

**Champaign County Board
Committee Minutes**

Highway & Transportation Committee

Friday, May 9, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.

Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cowart, Beckett, Carter, Jay, Langenheim,
O'Connor

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bensyl, Knott, Melin

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Blue, John Cooper, Pius Weibel

Agenda Item

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 Beckett to approve the agenda and addendum as presented; seconded by Jay. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2008

MOTION by Jay to approve the minutes of April 11, 2008 as presented; seconded by Carter. **Motion carried.**

Public Participation

There was no public participation

Monthly Reports

County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – April 2008

MOTION by Beckett to receive and place on file the County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for April 2008; seconded by Jay. **Motion carried.**

County Engineer

Resolution Awarding of Contract for the Extension of a Double Box Culvert located West of Mahomet, Section #05-15945-00-BR

Mr. Blue explained bids were opened April 29th and Newell Construction was the low bidder at \$75,617.00.

MOTION by Beckett to recommend County Board Approval of the Resolution awarding of contract for the extension of a double box culvert located West of Mahomet (Mahomet Road District) Section #08-15945-00-BR; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried.**

Resolution awarding of contract for the replacement of a double box culvert located approximately 5 miles South of Sadorus, Section #06-22930-00-BR

Mr. Blue explained this is for the replacement of a culvert in Sadorus Road District. The estimate was \$230,582 and the low bid came from Duce Construction at \$134,518. He stated he has called them to ensure the prices were not a mistake and he has been assured they are willing and able to do it for that price.

MOTION by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution awarding of contract for the replacement of a double box culvert located approximately 5 miles south of Sadorus (Sadorus Road District) Section #06-22930-00-BR; seconded by Beckett.

Mr. Langenheim asked if there is any cause to have concern with these low numbers. Mr. Blue explained they are half price on concrete but they have assured him it can be done for that price. He stated this is the first project in his time here where they have had 5 bidders.

Motion carried.

Bridge Petition – Sadorus Road District

Mr. Blue explained the estimate is \$5,000 and we pay for half of that cost from the County Bridge Fund.

MOTION by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the Petition Requesting and Resolution approving the appropriation of funds from the County Bridge Fund pursuant to 5 ILCS 5/5-501 for Sadorus Road District; seconded by Beckett. **Motion carried**

Bridge Petition – Ludlow Road District

Mr. Blue explained this is to replace a bridge right off of our County Road nine to the West of Ludlow. The estimate was \$210,000 and we pay half of that cost from the County Bridge Fund.

MOTION by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the Petition Requesting and Resolution approving the appropriation of funds from the County Bridge Fund pursuant to 5 ILCS 5/5-501 for Ludlow Road District; seconded by Beckett . **Motion carried.**

Building Update/Open House

Mr. Blue explained they were due to start asphalt work today but the rain has pushed that back. He believes by the end of next week the parking lots will be done, they still have a lot of landscaping and site work to do, but June first could be the occupancy date. He thinks by mid to late June they will have been in the building and to a state where they could have an open house and show off what has been done.

Mr. Beckett stated they are trying to coordinate a weekend that Highway could have an open house and ILEAS could also have theirs. The committee discussed possible dates in June and decided to tentatively try for July 12th.

Possible Jurisdictional Transfer

Mr. Blue explained the road district has approached the County about taking over Mahomet Township Roads 50 and 54, Lake of the Woods and Tin Cup. They already plow it in the winter and looking at the map you can see these roads are out there by themselves, we have nothing else in that area. The total mileage of this transfer would be 4.19 and if we do this we would allocate money from MFT to pay Mahomet Township. He explained the Township Road Commissioner has indicated an amount of 250,000 for them to take the roads over.

On our side, we lose maintenance of 4 miles of road forever for \$250,000 which would be beneficial to the County, and good for everyone involved. He will bring this item back to the committee in June.

Addendum

Resolution appropriating County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for County Roads Maintenance for the period from January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008 – Section #00000-00-GM

Mr. Blue explained this is appropriating funds for road maintenance for 2008.

MOTION by Beckett to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution appropriating County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for County Roads Maintenance for the period from January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008 Section #08-00000-00-GM; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried.**

Other Business

There was no other business.

Determination of Consent Agenda Items

All action items were designated for the County Board consent agenda.

Adjournment

Chair Cowart declared the meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Talbott
Administrative Secretary