

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

Highway & Transportation

Friday, October 7, 2005 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Room 1, Brookens Administrative Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cowart (chair), Bensyl, Carter, Feinen, Gross, Langenheim, O'Connor, *Jay*

MEMBERS ABSENT: Weibel

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Blue, Debby Wagner (Highway Department), Barb Wysocki (County Board Chair), Deb Busey (County Administrator)

Call to Order

Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Declaring a quorum present, the chair proceeded with the meeting.

Approval of Agenda/Addendum

MOTION by Langenheim to approve the agenda and addendum; seconded by Carter. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes – September 9, 2005

MOTION by Jay to approve the minutes of September 9, 2005 as presented; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried.**

Public Participation

Ed Boettcher spoke to the committee about CR 0 East, north of Route 10, the road he lives on in Scott Township. He presented a history of the road stating it does not meet IDOT standards and is not being properly maintained.

Mr. Blue stated there is a formal process, which he has explained to Mr. Boettcher, he can go through. This process includes obtaining signatures from other land owners in his township to petition him to go out and have a hearing on the road to see if it is being properly maintained. He can force the township supervisor to do something through that process but without it he has no authority over him.

Mr. Jay stated although he appreciates Mr. Boettcher bringing this issue before the committee, the road commissioner is really the one with the authority. He explained to Mr. Boettcher that it is not correct to assume all roads are treated the same in a township nor that all roads can have mft funds used on them.

Monthly Reports

County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – September 2005

MOTION by Jay to receive and place on file the County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for September 2005; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried.**

County Engineer **Construction Update**

Mr. Blue explained they are moving slowly on the Lierman Avenue project and it doesn't appear it will be completed this fall. They have moved forward with the Art Bartell project and are currently working with Mr. Inman to get bids from local asphalt contractors to finish this fall. They are still working on the final touch up on Staley Road.

October 12th Joint Meeting

Mr. Blue explained there is not only a joint meeting with the County Facilities committee on October 12th but there is also a joint meeting with the cities to discuss our million dollar cap. He stated he has presented the cities with the County's information and our reasoning behind the cap. We have had two meetings with the cities regarding this issue and there is a third scheduled later in October for staff level people from each entity.

Ms. Feinen stated although she understands the cities are not happy with this decision, there was a lot of thought that went into this cap as well as the hard work on the resolution to make it less threatening to the cities. She pointed out that the second paragraph of the statute clearly lays out the priority of how we are to spend our money.

Mr. Jay stated the cities did not bring much to the table except demands and accusations. He believes we would not be able to give the cities enough money to satisfy them and removing the cap will not solve the problem.

Addendum

Resolution for contract award authority – Champaign – Douglas County Line Bridge – Section #04-00903-00-BR.

Resolution for contract award authority – Crittenden Township Bridge – Section #04-08900-00-BR.

Resolution for contract award authority – Rantoul-Somer Townships Bridge – Section #04-20898-00-BR.

Resolution for contract award authority – Sadorus Township Bridge – Section #04-22899-00-BR.

Mr. Blue stated the letting dates had originally been set for October 18th, thinking they could get them before the Board on October 20th. IDOT now states the County Board cannot award a contract until 8 days after a bid date and he doesn't feel these should wait until November. He would like the authority to award the contracts as long as the final number is within 10% of the estimate.

Omnibus **MOTION** by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution for contract award authority – Champaign/Douglas County line – Section #04-00903-00-BR; Resolution for award contract authority – Crittenden Township Bridge – Section #04-08900-00-BR; Resolution for contract award authority – Rantoul/Somer Townships Bridge – Section #04-20898-00-Br and Resolution for contract award authority - Sadorus Township Bridge – Section #04-22899-00-BR with the contractor name and amount to be added after bids are let on October 18th as long as the result is within 10% of the Engineers estimate; seconded by Carter. **Motion carried.**

Closed Session

MOTION by Gross to enter into closed session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c) 1 to consider the employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee with the recording secretary remaining present; seconded by Bensyl. **Motion carried** with a roll call vote. Voting aye were Cowart, Bensyl, Carter, Gross, Jay, Langenheim, O'Connor. Voting nay was Feinen.

The committee entered into closed session at 9:58 a.m.

Other Business cont.

The committee entered into open session at 10:09 a.m.

Determination of Consent agenda items

Committee consensus to include addendum items C-F on the County Board Consent Agenda.

Adjournment

Chair Cowart declared the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Talbott
Administrative Secretary

Minutes amended November 10, 2005. Changes appear in italics.