

HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Friday, December 12, 2003

9:00 a.m.

Meeting Rm. 1, Brookens Administrative Center

1776 E. Washington St., Urbana

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carter, Crozier, Feinen, Jay, Langenheim, Schroeder, Shoemaker, Smith, Cowart

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Unzicker, Tracy Wingler, Debby Wagner, Chris Doenitz, Frank DiNovo

Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Declaring a quorum present, the Chair proceeded with the meeting.

Approval of Agenda/Addendum

MOTION by Smith to approve the agenda for the meeting; seconded by Jay. There was no addendum. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Langenheim to approve the minutes closed session minutes of October 24, 2003, the regular session minutes of November 6, 2003, the regular and closed session minutes of November 7, 2003 and the regular session minutes of November 20, 2003; seconded by Shoemaker. Feinen requested a change to the closed session minutes of November 7 minutes and request was accepted by the maker of the motion. Motion carried.

Public Participation

None.

Monthly Reports

County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – October & November, 2003

MOTION by Langenheim to receive and place on file the County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for October, 2003 and November, 2003; seconded by Carter. Motion carried.

County Engineer

Resolution Awarding of Contract for Purchase of All-Wheel Drive Articulated Motor Grader

Mr. Unzicker briefly reviewed the bids from three vendors. Two of the bids were within \$1500 of each other. It was noted the equipment should be received within ninety days.

MOTION by Jay to recommend to the County Board approval of a Resolution Awarding of Contract for the Purchase of a 2004 Model All-Wheel Drive Articulated Motor Grader by the Champaign County Highway Department to Martin Equipment of Illinois-Tolono, IL in the amount of \$83,225.00; seconded by Crozier. Unzicker said the County is able to use the equipment to be traded in until the new one is received. Brief discussion followed in regard to the differences in the machines. Motion carried.

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Resolution Appropriating Additional \$76,741 for County's Share of Curtis Road Study

Mr. Unzicker reminded the committee the County is acting as lead agency for this project. This entails the County paying for the project and then is reimbursed by the other entities. The County's total share is 14%.

MOTION by Crozier to recommend approval of a Resolution Appropriating an Additional \$76,741.00 from County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Champaign County's Share of the Curtis Road Location Study – Section #00-00374-00-ES; seconded by Carter. Motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing the Board Chair to Sign Agreement #2 to the Curtis Rd. Phase 1 Eng. Agreement

MOTION by Langenheim to recommend approval of a Resolution Authorizing the County Board Chair to Sign Amendment #2 to the Curtis Road Phase I Engineering Agreement – Section #00-00374-00-ES; seconded by Jay. Motion carried.

Amended Intergovernmental Agreement for Replacement of Bridge on County Line between Piatt & Champaign

Piatt County had previously intended to pay 80% of this project, but later found the State will not fund more than 80% of Piatt County's share. The new agreement shows the share of Piatt County is \$27,918 plus \$23,500 for preliminary engineering. The new share for Champaign County is \$207,082 plus \$23,500 for construction engineering. Discussion continued.

MOTION by Jay to recommend approval to the County Board of an Amended Intergovernmental Agreement for the Replacement of a Bridge Located on the County Line between the County of Piatt and the County of Champaign; seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

Resolution Rescinding Resolution #4417 and Adoption of Resolution Authorizing County Board Chair to Sign Amended Agreement

MOTION by Feinen to recommend to the County Board approval of a Resolution Rescinding Resolution #4417 and Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the County Board Chair to Sign an Amended Intergovernmental Agreement with Piatt County for the Replacement of Structure #010-3033 Located on the Champaign-Piatt County Line Piatt County Section #01-06129-00-BR and Champaign County Section #01-00864-00-BR and Appropriating Funds for this Agreement; seconded by Langenheim. Motion carried.

Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning Funding for Rt. 45 Corridor Planning Study

MOTION by Feinen to recommend to the County Board approval of a Resolution Rescinding Resolution #4738 and Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the County Board Chair to Sign a Revised Agreement Concerning the Funding for the County US Rt. 45 Corridor Planning Study – Section #03-00395-00-ES and approval of Savoy-Tolono, Southeast Champaign Planning Study Intergovernmental Agreement; seconded by Jay. Brief discussion followed. Motion carried.

Discussion: Illinois Adopt-a-Highway Act

Mr. Unzicker said this issue arose from the jurisdictional transfer on the Homer and Sidney Roads. When the State still held jurisdiction, various groups participated in the Adopt-a-Highway program and have now asked if they can participate through the County.

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The County Engineer suggested the State's Attorney's office review if a policy is needed and if there are any liability issues associated with participation in the program. Two of the participants are the Heritage School District and the Knights of Columbus of Sidney. Mr. Unzicker and Mr. Wingler have stated they have no objections to participating in the program. Discussion followed.

The County Engineer was directed to draft a memo to the Assistant State's Attorney asking for an opinion in regard to the liability issues of the County if program is implemented.

Other Business

The committee was notified of a short meeting to be held prior to the full Board meeting of December to consider a resolution for hauling of maintenance materials.

Schroeder requested the committee consider adoption of bio-fuels useage on County vehicles.

Mr. Unzicker read a thank you note from Wilma Buhr of Flatville for work done on a culvert that alleviated a flooding problem.

Adjournment

Chair Cowart declared the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranae Wolken
Recording Secretary

**Secy's note: The minutes reflect the order of the agenda any may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.*