

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

Highway & Transportation Committee
Friday, June 9, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.
Lyle Shields Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Feinen, Gross, Weibel

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Blue, Debby Wagner, Barb Wysocki, Jonathan Schroeder

Call to Order

Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Declaring a quorum present, the Chair proceeded with the meeting.

Approval of Agenda/Addendum

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

Approval of Minutes – May 5, 2006

MOTION by Jay to approve the minutes of May 5, 2006; seconded by Carter. **Motion carried.**

Bensyl arrived at 9:03 a.m.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Monthly Reports

County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – May 2006

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

County Engineer

Resolution for Jurisdictional Transfer of County Highway 1A (Olympian Drive) from Mattis Avenue to Prospect Avenue to the City of Champaign.

Mr. Blue explained this was something that the Highway department thought was done some time ago. When they started investigating the archives it was discovered that Olympian had not been transferred back to the City although they have been maintaining it as if it were theirs. This resolution will delete this from the County's system.

Resolution for Jurisdictional Transfer of Olympian Drive (FAP.813) from Market Street easterly to the end of improvement to the City of Champaign

OMNIBOUS MOTION by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution for Jurisdictional Transfer of County Highway 1A (Olympian Drive) from Mattis Avenue to Prospect Avenue to the City of Champaign and the Resolution for Jurisdictional Transfer of Olympian Drive (FAP.813) from Market Street easterly to the end of improvement to the City of Champaign; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried.**

Greenways Funding Resolution

Susan Shepherd, of the Regional Planning Commission, explained that in 2004 the Greenways and Trails plan was approved. This is a 20 year plan for the future of trails, bike paths and pedestrian facilities in Champaign County. She explained they are looking to implement not only construction projects but also some concepts that will improve the overall system and how we look at trails in our County. They are now looking at getting money for the year two projects of the plan and are requesting money from 12 different agencies, including Champaign County.

MOTION by Langenheim to recommend County Board approval of the Greenways Funding Resolution; seconded by Bensyl.

Mr. Blue explained the money will come from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for this project and is \$641.00. He stated he is on the Greenways and Trails committee and he feels this is a good project.

Motion carried.

Resolution authorizing the County Board Chair to sign an agreement with Douglas County for the replacement of Structure #010-5720, located on the Champaign-Douglas County line - Champaign County Section #06-00917-00-BR and appropriating funds

Mr. Blue explained when they replace a structure on a County line, with any other county, the cost split is based upon assessed evaluation. Douglas County is not assessed as well as Champaign County therefore the costs for this agreement will be split at 91.46% Champaign County and 8.54% Douglas County. It is a needed project on a township roadway estimated to cost \$180,000.

MOTION by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution authorizing the County Board Chair to sign an agreement with Douglas County for the replacement of Structure #010-5720, located on the Champaign-Douglas County line - Champaign County Section #06-00917-00-BR and appropriating funds; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried.**

Resolution authorizing the County Board Chair to sign an agreement with Ford County for the replacement of a Double Box Culvert, located on the Champaign-Ford County line - Champaign County section #05-00914-00-BR and appropriating funds for this agreement.

Mr. Blue explained the total estimated cost of the structure is \$153,000 and the cost split will be 94% Champaign County and 6% Ford County.

MOTION by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution authorizing the County Board Chair to sign an agreement with Ford County for the replacement of a Double Box Culvert, located on the Champaign-Ford County line - Champaign County section #05-00914-00-BR and appropriating funds for this agreement; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried.**

Resolution authorizing the County Board Chair to sign an agreement with Piatt County for the replacement of structure #010-4067 located on the Champaign-Piatt County line, Champaign County section #05-00918-00-BR and appropriating funds for this agreement.

Mr. Blue explained this resolution is for a bridge on the line between Champaign and Piatt Counties, with a total estimated cost of \$174,500. The cost split will be 90.8% Champaign County and 9.2% Piatt County.

MOTION by Bensyl to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution authorizing the County Board Chair to sign an agreement with Piatt County for the replacement of structure #010-4067 located on the Champaign-Piatt County line, Champaign County section #05-00918-00-BR and appropriating funds for this agreement; seconded by Jay. **Motion carried.**

Petition – Compromise Road District

Mr. Blue explained this is a bridge just to the south and east of Penfield, in Compromise Road District. The estimated cost of repair is \$10,000, of which, we would pay 50%.

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.**

Petition - Somer Road District

Mr. Blue explained this is for a culvert replacement in Somer Township. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$6,600 with the County paying 50% of the cost.

MOTION by O'Connor 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 Jay. **Motion carried.**

Petition – Sadorus Road District

Mr. Blue explained this is for a \$2,500 project in Sadorus Township replacing a 36 inch culvert. It is a very simple project and we are paying for 50% of the cost.

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.**

Petition – Compromise Road District

Mr. Blue explained this is a petition through the Township Bridge Program where by the County pays 50% of the project, the Township Bridge Program pays 40% and the Township pays 10%. These are set up in the beginning of the year and submitted to IDOT with an approved plan. This is for Compromise Road District with a cost of \$130,600 and the County will pay one fifth out of the Bridge Fund.

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 Bensyl. **Motion carried.**

Petition – East Bend Road District

Mr. Blue explained the cost for this project is \$218,000 and the County will pay 50%.

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 Carter. **Motion carried.**

Petition – Pesotum Road District

Mr. Blue explained the cost for this project is \$115,000 and the County will pay 50%.

MOTION by Bensyl to recommend County Board approval of the petition requesting and the resolution approving appropriation of funds from the County Bridge Fund pursuant to 605 ILCS 5/5-501; seconded by Carter. **Motion carried** with Mr. O'Connor abstaining.

Petition – Rantoul Road District

Mr. Blue explained the cost for this project is \$121,000 with the County paying 50%.

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

Petition – Somer/Stanton Road Districts

Mr. Blue explained this is a bridge located between Stanton and Somer Townships with a cost of \$126,000.

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

Petition – Urbana Road District

Mr. Blue explained this is from Urbana Township with a cost of \$140,000.

MOTION by Carter to recommend County Board approval of the petition requesting and the resolution approving appropriation of funds from the County Bridge Fund pursuant to 605 ILCS 5/5-501; seconded by O'Connor. **Motion carried.**

Other Business

Mr. Blue stated there is a good possibility there will be an Ethanol Plant just north of Royal on our County Road 22 and he provided a map for the committee to see where it will be. He has learned, through meetings with the Developer, that the majority of the grain would come in via truck and the oil would go out via rail. The estimate of how many loaded trucks would be coming in annually, is 40,000, which triggers the question about our roadways being able to handle those loads on a consistent basis. The portion most likely impacted will be from I-36 down to Royal, where the plant will be. He explained our road analysis has enough raw data that we were able to take that information out and look at the strength of County Road 22. It is estimated, through the survey data, that we need about a 2 inch overlay to bring that roadway up to capacity and we are looking at 1 million dollars to do that. He stated they have also gone out and looked at the bridges that cross County Road 22. One of the two bridges is in poor shape and they don't believe it could hold up under the trucks although neither of these bridges was designed to hold 80 pounds. He explained we are looking at 1 to 1.5 million to upgrade County Road 22 to meet the 80% truck capacity. IDOT is looking at about 2 million to upgrade their roadway from Royal to I-74, so it would be about 4 million to upgrade that roadway. The County Board passed an ordinance at the last meeting for Ethanol Plants, which states the petitioner is required to provide a traffic impact analysis and make the necessary improvements. He stated he is not exactly sure what that ordinance means, between now and August he will have multiple conversations with the Ethanol Plant people to talk about what will happen but he wants to make sure he is sending the message the committee wants him to send.

Mr. Jay stated we should not treat them any differently from any other industry that comes in. He feels we need to be cautious on this so we don't end up with no plant in Champaign County. Ms. Wysocki stated her understanding, from the Special Permit ordinance, was that there was a lot of input from Mr. Wood at the Andersons and he was saying they were willing to do certain things to meet our standards.

Mr. Blue explained that information brought back from a meeting on Tuesday was that IDOT was pushing people to go to some kind of special legislation to try and get money to upgrade because they don't have the money. When asked how much township road is involved in the site, Mr. Blue explained that Route 49 is only 2 miles in Vermilion County so there may need to be some upgrade of that roadway if they plan on bringing grain in from that direction. He pointed out that the ordinance was a step in the right direction but the language is vague and doesn't spell out who pays for what so we need to find a way to treat everyone fairly.

Mr. Bensyl stated he understands the plants participation for road improvements in close proximity to the site but it doesn't make sense to tell them they need to pay for bridge repairs miles from their site. Mr. Blue stated there is an Ethanol in Illinois meeting at the Farm Bureau on June 13th. Ms. Wysocki stated she feels it is appropriate that Jeff be in on these meetings at this point and as things take shape we may want the developer to attend a meeting of this committee.

Mr. Blue also presented the committee with an update on the new fleet maintenance building. He explained they are to have 100% biddable documents ready by the last week in June; they should be taking bids in July and hopefully have something before the County Board in August.

Determination of Consent Agenda Items

Committee consensus to include items 6 A-K and M-O on the County Board consent agenda.

Adjournment

Chair Cowart declared the meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Talbott
Administrative Secretary