

**DATE/ TIME:** Tuesday, March 17, 2014 - 8:00 A.M.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Sinn, John Ackerman, Rosemary Palmer, and Joe Wolfe

**ABSENT:** Nancy Proehl, Andrew Rinehart, Mel Stanford, and Russ Crawford

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Chairman Sinn welcomed new Board member and Transportation Committee member Mr. Joe Wolfe. Mr. Anderson briefed Mr. Wolfe on the history of the projects on the agenda.

**NO QUORUM:** Issues will be discussed but vote will take place March 26, 2014, at an In Place Meeting the night of the County Board Meeting.

**MINUTES:** **Minutes will be voted on at the In Place Meeting.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Wagonseller Road Update** Mr. Anderson informed the committee of a conference call previously held with Mr. Ron Hawkins, Mr. Freiling, Chairman Zimmerman, EDA representatives and himself regarding the possibility to move forward on other projects, such as Townline Road/Wagonseller Road intersection without having all right of way acquired at the Manito Road/Wagonseller Road intersection. He stated the answer is still that all right of way must be acquired before any construction can begin on any Wagonseller/Excel related project. Mr. Anderson stated based on the timing and still not having all right of way acquired that the projects will not likely happen this year. Chairman Sinn stated the Highway Department and Cincinnati Township are cognizant of a grain elevator on Wagonseller Road, and even if the right of way can be purchased in the next few months, the construction work cannot be finished in time to reopen the road for harvest.

**Enbridge Pipeline** Mr. Anderson stated the pipeline is in a cleanup stage in Tazewell County. He reminded the committee that considering the magnitude of the project, there were very little issues with the work, contractors, roads, etc. He stated Enbridge has been very receptive to correcting any issues. Mr. Ackerman inquired if someone from the Highway Department has been out to look at ditches and other areas to detect any erosion issues. Mr. Anderson stated it is still a bit early to look at such issues since Enbridge is still cleaning up. He stated someone will be out to do a final check in the spring.

**Winter Update – Overtime and Salt Usage** Mr. Anderson pointed out the transfer item on the agenda. He stated the amount budgeted for overtime for this fiscal year is nearly depleted and a transfer from Contingent Expense will be necessary. He directed everyone's attention to the salt expense chart provided in the packet. Mr. Anderson stated majority of the salt used for this season was salt on hand from last year since so much was left over. He stated Mr. Evelsizer has ordered nearly the max that can be ordered on this contract to fill the salt barn at a lower price than what is predicted for the next year. Mr. Ackerman inquired about the status of the salt storage in Delavan and if it will be filled back up as well.

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Mr. Evelsizer stated that he does not intend to fill it up, but he also does not intend to move the 178 ton that is still there.

**Manito Road Bridge over  
Mackinaw River**

Mr. Anderson reminded the committee that IDOT Bridge Office did a load rating on the bridge and asked Tazewell County do a temporary fix on the bridge or post a weight restriction. Mr. Anderson stated posting a weight restriction would cause an economic hardship for the businesses and gravel pits in that area. He informed the committee that he received quotes from three companies to do the work, and Stark Excavating was the lowest quote at \$29,628. Mr. Ackerman asked what the work will involve. Mr. Anderson stated the contractor will jack up the bridge, one lane at a time, removing plates from each end, and replacing the plates. Mr. Anderson stated the cost is a little higher than anticipated, but the work is also complicated. Mr. Anderson stated he would like to award the quote to get the work started next month. Mr. Ackerman inquired if the work was going to go through the Committee. Mr. Anderson stated the work will not be done as an “emergency” and stated that since the quote is higher than what he anticipated, it would make sense to have the Committee and Board approve the quote/project at the In Place meeting and County Board meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Terminal Avenue**

Mr. Anderson informed the Committee that he and Mr. Dan Parr met with Groveland township regarding some options for the road. He stated Groveland Township is going to check on legalities of using tax funds, but the Township may fund a gravel road and leave costs for chipping and sealing the road, if desired, to the residents along the road. Mr. Anderson stated a Special Assessment meeting would be required to discuss road and funding options for the residents.

**NEW BUSINESS:  
Line Item Transfer**

A transfer of \$40,000 from County Highway Fund 202, line item 202-311-566-000, Contingent Expense, to the following line item: 202-311-511-070, Overtime Expense, is necessary to offset the costs of this winter season’s overtime expenses. The overtime budget for FY14 has nearly been depleted due to several winter events, many occurring on weekends and holidays, and a transfer will provide for the remainder of the winter season as well as the up and coming construction season. Finance Committee will address the transfer, as usual, at their meeting.

**Sec. 13-00000-00-GM  
General Maintenance  
Supplemental**

Mr. Anderson stated an authorization for Motor Fuel Tax funds was previously sent to IDOT for the annual general maintenance project for 2013. An additional \$154,017.09 needs to be authorized by IDOT to allow the use of Motor Fuel Tax funds on the general maintenance contract. He stated this covers the cost overruns of last year’s general maintenance contract that had culvert work added to it due to the flooding. **This issue will be voted on at the In Place Meeting.**

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**Approval of CMS State  
Bid for a 2015 F250**

Mr. Anderson stated he budgeted for a new vehicle for the Maintenance Foreman. He stated the current vehicle has almost 210,000 miles on it. Mr. Anderson stated the packet contains the CMS State Bid details of a new 2015 F250 as well as the trade information of the current truck. The amount of \$25,155 would be paid from County Highway Tax Fund, line item New Equipment (202-311-544-000). **The issue will be voted on at the In Place Meeting.**

**OTHER MATTERS:**

Chairman Sinn stated that representatives from Heritage Lake have requested a meeting to discuss Special Assessment options. He stated the new County Engineer can address the meeting.

Chairman Sinn discussed the matter of Wood Road in Deer Creek Township. He stated there is a property owner dispute related to access to Wood Road. One owner had a gate installed across the road, thereby restricting access to the adjacent owner. The dispute went to court, and the Judge refused to issue a decision. The issued could come back to the Count Engineer for decision.

Chairman Sinn stated Mr. Anderson's last day is March 28. He stated Mr. Craig Fink does not start until April 21; therefore, leaving a gap of employment of a county engineer from April 1 to April 21. He stated the Committee could do a resolution to appoint an interim county engineer, but IDOT has given the Highway Department permission to allow current staff to maintain business until April 21. If a matter needs addressed, Mr. Dan Parr will handle decision.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**Bills will be voted on at the County Board Meeting**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Sinn adjourned the meeting at 8:31 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Monday, April 21, 2014, at 8:00 A.M.