

**DATE/ TIME:** Monday, March 18, 2013 - 8:00 A.M.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Sinn, Rosemary Palmer, Mel Stanford, John Ackerman, and Andrew Rinehart

**ABSENT:** Russ Crawford, Nancy Proehl, and Terry Von Boeckman

**MINUTES:** **MOTION BY PALMER, SECOND BY STANFORD** to approve the minutes of February 11, 2013 and In Place minutes of February 27, 2013. **MOTION APPROVE** **CARRIED** on voice vote.

**LETTING:** **MOTION BY ACKERMAN, SECOND BY RINEHART** to close bids for the following items:

**Sec. 13-00000-01-GM**  
**County General**  
**Maintenance**

Sec. 13-00000-01-GM  
County Motor Fuel Tax Fund

Advanced Asphalt.....	\$2,521,282.25
R.A. Cullinan & Son.....	\$2,288,155.50

**RESOLUTION:** **MOTION BY STANFORD, SECOND BY DONAHUE** to accept the low bid of R.A. Cullinan & Son, Inc. in the amount of \$2,288,155.50, subject to the approval of the County Board and Illinois Department of Transportation. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
**Farmdale Road Update**

Mr. Anderson stated we are approaching approval from IDOT and Illinois Commerce Commission to bid this project. Mr. Anderson stated the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has an easement across property that has been acquired for this project, and now a Subordination Agreement must be obtained from them. In addition, they have inquired about a few environmental issues. Mr. Anderson stated all environmental surveys were completed with no issues, but the consultant has had to work with the Corps of Engineers a little more even though federal funds are not being used. Once the plans are approved, the contract will be placed on a letting for bids.

**Wagonseller Road / Shady Lane Construction Update**

Mr. Anderson informed the committee the appraisals for the Powerton facility are nearing completion. He stated right of way on the west corner of the Townline intersection was purchased, but Right of Way on the east side still needs acquired. Mr. Anderson reminded the committee that the bid date for the projects will be based on getting all Right of Way acquired, including everything on the north end of Wagonseller at Manito Road.

**Centennial Drive Update**

Mr. Anderson stated a preconstruction meeting was recently held at IDOT. He stated a meeting with the contractor will be held today, Monday, March 19, 2013, at the project site. Mr. Anderson stated they will be discussing Otto Baum's request to reconsider the stage construction and traffic plan that was set up in the plans.

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He stated the original plans were to close the road to through traffic, but remain open to local traffic, allowing residents to drive on “hard pavement,” or half of what is left of the road. The contractor will be proposing to close the road in segments at a time and provide access. Chairman Sinn stated he was told if the contractor for the recent I-155 project had been allowed to do this process, it would have saved time and money. Mr. Anderson agreed that potential time and cost savings are advantages to the contractor’s suggestion. In addition, keeping half of the road open to local traffic increases the risk for workers on the site due to the local traffic still passing through and any outside commuters trying to use the route as well. Mr. Anderson advised that utility work started on the site last week such as the gas main being relocated. He added that Mr. Paul Augspurger, met with Frontier at the site as well.

### **Enbridge Pipeline**

Mr. Anderson directed the committee’s attention to a sample road use agreement from Adams County found in the Transportation packet. He stated Enbridge is going to need permission to use and cross about 5 Tazewell County Highways, numerous township roads, and roads in other counties. Mr. Anderson informed the committee that Enbridge provided a draft road use agreement, but it was very vague. Adams County provided a counter proposal with more detail. At this time, he stated it is unclear if Tazewell will need to have a road use agreement as detailed as Adams County due to the quality of Tazewell County’s roads or if a permit will suffice since the Enbridge loads will not exceed the legal limit of 80,000lbs. Mr. Anderson also stated that although Tazewell County roads are in good condition he wants damages to be covered, and he also wants to support other counties that may need the road use agreement to protect their roads.

### **Manito Rd. Bridge over Mackinaw River**

Mr. Anderson reminded the committee of the previous advisory from IDOT to lower the rating for the bridge. He stated after analysis from an engineering company, the load rating remained the same, but a Fracture Critical inspection was required immediately. Mr. Anderson stated the Fracture Critical inspection took place March 12, 2013. He stated the extent of the project and the size of the equipment used caused the road to be closed during the inspection. Chairman Sinn inquired if the results were available yet. Mr. Anderson stated everything seems to be satisfactory except one tack weld was removed. The results have been forwarded on to the IDOT bridge office.

### **Winter Update – Overtime and Salt Usage**

Mr. Anderson stated that the concern to fulfill the salt contract is no longer an issue. He stated between the recent winter conditions and utilizing Morton Township and Delavan Township locations, there should be no problem reaching the salt quota. Chairman Sinn verified with Mr. Anderson that there is a loader at the Delavan location to reload salt. Mr. Anderson agreed and stated a couple members of the crew utilize the Delavan location to save time and fuel instead of driving to the Tremont location. Mr. Ackerman asked if the Highway Department was going to order as much salt as possible now to avoid a possible spike in transportation costs based on a recent federal gas report.

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Mr. Anderson stated it is still unclear how much salt can be ordered by the contract end date, which is March 31. Mr. Anderson also reminded the committee of language in the current contract that gives the Highway Department the option to roll the contract without bidding for the next year. He said he is unsure of the status of that option because the tonnage will be down again this year. He stated the salt options will become clearer as March comes to an end. Mr. Anderson then presented the committee with overtime usage/pay charts showing the recent high overtime due to winter storms taking place on three consecutive Tuesdays. He stated majority of the winter season had little overtime, but a substantial amount was used to fight the recent snow, ice, and winds for several days and nights. Overall, overtime is at a good standing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Potential PPUATS**

**Submittal – Broadway Rd.  
(Veterans Rd. to  
Springfield Rd.)**

Mr. Anderson stated PPUATS is looking at candidate projects to fund. Chairman Sinn explained PPUATS to new committee member, Mr. Andrew Rinehart. Mr. Anderson stated Broadway Road (Veterans Rd. to Springfield Rd.) would be his suggestion for Tazewell County's submittal. He stated this road currently does not have any shoulders, and the project is very costly, vaguely estimated around \$4 million. Mr. Anderson stated he wanted to inform the committee of his suggestion due to the fact that the County Board will have to pass a resolution supporting Tazewell's share of the project that could be 70/30 or 80/20 (approximately \$825,000 to \$1.2 million, plus engineering fees). Mr. Anderson stressed that he knew the project would be expensive, but without PPUATS funding, it will be extremely expensive. Mr. Ackerman stated he supports the upgrade to Broadway, but also gave Grange Road as a suggestion. Mr. Anderson stated that would be a candidate for East Peoria, and Tazewell County would have no funding involvement. Mr. Anderson stated Veterans Road improvements have changed the traffic patterns and more motorists are using Broadway Road rather than Route 9. Mr. Rinehart asked if Broadway Road improvements will likely happen sooner or later, even without funding. Mr. Anderson stated yes, and it will not get any cheaper. Mr. Anderson informed the committee that the submittal may not take place until summer, but he wanted the committee to be aware of his thoughts and suggestions.

**Sec. 13-00000-02-GM  
Paint Supplemental**

Mr. Anderson stated the Highway Department uses County Motor Fuel funds to pay for paint. Every year Mr. Randy Evelsizer orders paint for our stripers and paints the center lines and the edge lines in the entire county. A resolution for this cost is past at the beginning of every fiscal year. However, the paint did not go as far this year due to the high temperatures affecting the distance and dry-time in which the paint was used. Therefore, more paint was purchased than expected, and it is necessary to authorize additional Motor Fuel Funds.

**RESOLUTION:**

**MOTION BY STANFORD, SECOND BY PALMER** to recommend to the County Board approval of a resolution appropriating an additional \$13,050.50 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for paint. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

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**OTHER MATTERS:**

Mr. Anderson informed the committee that as a result of the County's new pay plan/matrix, the Maintenance Foreman/Supervisor did not receive a raise because he has reached the top of his bracket. Mr. Anderson stated he was advised to submit a request to have the position moved up to the next step by reevaluating the tasks and responsibilities. He stated he went through this process, and it was turned down by the deciding committee. Mr. Anderson stated he is aware that this has affected others as well, but he stated he is still concerned. He stated that the Foreman has extensive safety responsibilities on his shoulders on top of everything his position entails. In addition, Mr. Anderson pointed out to the committee the place at which the Teamsters (maintenance crew members) are located in the matrix pay plan in comparison to the foreman who supervises them. He illustrated and explained that the Teamsters are located in the middle of the bracket in which the foreman is located at the top of, and when it comes time to hire a new foreman, those with appropriate experience and best for the position are unlikely to take on the foreman's responsibilities without a significant increase in pay. Mr. Anderson also advised that the current foreman has technically has been moved backwards in take home pay due to the lack of a raise and an increase in insurance rates. He informed the committee that he does not have a solution at this time, but he wanted the committee to be aware of the current issue as well how it will affect the future.

Chairman Sinn informed the committee of the 911 signage program addressed by the Land Use committee. He stated they will be looking into ways to properly display addresses for unincorporated areas for emergency services as well as many other purposes. Mr. Anderson and Chairman Sinn stated rules as to the type of sign, the placement of sign, and other factors will need addressed before the program will move forward.

Mr. Ackerman brought concerns of Stringtown Road to the committee's attention. He described comments and concerns he has heard and discussed with citizens and other entities regarding the need to fix the road. Mr. Ackerman stated one of the main concerns is the flooded roadway at certain times of the year. Mr. Anderson informed the committee that Stringtown Road is not a County Highway; rather, it is a township road. Therefore, it is the township's responsibility to upgrade the road. He stated he is aware that the upgrade would be very costly. However, for that reason, Tazewell County would be dealing with several negatives if involved in the upgrade. He stated the County would have to give up work, like the summer maintenance program for instance, to fund a project like Stringtown. Also, it is not fair to fund one township road and not others. He stated there are good quality roads located around Stringtown Road, and it is simply motorists trying to use the shortest or quickest route. Chairman Sinn stated that most motorists traveling that road are aware of the water issues and should be seeking alternate routes, for example the nearby state route, to avoid any hazards.

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Mr. Anderson stated if they had funding elsewhere it might be a possibility to be an assisting agency, but funding the whole project is not a likely option.

Mr. Anderson stated the next meeting will consist of a letting with several projects.

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

**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, April 15, 2013, at 8:00 A.M.