

**Champaign County Board  
Committee Minutes**

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**Highway & Transportation Committee**

**Friday, April 11, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cowart, Jay, Knott, Langenheim, Melin, O'Connor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Beckett, Bensyl, Carter

**OTHER PRESENT:** Jeff Blue, Susan McGrath, Pius Weibel, Deb Busey, John Cooper

**Agenda Item**

**Call to Order**

Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A roll call confirmed the following members present: Cowart, Jay, Knott, Langenheim, Melin, O'Connor.

Cowart announced that Mr. Carter is in the hospital.

**Approval of Agenda/Addendum**

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

**Approval of Minutes – March 7, 2008**

**Motion** by Melin to approve the minutes of March 7, 2008; seconded by Jay.

Mr. Langenheim asked for a change in wording on page 2 of the minutes and Mr. Blue asked for “County Roads” on page 3 to be changed to “County Highways.”

**Motion carried** as amended.

Mr. Blue stated there was a motion carried for the federal aid job, to sign the Federal Participation Agreement, for County Highway 19 to one mile south of Ivesdale on County Highway 17. The amount was for 2 million dollars total with 1.6 million coming out of federal funds. They have been able to secure more federal funding, now in the range of 2.4 million, with 80% coming from the federal dollars. The agreement will reflect those adjustments.

### **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

### **Monthly Reports**

#### **County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – March 2008**

**Motion** by Langenheim to receive and place on file the County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for March 2008; seconded by Knott. Motion carried.

### **County Engineer**

#### **Resolution awarding of contract for the resurfacing of TR-30C located in Mahomet Road District – Section #08-15000-00-RS**

Mr. Blue explained this is on a township road using MFT dollars so the award has to come through the County. A bid opening was held and the low bidder was Champaign Asphalt at \$114,246.25. It was competitive with the second low bidder, Cross Construction, coming in at \$114,665.00. The Engineers estimate was \$107,215 so it is 6% over but the Township Commissioner has concurred with the low bid.

**Motion** by Knott to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution awarding of contract for the resurfacing of T.R. 30C (200E) located in Mahomet Road District Section #08-15000-00-RS; seconded by Jay. **Motion carried.**

### **Bridge Petition – Compromise-Ogden Road Districts**

Mr. Blue explained this is for the replacement of a culvert which is on the line between the two townships. The petition comes from both highway commissioners and the total estimated costs are \$22,000. They are asking we set aside money from the County bridge fund to pay for half of those costs.

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

### **Oil Letting Award**

Mr. Blue explained we are seeing around a 10% jump in price for everything this year. This contract will include the material being furnished and spread. He is asking for the award to go to ILLIANA Construction Co. out of Champaign.

**MOTION** by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution Awarding of Contract for the Furnish and spread on the road of Bituminous Material for 2008 Maintenance of various Road Districts in Champaign County; seconded by Knott. **Motion carried.**

### **Building Update/Open House**

Mr. Blue explained they are shooting for May 1<sup>st</sup> to do the asphalt covering work. The office area is complete except for cleaning and the majority of the furniture has been moved in. The large storage and maintenance areas are currently getting the finishing touches. After the asphalt work is done everything on the inside will wrap up and they hope to get an occupancy permit and move in sometime in May. Assuming the weather cooperates he believes they could have an open house in the middle or end of May.

Melin suggested early June to give everyone time to settle in. Cowart stated they will continue to include this item on the agenda.

### **Other Business**

#### **Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes**

Ms. McGrath stated she has reviewed the closed session minutes and did not see any that could be opened at this time therefore she recommends all minutes continue to remain closed.

**Motion** by Knott to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney's office and maintain all closed session minutes as closed; seconded by Jay. **Motion carried.**

Cowart asked if the highway department is going to help with things that need to be done at the nursing home. Mr. Blue stated the Nursing Home Administrator talked to him last year about putting in a driveway so the ambulances would not have to use the front door. They are willing to help but could not do so in the next couple of months because of other work being done.

**Determination of Consent Agenda Items**

Committee consensus that all items will be placed on the County Board Consent Agenda.

**Adjournment**

Cowart declared the meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Talbott  
Administrative Secretary