

**DATE/ TIME:** Monday, January 20, 2014 - 8:00 A.M.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Sinn, John Ackerman, Nancy Proehl, and Russ Crawford

**ABSENT:** Rosemary Palmer, Mel Stanford, and Andrew Rinehart,

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A moment of silence was taken to honor former County Board member and Transportation Committee member Mr. Terry Von Boeckman.

**MINUTES:** **MOTION BY PROEHL, SECOND BY ACKERMAN** to approve the  
**Approve** Executive Session minutes of November 14, 2013, and the Special Meeting minutes and Executive Session minutes of December 6, 2013. **MOTION CARRIED** on voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
**Farmdale Road Update** Mr. Anderson stated a small issue with the relocated route and a private entrance needs resolved to follow guidelines of the ICC order. Mr. Anderson informed the committee that certain approach grades must be met. During construction, certain decisions were made in the field to account for drainage and other details, and in doing so, certain guidelines were not met. Mr. Anderson stated when the weather permits, a minor adjustment to the grading with asphalt will be completed.

**Wagonseller Road Update** Mr. Anderson stated there is not much to update other than the fact that the right of way offers are still out to the two companies. He stated he and Mr. Freilinger, Mr. Zimmerman, Chairman Sinn, and Mr. Jim Cummings met to develop a backup plan. Mr. Anderson stated there is a chance the offers may not be settled and there are time constraints on the EDA money. Mr. Freilinger plans to work with Ms. Carol Merna of Congressman Shock's office, the source of the funding, to develop a plan based on the current situation. Chairman Sinn added that funding from another source might still be available for the priority project, Townline Road intersection, and possibly the last stretch of overlay on Wagonseller Rd. Mr. Anderson clarified that there are three projects remaining at this time: Manito Road/Wagonseller Road intersection, Townline Road/Wagonseller Road intersection, and the overlay of Wagonseller Road from Townline Road to Garman Road. He stated Townline Road intersection and the overlay projects are ready for construction, but are being held up by the parcels of right of way still needing purchased for Manito Road since the EDA requires all right of way to be clear. He stated if the focus could be on the two projects that are ready, funding could still be possible. He stated if it is not possible with EDA, there's hope that the Townline Road intersection project could be completed with IDOT funding. Mr. Ackerman stated he would support the projects regardless of EDA funding. Mr. Anderson stated it would be nice to continue, but it is not as easy without outside funding.

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**Enbridge Pipeline**

Mr. Anderson stated the pipeline is in a cleanup stage in Tazewell County. He stated they moved through pretty quickly and very few issues came up while they were present. He stated Mr. Parr has been working with Enbridge and one of the road commissioners, Mr. Tom Wallace, to ensure a particular road is protected and taken care of. Mr. Anderson stated from a road standpoint, the process was near seamless. Mr. Ackerman stated most of the farmers he has spoken with have been satisfied as well. Chairman Sinn stated the question now is if the areas of farmland affected will be able to be planted in the spring or not. Mrs. Proehl stated there are still many areas in the southwest portion of the County that have several piles of dirt left to be maintained. Mr. Anderson stated the weather has made it hard to proceed with work.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Annual NACE Conference**

Mr. Anderson informed the committee the annual NACE convention will be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in April this year. He stated the new County Engineer would be the person attending. Mr. Anderson informed the committee that it is a great 3-4 day conference. He stated it is a way to meet peers across the nation in addition to learning new technologies and ideas. Mr. Anderson stated it is also a way to continue earning Professional Engineering education credits. Mr. Anderson stated he has attended every year, and he believes it will be a good experience for the new County Engineer. He stated the resolution at least approves the opportunity to go. Mr. Ackerman stated he would actually advise against the conference considering the new County Engineer will have only been hired for a very minimal time when the conference rolls around. Mrs. Proehl stated she feels that by approving the request, the committee and the County are setting the tone that this type of conference/event is encouraged. Mr. Crawford stated his first thought was against the conference, but changed his mind when Mr. Anderson explained how beneficial the conference can be.

**RESOLUTION:**

**MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY PROEHL** 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 PROEHL, SECOND BY ACKERMAN** to approve the request.  
**MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**Annual Equipment**

Mr. Anderson informed the committee that a resolution is required to take bids for the purchase of new equipment and to pay for leased equipment from County Highway Tax Funds. He stated this year's equipment resolution includes the purchase of a new truck for the maintenance foreman and a new tandem. Chairman Sinn reminded the committee that the resolution is simply to look for and accept bids on the equipment. The actual purchase must, again, be approved by the Transportation Committee and County Board.

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**RESOLUTION:** **MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY ACKERMAN** to recommend to the County Board approval of a resolution appropriating a total amount of \$276,000.00 of County Highway Tax Funds for the following: \$30,000 for End Loader Lease, \$33,000 for Mowing Tractors Lease, \$6,000 for Loader/Backhoe Lease, \$37,000 for Replacement of Truck #5, \$135,000 for Replacement of Tandem #23, \$15,000 for a Wing Snow Plow, and the balance for miscellaneous items. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**Annual Road and Bridge Projects** Mr. Anderson informed the committee that a resolution is required to take bids for road and bridge projects. These projects are included in the 2014 budget.

**RESOLUTION:** **MOTION BY ACKERMAN, SECOND BY PROEHL** to recommend to the County Board that the County Engineer be authorized to take bids. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**Annual County Maintenance Resolution (BLR 14220)** Mr. Anderson explained the annual County Maintenance Resolution is for the motor fuel program for Fiscal Year 2014. The resolution is sent to IDOT for approval. Each individual item on the general maintenance program will receive bids here in our office later in the fiscal year. Chairman Sinn inquired if all counties use beads. Mr. Anderson stated yes; it is for reflectivity at night.

**RESOLUTION:** **MOTION BY PROEHL, SECOND BY CRAWFORD** to recommend to the County Board approval of a resolution appropriating a total amount of \$3,243,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the following maintenance programs: \$135,000.00 for Paint, \$23,000.00 for Beads, \$265,000.00 for Salt, \$10,000.00 for Gravel (Location1), and \$10,000.00 for Gravel (Location2) and the balance for road work. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**County Engineer 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 particular resolution will be for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 through April 12<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Mr. Anderson stated another resolution will need passed once a County Engineer is selected and a salary amount has been set.

**RESOLUTION:** **MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY PROEHL** to recommend to the County Board that \$10,920.00 of Tazewell County's Surface Transportation Program funds be used for the County Engineer's salary. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**County Engineer Salary/Contract** Chairman Sinn stated a resolution is necessary to recommend terms of Mr. Anderson's salary amount and contract terms for the temporary period.

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**RESOLUTION:**

**MOTION BY PROEHL, SECOND BY ACKERMAN** to propose the salary for January 1, 2014 through April 1, 2014, will be set at a daily rate of \$520. Employee (County Engineer) shall submit mileage for all travel from home to work and any other work related travel and be reimbursed at the Federal mileage rate. **MOTION CARRIED** on a voice vote.

**Sec. 14-00000-00-CS  
County Engineer's  
Salary**

Mr. Anderson informed the committee that this is the annual IDOT Resolution for the County Engineer's salary. This allows the Highway Department to pay for the County Engineer's mileage and salary out of County Motor Fuel Tax funds. (Normally IMRF, insurance, and social security would be covered as well, but considering the terms of employment, those expenses do not apply.) This is another resolution that will need completed again once the new County Engineer has been selected.

**RESOLUTION:**

**MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY ACKERMAN** to appropriate \$35,000.00 for the salary and mileage expenses incurred for the County Engineer, to be paid from County Motor Fuel Funds, subject to the approval of the County Board. **MOTION PASSED** on a voice vote.

**Winter Update – Overtime  
and Salt Usage**

Mr. Anderson stated this winter has been hard on the overtime and fuel budget. He stated most snow events have been accompanied by wind. Mr. Anderson informed the committee that the crew must work the initial event, and then they spend 2-3 days cleaning up what the wind causes. He also stated that many of this season's events have taken place on weekends and holidays. Mr. Anderson stated salt has not been as much of a cost issue due to the amount of salt on hand. He added that overtime does not necessarily match the salt costs because crews do not normally salt roads in extreme wind conditions. Mr. Randy Evelsizer informed the committee that he placed an order for 500T of salt on January 3, but it has yet to arrive. He stated due to a Mississippi River lock issue, the barges of salt could not reach their destination on time. Mr. Evelsizer stated he received word today that the barges arrived, and the salt should be shipped shortly. Mr. Evelsizer assured the committee that there is still plenty of salt on hand. He reminded the committee that there is still a salt pile of 500T sitting at Delavan Township from last year. Mr. Ackerman stated he was aware that we would not be in need to search for places to store salt this year, but he wondered if we should still utilize the Delavan Township salt storage. Mr. Evelsizer stated there is no rush to move the salt at this time. He stated that there is a good relationship with the Delavan Township Road Commissioner, and the Township is ok with the salt being stored at their location. Mr. Anderson informed the committee that although the overtime budget has taken a hit early, the construction overtime should be considerably less than it was the previous year. Mr. Ackerman commended Mr. Anderson, Mr. Evelsizer, and the crews for their hard work on the recent snow events. He stated social media helped spread the word to keep everyone off of the roads, and when the storm passed, the roads were cleaned up very well. Mrs. Proehl agreed, and she stated she was very impressed.

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**OTHER MATTERS:**

Mrs. Proehl asked Mr. EVELSIZER if there is a backup for his position if he were to become ill or unable to work. Mr. EVELSIZER stated Mr. Dave SCHEUERMANN and Mr. Rusty ALBERS are both capable of filling in. Mr. Anderson stated they currently fill in for Mr. EVELSIZER when he is ill or on vacation.

**Discussion to Screen  
County Engineer  
Applicants/Schedule  
Meeting Interviews for  
Candidates**

Chairman Sinn stated the committee would move to Executive Session to further discuss details of the candidates for the County Engineer position. **MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY ACKERMAN** to move the Committee into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) – Personnel at 8:36A.M.

Chairman Sinn moved the Committee out of Executive Session at 9:37 A.M.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**MOTION BY PROEHL, SECOND BY ACKERMAN** to approve the bills as presented and recommend payment to the County Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Sinn adjourned the meeting at 9:38 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Monday, February 18, 2014, at 8:00 A.M.