

DATE/ TIME: Monday, January 21, 2013 - 8:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Sinn, Terry Von Boeckman, Nancy Proehl, Rosemary Palmer, John Ackerman, Andrew Rinehart, and Russ Crawford

ABSENT: Mel Stanford

MINUTES: **MOTION BY ACKERMAN, SECOND BY PALMER** to approve the minutes of November 5, 2012 and the Executive Session minutes of November 5, 2012.
Approve **MOTION CARRIED** on voice vote.

LETTING: **MOTION BY VON BOECKMAN, SECOND BY PROEHL** to close bids for the following items:

Sec. 07-14115-00-BR Sec. 07-14115-00-BR
Robison Road Bridge Township Bridge, County Bridge, and Morton Township Funds

Midwest Foundation.....	\$679,159.28
Otto Baum Company.....	\$541,450.38
Stark Excavating.....	\$493,628.00
Midwest Bridge & Crane.....	\$474,573.56

RESOLUTION: **MOTION BY ACKERMAN, SECOND BY RINEHART** to accept the low bid of Midwest Bridge & Crane in the amount of \$474,573.56, 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 stated although the construction on this project is complete, the financial status is still ongoing. The project was let through IDOT; therefore, IDOT invoices the local agencies. Mr. Anderson stated when budgeting for FY13 he estimated the Highway Department would have paid at least 50% of the total bill in FY12. Unfortunately, Tazewell County was only billed for approximately 20% of the project in FY12. He informed the committee that the project's cost is still the same, but the fiscal year in which the bills are paid from will be different than previously budgeted. Mr. Anderson added that the County will continue to receive bills from IDOT throughout the year. This may be a budget issue in 2013, but it is too early to determine.

Farmdale Road Update Mr. Anderson stated the Highway Department received an Order from Illinois Commerce Commission to complete this project. He stated they have provided \$750,000 in funding. Mr. Anderson informed the committee of Mr. Dan Parr's efforts to acquire right of way for the project and stated that this process is now complete. We may be able to bid in 2013 pending approval of plans.

Wagonseller Road / Shady Lane Construction Update Mr. Anderson informed the committee of a meeting with EDA in Chicago that he attended with Mr. Dennis Kief and Mr. David Wright.

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He stated the purpose of the meeting was to learn steps and guidelines to receiving grant money for the remaining Wagonseller projects. He informed the committee that funds for the projects were applied for as a whole; therefore, all of the title and right of way work must be complete before any project can be bid. Mr. Anderson stated he budgeted for the Townline Rd. / Wagonseller Rd. intersection improvement for FY13 and Manito Rd. / Wagonseller Rd. intersection improvement for next year. However, both projects have right of way to be acquired, and the right of way for both projects will have to be acquired before one project can begin. Mrs. Proehl stated she witnessed the need to improve the intersection at Townline Rd. / Wagonseller Rd. She stated a truck with an extremely large load coming from Excel Foundry could not make the turn.

Centennial Drive Update Mr. Anderson stated this project was bid by IDOT on Friday, January 18, 2013, and the low bid from Otto Baum came in at \$2.693 million. Mr. Anderson stated Mr. Dan Parr has worked very hard for the past year to purchase 29 parcels of right of way for this project. He stated the work is likely to begin late March or early April.

Enbridge Pipeline Mr. Anderson stated the staging area off of Townline Road has been constructed. He stated their next step is to identify their haul roads for each county. Once they have decided and communicated these routes with the counties, they will apply for their permits around May to travel County Highways with pipe and start work in August. Chairman Sinn added that the company very easily could have used state highways, but the I-155/I-74 work will be simultaneous and prevent Enbridge from using that route. Mr. Ackerman inquired if a staging area in the northern part of the County had been established. Mr. Anderson stated the northern staging area is in El Paso in Woodford County.

Manito Rd. Bridge over Mackinaw River Mr. Anderson stated Tazewell County has approximately \$7 million committed by IDOT to replace the bridge. However, the bridge is currently not in the best shape. He informed the committee that he received a notice from IDOT to lower the bridge rating on the bridge to 22 tons, and this would have caused a financial hardship for local gravel pits and grain haulers. Mr. Anderson stated he asked the engineering company who is designing the replacement bridge to look at the load rating. The engineering company met with IDOT to discuss the rating, and the result was that an assumption error was made. Therefore, the rating did not have to be lowered. However, IDOT has now requested to have a Fracture Critical annual inspection performed, which is expensive due to the inspection process. Chairman Sinn noted the efforts made by the Highway Department to prepare for the lower load rating in case it did go through, as well as looking deeper into the matter. Mr. Ackerman agreed and commended the Highway staff for their preparation and investigative efforts.

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Eastern Bypass Update

Mr. Anderson stated the advisory group (CAG) for Eastern Bypass met December 2012. He stated the goal was to reduce the corridors down to two or three, and there are still four options remaining. Chairman Sinn explained the four remaining routes and stated Tazewell County has previously shown support for three of those routes. He stated the fourth route (D-13, Dee Mack) is being pushed for by some Washington representatives. Chairman Sinn stated the advisory group could not come to an agreement when trying to eliminate D-13, so it remains as an option. Mr. Russ Crawford stated different organizations have stressed to make sure all leaders in all counties support the fact that a road is better than no road. He stated that even if there was no agreement on a route, the agreement would come down to the consensus. Mr. Crawford stressed his concerns to make sure the road is supported. Chairman Sinn stated he agreed that a road is better than no road at all. Chairman Sinn stated that is difficult for the CAG now that various factions are starting to take positions on corridors.

**NEW BUSINESS:
Horizon Wind Energy
Improvement Bond**

Mr. Anderson stated a resolution was previously passed to release escrow as the Horizon Wind Energy Agreement states. A resolution must also be passed to release the Road Use, Repair and Improvement Bond per the County Road Upgrade and Maintenance Agreement with Horizon Wind Energy. Mr. Ackerman asked if it would be possible to have a representative present at the County Board meeting to speak of all of the improvements came from the agreement.

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY VON BOECKMAN to approve the release of the Road Use, Repair and Improvement bond. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

NACE Convention

Mr. Anderson informed the committee that the annual NACE convention will be held in Des Moines, Iowa this year, and he would like to attend. 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 2013.

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 for Professional Land Surveyors' license.

RESOLUTION:

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

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**Winter Update – Overtime
and Salt Usage**

Mr. Anderson stated it has been a good winter with very little snow and higher temperatures. With barely any snow or ice, the salt usage has been at its minimum. Mr. Anderson stated the overall overtime and salt usage is very comparable to the prior year, but down considerably compared to any other year. He stated the contracted salt amount for 2013 was less this year, but salt still had to be bid for any unforeseeable events. We still have to purchase 70% of our order (2800 tons) and will be evaluating potential storage areas. Mr. Evelsizer informed the committee that Morton Township allowed us to store salt at the location last year and just purchased the amount they were storing.

**Discussion of Summer
Maintenance Program**

Mr. Anderson directed the committee’s attention to the map included in the packet that illustrates the 2013 Summer Maintenance Program. He stated the following routes will be overlaid: Washington Blacktop from US-24 north to the County line, Broadway Road from Springfield to I-155, and Townline from Route 29 to Fuelberth Rd. He stated the stretch of Townline that needs resurfaced from Springfield Road to Towerline will be held off a year due to Enbridge using that route to haul pipe. He added that the Robison Road bridge and a bridge on Wagonseller will be built, in addition to Centennial Dr. and Farmdale Road relocation.

**County Engineer’s Salary/
Vehicle Compensation**

Mr. Anderson’s annual salary review was previously discussed at the November 2012, but will need discussed further since no there were no December meetings.

MOTION BY ACKERMAN, SECOND BY RINEHART to move the Committee into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) – Collective Bargaining or Salary Schedules at 8:50 A.M.

Chairman Sinn moved the Committee out of Executive Session at 9:50 A.M.

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY VON BOECKMAN, SECOND BY ACKERMAN to propose a retroactive salary for January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 set at \$119,193.60 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.

**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, 2013 through December 31st, 2013.

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RESOLUTION: **MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY VON BOECKMAN** to recommend to the County Board that \$59,596.80 of Tazewell County's Surface Transportation Program funds be used for the County Engineer's salary. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**Sec. 13-00000-00-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.

RESOLUTION: **MOTION BY ACKERMAN, SECOND BY PROEHL** to appropriate \$175,000.00 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: NONE

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

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Sinn adjourned the meeting at 9:52 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Monday, February 11, 2013, at 8:00 A.M.