

HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Friday, February 8, 2002
Meeting Rm. 1, Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana

MEMBERS PRESENT: O'Connor, Langenheim, Cowart, Frerichs, Faraci

MEMBERS ABSENT: Busboom, Carter, Graham, Hovel

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Sebright, Tracy Wingle, John Cooper, Bill Gray, Steve Wegman, Marvin Johnson, John Frye, Chris Doenitz, Debby Wagner, Patricia Avery

Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Declaring a quorum present, the Chair proceeded with the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Frye invited all County Board members to the annual Highway Commissioners Fish Fry to be held February 22, 2002 at the Gifford Community Building at 10:00 a.m.

MONTHLY REPORTS

County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims - January, 2002

MOTION by O'Connor to receive and place on file the County and Township Motor Fuel Tax claims for the month of January, 2002; seconded by Langenheim. Motion carried.

The report included the following:

County Motor Fuel Tax Claims: \$19,853.43
Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims: \$175,881.37

COUNTY ENGINEER

Resolution - County Roads Maintenance

MOTION by Frerichs to recommend to the County Board approval of a Resolution Appropriating County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the County Roads Maintenance for the period of January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002 - Section #02-00000-00-GM; seconded by Langenheim. It was noted that expenditures will be less this year due to the mild weather thus far in the year 2002. Motion carried.

Resolution - Authorizing County Board Chair signature

MOTION by Langenheim to recommend to the County Board approval of a Resolution Authorizing the County Board Chair to sign an Intergovernmental agreement with the City of Urbana Concerning the Funding for a Location Study for Windsor Road; seconded by Frerichs. Motion carried.

Resolution - Bridge Petition - Compromise Township

MOTION by Frerichs to recommend to the County Board approval of a Petition Pursuant to Chapter 605, Section 5/5-501 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes for the replacement of a bridge located in Compromise Township; seconded by Faraci. Motion carried.

Resolution - Bridge Petition - Sadorus Township

MOTION by O'Connor to recommend to the County Board approval of a Petition Pursuant to Chapter 605, Section 5/5-501 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes for the replacement of a bridge located in Sadorus Township; seconded by Langenheim. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes

MOTION by Frerichs to open all closed session minutes with the following exceptions: January 14, 1997; March 7, 1997; January 14, 2000; August 11, 2000 and November 27, 2000; seconded by Faraci. Motion carried.

ADDENDUM

MOTION by Langenheim to add the addendum to the agenda; seconded by Frerichs. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION: TIP AMENDMENT

Steve Wegman, City of Champaign, spoke regarding history of Olympian Drive engineering process. He stated that CUAATS will administer the STP (Surface Transportation Program). He also said he would like to see the road work completed by 2004. Discussion continued. It was noted that the County has already purchased \$500,000 of rights-of-way. Delays in this project delay other projects for approximately a year.

COUNTY ENGINEER
Emergency purchase of Auger

Tracy Wingler, Maintenance Supervisor, informed the committee the County enters into a contract with the State of Illinois for the purchase of salt. Due to the mild weather thus far this season, the County has not used any salt, but still must purchase the remaining salt per the contract. The end-loader is not able to pile the salt as high as the dome, but use of an auger would do this. Bill Gray, City of Urbana, stated that at the time the dome was built, an auger was on the list of equipment wanted, but never purchased. The City of Urbana, Urbana Township and the County will share the cost of the purchase. Brief discussion followed.

MOTION by Langenheim to approve the emergency request for the purchase of an auger; seconded by O'Connor. Brief discussion continued. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Langenheim wished for the speedy recovery of Mr. Unzicker who has been out of the office due to illness.

Chair Cowart introduced John Cooper to the committee. Mr. Cooper will replace Dave Sebright upon his retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cowart declared the meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranae Johnson
Recording Secretary

**Secretary's note: The minutes reflect the agenda items in order and may not necessarily reflect the order of business at the meeting.