

DATE/ TIME: Monday, February 11, 2013 - 8:00 A.M.

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

ABSENT:

MINUTES: **MOTION BY PALMER, SECOND BY ACKERMAN** to approve the minutes of January 21, 2013 and the Executive Session minutes of January 21, 2013.
Approve **MOTION CARRIED** on voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:
Farmdale Road Update Mr. Anderson stated he recently met with the engineering consultant on the project. A few changes are being made to the plans. Following the changes, the plans will be submitted to IDOT and Illinois Commerce Commission in approximately one week for approval. Once the plans are approved, the contract will be placed on a letting for bids. Mr. Anderson stated the project’s estimated cost is higher than first anticipated. However, it is still under the \$750,000 threshold. Mr. Anderson also stated that in a good bidding climate, the higher cost may not be a factor. Mr. Ackerman inquired if May would be a possible starting point for breaking ground. Mr. Anderson stated a start date will be clearer once plans have been approved.

Wagonseller Road / Shady Lane Construction Update Mr. Anderson informed the committee he met with the consultant on this project regarding the EDA grant. Mr. Anderson stated he is in the process of justifying his reasoning for selecting the engineering consultant for the Wagonseller Road improvements to the EDA. The EDA has asked for documentation (plans, bidding documents) to determine whether the first construction section built last summer will be considered eligible for reimbursement. Chairman Sinn inquired if all remaining right of way must be acquired before construction can proceed. Mr. Anderson stated yes; the funds for the projects were applied for as a whole. Therefore, all of the title and right of way work must be complete and approved by the EDA before any project can be bid. He explained to the committee his plans to complete Townline Rd. / Wagonseller Rd. intersection in 2013 and Manito Rd. / Wagonseller Rd. intersection in 2014. He stated part of right of way needed from Midwest Generation for Manito Rd. / Wagonseller Rd. may be an issue due to Midwest Generation’s current financial situation. In turn, this may cause issues for completing Townline Rd. / Wagonseller Rd. intersection as planned. Mr. Russ Crawford stated it would not hurt to see if the EDA could waive some of their stipulations since the improvements meet every criteria of economic development.

Centennial Drive Update Mr. Anderson stated this project was previously bid, and IDOT has since awarded the contract to Otto Baum. The next step of the process is to have the contract executed. He stated that process may take a couple of weeks, and a pre-construction meeting will follow. Mr. Mel Stanford inquired about the location of the project and how far the road improvement will go.

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Mr. Anderson stated it will stretch to Spring Creek Rd. The section from Spring Creek Rd. to Business 24 was previously completed and is not included in the project.

Enbridge Pipeline

Mr. Anderson stated he will be attending a meeting in Mason County on the morning of February 19, 2013, with all other counties involved in the pipeline project. Enbridge will then attend the meeting in the afternoon. Enbridge has provided the counties involved with a sample road use agreement and proposed truck routes from the staging areas. Chairman Sinn inquired about Mr. Anderson's thoughts on the proposals. Mr. Anderson stated they were recently sent to him, and he is still looking into the details. He stated he has provided Mr. Randy Evelsizer with the proposals for his thoughts and comments on them. Mr. Ackerman stated he assumes the word "proposal" means they are recommending and asking for approval rather than demanding. Mr. Anderson stated their proposal is based off of a previous meeting with the County and the road commissioners regarding suggested routes.

Manito Rd. Bridge over Mackinaw River

Mr. Anderson stated a Fracture Critical inspection has been scheduled for March 5, 2013. He stated the extent of the project and the size of the equipment being used will require the road to be closed. However, it will not be closed until approximately 9:00AM to 2:30PM. He stated this will allow the chance for school buses and those going to work to pass through, and the inspection will hopefully be finished by the time everyone is returning home. He stated road closure notices will be released and message boards will be posted to give everyone advance notice. Chairman Sinn asked if an accident recently took place at this location. Mr. Anderson stated there was not, but there was an accident on Wagonseller Rd. at the abutment of the bridge over Mackinaw River.

Winter Update – Overtime and Salt Usage

Mr. Evelsizer stated the salt supply has not changed since the last meeting. He added that overtime has been low as well. He stated there was one weather incident in which little overtime was necessary, and more recently a crew member worked on an isolated weather incident in one part of the County. Mr. Anderson stated the Highway Department must still purchase 70% of the salt order (2800 tons) and will be evaluating potential storage areas. Mrs. Proehl inquired as to why 70% of the contract must be ordered. Mr. Anderson stated as a part of the contract, the company supplying the salt agrees to supply up to 130% of the contracted amount in the case of a bad winter. In the same manner, the County is obligated to purchase at least 70%. Mr. Anderson stated it is a small insurance policy in case we have used our contracted amount and need more in the event of a blizzard, ice storm, and matters as such. Mr. Crawford asked if the upper and lower limits could be changed due to the amount of salt on hand and the recent mild winters. Mr. Anderson stated this is something that will be considered. He also stressed that during his time at Tazewell County, he recalls being out of salt at Christmas one year.

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He stated for safety sake, it is better to have too much salt than too little. Mr. Anderson stated the salt situation will be addressed very soon as the new salt bid approaches.

**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 \$800.00 from County Highway Fund, Training, line item 202-311-533-910, to Dues and Subscriptions, line item 202-311-522-140. Mr. Anderson informed the committee a bill from IPWMAN (Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network) for 2012 dues failed to reach the Highway Department for payment in 2012. The invoice for 2013 for \$500 was sent to the Highway Department from administration, and it was decided to settle the unpaid balance of \$500 for 2012 dues. Mr. Anderson stated dues are paid to IPWMAN as a small insurance policy. He stated in the event of a disaster, these dues guarantee mutual aid from other counties and municipalities, and it also aids in reimbursement from FEMA. Mrs. Nancy Proehl inquired about the original 2012 bill and its status. Mr. Anderson stated the bill was sent via email to Mr. David Jones, and since Mr. Jones was no longer with the County, the email was never addressed. The 2013 invoice was sent to Mr. Jones as well, but rejected automatically. IPWMAN contacted the County for a new email address, and the bill was then sent to Mr. Mike Freilinger. Mr. Freilinger then forwarded the bill to the Highway Department. To resolve any problems in the future, the invoice will now be sent directly to the Highway Department. Mr. Anderson stated he is also asking for more than \$500 due to an increase in subscription costs and dues on annual items. Mr. Crawford stated he supports the transfer as long as the Highway Department is not creating another transfer later on by removing \$800 from Training. Mr. Anderson stated he has verified numbers and should not need a future transfer back into Training.

**State Bid for 2013 F350
and 2013 F450 One Ton
Trucks**

Mr. Anderson stated the Highway Department would like to purchase two new one ton trucks. The fleet currently has a 2006 F350 which has approximately 183,000 miles on it and will be traded in. Another vehicle on the fleet, a 2006 F450, will also be traded. He stated the 2006 has approximately 125,000 miles on it, but Mr. Evelsizer budgeted to trade this vehicle in as well due to the high maintenance costs it has incurred. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Evelsizer thought it would be in the Highway Department's best interest to trade it in rather than paying more equipment maintenance costs. Mr. Anderson stated this vehicle has even left the crew stranded a couple times. He stated both vehicles are used to transport the crew when patching roads, installing culverts, and traveling to mowing locations. Mr. Anderson stated a tandem is usually bid each year to keep the fleet in good standing, but instead of bidding a tandem, two one-ton trucks have been placed in the new equipment budget. Mr. Ackerman inquired as to why an F350 and an F450 was necessary rather than two F350's. Mr. Evelsizer stated the F450 is needed for larger loads and heavier duty. Mr. Evelsizer stated the F350 is used on lighter duty tasks due to better gas mileage.

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RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY ACKERMAN, SECOND BY PROEHL to accept the state bid from Bob Ridings Ford in the amount of \$27,750 for a 2013 F350 one ton truck (w/trade in of 2003 F350), to be paid from County Highway Tax Fund, New Equipment Line Item (202-311-544-000), subject to review by the County Engineer and approval of the County Board. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY STANFORD, SECOND BY PALMER to accept the state bid from Bob Ridings Ford in the amount of \$32,650 for a 2013 F450 one ton truck (w/trade in of 2006 F450), to be paid from County Highway Tax Fund, New Equipment Line Item (202-311-544-000), subject to review by the County Engineer and approval of the County Board. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**County Highway Route
Signing**

Mr. Anderson directed the committee's attention to information in the packet regarding county route signing. He stated Tazewell County is one of the few counties that do not have county highway route numbers posted along the highways. He stated the routes are currently posted on E911 signs such as "Toboggan Avenue" rather than (County Highway) "14." Mr. Anderson stated he has had inquiries in the past from JULIE, trucking firms, and etcetera about the lack of route signing. Mr. Anderson stated he has provided information to gather thoughts from the Committee. Mr. Anderson stated if the Committee was interested, it would be a future project as it was not budgeted for FY13. He stated County Motor Fuel could be used to fund the project. Mr. Anderson stated the estimate provided is a worst case scenario cost, in other words, it accounts for all new posts and hardware. He stated some signs could be placed on existing posts. He stated in addition to cost, the signs will also require maintenance. The committee briefly discussed the needs versus the cost of the signs. Mr. Anderson stated the need for the signs is not critical at this point, but he stated it may be something to consider in the future. The consensus was to absorb the information, but not to move forward with the project at this time.

**Springfield Rd. / Route 9
Accident**

Mr. Anderson informed the committee of a recent accident resulting in a fatality at the intersection of Route 9 and Springfield Road. Mr. Anderson stated he spoke with Captain Merrill, and the accident is still under investigation as to what happened. Mr. Anderson stated Springfield Road is a County Highway, but it leads to State Route 9. Therefore IDOT has authority over the intersection. Mr. Anderson stated he also spoke with IDOT the morning of the accident at which time IDOT already had personnel at the scene. He stated the intersection has been on the radar over the years, but it is still unknown what changes will take place, if any. Mr. Anderson stated the important thing to remember is that IDOT has ultimate authority over the intersection, and although the County's input may provide aid, Tazewell is secondary.

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OTHER MATTERS:

Mr. Anderson reminded the committee the next two meetings will be a little longer due to bid lettings.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Approval of bills will take place at an In Place meeting due to a holiday causing the Transportation Committee Meeting to fall a week ahead.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Sinn adjourned the meeting at 8:51 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Monday, March 18, 2013, at 8:00 A.M.