

## CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

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### Highway & Transportation Committee

Friday, October 6, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.

Lyle Shields Meeting Room

Brookens Administrative Center

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cowart, Bensyl, Carter, Jones, Gross, Jay, Langenheim, O'Connor, Weibel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jeff Blue, John Cooper, Debby Wagner, Barb Wysocki, Susan McGrath, Steve Wegman

### Call to Order

Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A roll call confirmed a quorum present.

### Approval of Agenda/Addendum

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

### Approval of Minutes

**MOTION** by Langenheim to approve the open session minutes of August 11, 2006 and September 8, 2006 as presented; seconded by Jay. **Motion carried.**

### Public Participation

There was no public participation.

### Monthly Reports – County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – September 2006

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

**County Engineer  
EDP Agreement**

Mr. Bensyl arrived at 9:06 a.m.

Mr. Blue explained IDOT has come to the conclusion our EDP application, for all purposes, will be approved and we now have to go through the process of passing the agreements that they need to go along with it. The projects proposed through this EDP agreement are the structural overlay of County Road 22 from Royal to US RT. 136 including the replacement of 2 structures. A letter of commitment from Illini Ethanol is included, in a packet of information he distributed, stating they will have a payroll in excess of 2 million with 40 -50 full time employees. Also included is the employee reporting form, part of the request from IDOT, which was filled out by Illini Ethanol and shows the total number of positions to be created at 40 with a total payroll of 2.15 million dollars. That will be sent to IDOT along with the agreement before the committee; the last few sheets of the packet are a breakdown of our cost estimates showing the cost of the roadway and the bridges with a 3.2 million dollar total to upgrade County Road 22 to the standards for the plant. This includes preliminary engineering, construction engineering and a 10% construction contingency. They feel like this number is enough, if not more than enough, to build the project and that is the number they will be using to set the funding amount through this fund. The EDP amount is about 1.6 million, we will get \$525,000 in truck access route program money and the MFT and county bridge total will be about 1.1 million. He has sent this agreement to Illini Ethanol for their approval and he asks that the County Board chair be given the approval to sign.

Mr. Weibel and Mr. O'Connor arrived at 9:08 a.m.

**MOTION** by Langenheim to recommend County Board approval of the EDP Agreement; seconded by Jay.

Mr. Bensyl asked if Illini Ethanol will be participating in the cost. Mr. Blue explained there has not been any discussion although he has relayed to the ethanol folks he assumes as a minimum they would be helping with the turn lanes.

**MOTION carried.**

**Curtis Road Agreement – Amendment #2**

Mr. Blue explained that we committed, via a letter, to pay for 50% of the construction of Curtis Road Phase I, which is under construction at this tune. Before the committee is an amendment to the original agreement signed in 2001 and is for the Right-of-way for phase II of Curtis Road. The project is planned for 2008-2009 and the city is being proactive about starting this process early.

**MOTION** by Langenheim to recommend County Board approval of the Curtis Road Agreement Amendment #2; seconded by Bensyl.

Mr. Jay asked how this project fits into our long range plans. Mr. Blue explained we have 1.8 million in construction for this year, \$400,000 in phase II engineering plus this \$500,000 so we are at about 2.9 million. If you look at 2006-2008 in which that 2.9 million will be spent we are still within our 1 million dollar cap.

**MOTION carried.**

**Award of Bid – Section #06-00409-00-Dr**

Mr. Blue explained they will be doing County Road 9 next year as a federal aid project and they will be doing the under drain work this fall. The project received IDOT approval and they have a bid letting set for October 16<sup>th</sup> which is between now and the County Board meeting. Due to the fact that there is the responsible bidder law where by all bidders have to have an apprenticeship program in order to be considered a responsible bidder, IDOT has mandated an 8 day waiting period after bids are received before the board can award the project. This resolution will come before the County Board stating we agree to accept the lowest bidder and will give the engineer the right to award it; this will prevent us from having to wait until November. There is a December 1 completion date for this.

**MOTION** by Bensyl to recommend County Board approval of the Award of Bid – Section #06-00409-00-Dr; seconded by Jay.

Ms. McGrath stated she recommends some language changes in the resolution. A friendly amendment was made to amend the resolution as Ms. McGrath stated with the motioner and the seconder concurring.

**Motion carried.**

### **Establishing a speed zone on County Highway 15 near Sidney**

Mr. Blue explained this item is not ready to be before the committee at this time.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Blue presented an update on the new facility stating the Urbana City Council approved the special use permit, with a unanimous vote. The contractor is set to come in and set up the fence in the next week and shortly after footings and foundations will begin.

When asked about the fringe road agreement, Ms. McGrath explained that since the last meeting they have met with Urbana staff but they were waiting to see what was going to happen with the special use permit before further negotiations. She explained they are making progress and she reminded the committee they sent a letter to the City and did receive a response, but not the money.

Mr. Carter left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

### **Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) to consider the employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee**

**MOTION** by Jay to enter into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1 to consider the employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee with the recording secretary remaining present; seconded by Langenheim. Motion carried with a 9/0 roll call vote. Voting yes were Cowart, Bensyl, Carter, Jones, Gross, Jay, Langenheim, O' Connor and Weibel.

The committee entered into closed session at 10:05 a.m.

The committee entered into open session at 10:12 a.m.

Chair Cowart explained the November meeting date has to be moved because that day is a holiday. Committee consensus to have the November meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

### **Determination of Consent Agenda Items**

There are no items to be included on the County Board consent agenda.

**Adjournment**

Chair Cowart declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Talbott  
Administrative Secretary