

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

Highway & Transportation

May 5, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.

Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cowart (Chair), Bensyl, Feinen, Gross, Jay, Langenheim, O'Connor

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carter, Weibel

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Blue, Debby Wagner, John Cooper, Mark Ritz (BLDD Architects), Steve Wegman

Call to Order

Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A roll call confirmed a quorum present.

Approval of Agenda/Addendum

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

Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2006, April 7, 2006

MOTION by Gross to approve the minutes of March 28, 2006 and April 7, 2006 as presented; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried.**

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Monthly Reports

County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – April 2006

MOTION by O'Connor to receive and place on file the County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for April 2006; seconded by Jay. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Feinen arrived at 9:10 a.m.
Mr. Bensyl arrived at 9:15 a.m.

County Engineer

Resolution awarding of contract for a Township Motor Fuel Tax Resurfacing Project for Mahomet Township – Section #06-15000-00-RS.

Mr. Blue explained that this is a project Chris Doenitz of Mahomet Township requested the County do. Because the MFT monies that go to the Townships are taken through the Highway Department from IDOT, the County Board has to pass a resolution that they recommend the bid be awarded.

MOTION by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution awarding of contract for a Township Motor Fuel Tax resurfacing project for Mahomet Township – Section #06-15000-00-RS; seconded by Bensyl. **Motion carried** with Feinen abstaining.

Curtis Road Agreement with City of Champaign and Illinois Department of Transportation

Mr. Blue explained the first version of this agreement is included in the agenda packet. IDOT is building the interchange at Curtis Road and I-57 and the City and County are payers on the project as far as the building of Curtis Road between Staley and Duncan. This project is on the June IDOT letting and IDOT would like to get this bid in June so that in August they can get to work on it. Before the committee, is the first draft of an agreement between the city, county and IDOT which shows a county responsibility of \$350,750.00. They are asking that the county make payment to IDOT, upon the award of the contract, in the amount of 95% of the obligation. He explained the city has been in talks with IDOT about a lot of the language within this agreement as it pertains to city maintenance of Curtis Road because there is a jurisdictional transfer of Curtis Road once it is completed, it will become a city street, not a county road.

County Engineer cont.

There is some discussion between the city and the state about where the maintenance stops and starts on Curtis Road and there is also some discussion about the funding of this project and putting a cap on it. Basically, the city is trying to put a total commitment cap on what the county & city would bring to the table for this project, the 350,750 for the county is based on a percentage of the total project cost after IDOT lets the contract, the city is asking for a 125% cap of their commitment and he has asked if the city is going to make that commitment the county would like to have a similar cap. He explained that our Civil Attorney, Susan McGrath, has been working with the city on this, she has reviewed the agreement and feels the language is fine legally. The state has never done a cap on any project of this kind so they have taken the request to their chief council and are awaiting word back. He pointed out that the state was very tardy in getting this stuff to us, telling us we have to pass it to get it on their June letting or it won't be built in a timely fashion, in response, we are telling them we are waiting for their chief council's opinion. Because of the time frame, Ms. McGrath has suggested approving the agreement in concept today, that way there is a commitment. All of the details that might come out between now and the board meeting would be approved and looked at by himself and the State's Attorney's office and they would bring those details to the board meeting on May 18th for approval. Ms. McGrath suggested setting a special meeting before the board meeting, just in case there are details that need committee approval. If there are no changes or the city can't agree we will not have the meeting. Committee consensus to meet at 6:15 p.m. on May 18, 2006.

Mr. Blue continued, explaining that because IDOT has certain lettings scheduled on their calendar every year, they wouldn't be able to bid it again until August. Another issue is the U of I gas line which runs through the project. That line feeds the power plant at the U of I which does all the heating and cooling for the campus. The University wants to do a switch over of that gas line over Thanksgiving break because they can't be without power for any extended period of time, which is another reason why its crucial to get this bid in June.

County Engineer cont.

MOTION by Langenheim to recommend County Board approval of the Curtis Road Agreement with the City of Champaign and Illinois Department of Transportation, in concept, as well as the Resolution appropriating County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Curtis Road – Section #06-00374-01-FP; seconded by Bensyl. Motion carried.

Resolution appropriating County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Curtis Road – Section #06-00374-01-FP.

Addressed above.

Petition & Resolution – Sadorus Road District

Mr. Blue explained the Sadorus Township Road Commissioner needs to replace two drainage structures and by our policy, we pay 50% of those types of projects. Typically we provide the material and the Township provides the labor to install the pipes. This is appropriating half of replacement cost which is \$2,500.00

MOTION by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the petition requesting and resolution approving appropriation of funds from the County Bridge fund pursuant to 605 ILCS 5/5-501; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried.**

Maintenance Facility Update

Mr. Ritz of BLDD Architects reviewed the team members involved in this project and explained they just submitted the design development drawings to the County and reviewed those with Denny, Jeff and John Cooper. The schematic design floor plan has not changed but there were a few changes on the site plan. The drawing he presented to the committee, he explained, shows a combination of all site development including storm water retention. He explained all water from the building is collected from around the perimeter and taken to the retention ponds.

County Engineer cont.

When asked about the CAC building, Mr. Ritz explained they haven't determined when it will be taken down but he does know it will remain for a period of time during construction. That area will be isolated initially and they will work around it but it will impact how much of the retention ponds can be built. The earthwork is something you want to start right away and one of the implications to leaving the CAC building there will be that we won't be able to use all of the fill from these retention areas to build up area for the building. He showed a budget overview from the programming phase to the design development phase, to compare where we are explaining that the program space didn't change much between those times and the original numbers were based a lot on square foot costs. What they have done at the design development phase was start getting prices from actual suppliers and he has provided a breakdown of the changes per building category to see where the numbers have changed. They are still relatively on budget but the cost of the building went up so they used some of that design contingency which is a normal process. He explained they are planning on having the initial drawings released in mid June, taking initial bids in mid July.

Mr. Jay asked about the retention cells, asking if they are building them bigger than we need because we are assuming we will have something coming from the old nursing home.

Mr. Ritz explained that is figured into this cost. Mr. Jay stated he is concerned about trying to determine what we need before we know what we need.

Mr. Blue explained they take the worst case scenario and build the ponds to hold that amount of water, these ponds are wet bottom and they are assuming everything from 1905 going from the west will make it into those ponds. There is an outlet that goes across Main Street to the east of where our new building will be that will take some of the water over and to the ditch on the north side of the roadway. He stated you don't want to do this twice, we don't want to have to come back to make them bigger. The Highway Department is doing the earthwork, so the cost involved is basically our labor.

County Engineer cont.

When asked about the material balance of volume of dirt out of basins and what is needed, Mr. Ritz explained that Berns, Clancy and Associates is working on that. They currently have dirt left over from the nursing home project and they want to know if they will need it. There has been a lot of discussion about the height of the building.

Mr. Blue stated he does not want to haul that nursing home dirt over because it will take a lot of time and effort on our behalf and he wants to make sure we would need it. The other thing about the dirt work on this project is how long the CAC is going to sit there because a majority of our dirt is coming from that site. We may have to haul dirt in from the nursing home, then we will have excess dirt from this project because we didn't have CAC out of there, he pointed out that we are not far enough along in the process to know what we are doing.

When asked about exterior paving, Mr. Blue stated all the paving for the parking lots, the area behind the building and the entrance and exit are in the budget. When asked about visitor parking, Mr. Blue stated there is a visitor parking lot, the main entrance will be off of Main Street and the exit to Lierman will be gated and only used by staff. He explained that the Facilities committee approved the design development phase budget so we continue to move forward, he would like to get a roof on before winter.

Other Business

Mr. Blue stated at the Facilities committee meeting, on Tuesday night, the committee voted to have the block building demolished. They received a pretty good settlement out of insurance and the highway department will be working on demolition of that building over the next few months, after they get someone in the check for asbestos.

He updated the committee on the pavement management study explaining they have done all the camera work and they had their big truck on the roadways the last couple of weeks doing the deflection analysis.

County Engineer cont.

He reminded the committee that the letter they approved, stating the opinion of Steve Ziegler regarding our funds, that was to go out to all municipalities and townships was sent out with a letter from our County Board Chair, last week.

Determination of Consent Agenda Items

Committee consensus to include item 6D on the County Board consent agenda.

Adjournment

Chair Cowart declared the meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Tiffany Talbott
Administrative Secretary