee members may change, he wanted to let everyone know he enjoyed working them. Mr. Von Boeckman stated the evaluation numbers were not just thrown out; he stated Mr. Anderson earned them. Mr. Anderson stated he appreciated the comment because it's not an easy job. He add to the salary discussion by stating the IDOT County Engineer Salary Program was created because it was difficult to pay the salaries necessary to keep people from leaving for the private sector. He said it also allows the Counties to use Motor Fuel Tax to pay the County Engineer Salary. He said this is beneficial to help keep qualified people in the position of County Engineer.

**OTHER MATTERS:  
November In Place  
Meeting**

Chairman Sinn stated since the December County Board meeting has been cancelled, it is not necessary to have a December Transportation meeting.

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However, December is when majority of the Highway Department actions take place. Chairman Sinn stated the Committee could discuss now what takes place in December and have an In Place meeting on the night of the County Board meeting. Mr. Anderson stated December usually consists of resolutions that give the Highway Department the authority to purchase equipment and take bids on projects. He stated that although these items are included in the budget, he cannot take bids without a resolution. Chairman Sinn stated in addition, the contracts and purchasing of equipment must still be voted by the Committee before they are accepted. Mr. Anderson stated there will also be a resolution for Horizon Wind Energy included in November's In Place meeting. He stated this resolution is to release funds in their escrow account, which is part of the road use agreement.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Sinn adjourned the meeting at 9:02 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Monday, January 21, 2013, at 8:00 A.M.