

**Champaign County Board  
Committee Minutes**

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**Highway & Transportation Committee**

**Friday, June 6, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cowart, Bensyl, Carter, Jay, Knott,  
O'Connor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Beckett, Langenheim, Melin

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jeff Blue, Susan McGrath, 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 Knott to approve the agenda; seconded by Carter. There was no addendum for the meeting. **Motion Carried.**

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION** by Knott to approve the minutes of May 9, 2008 as presented; seconded by Jay. **Motion carried.**

**Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**Monthly Reports**

**County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – May 2008**

**MOTION** by Jay to receive and place on the file the County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for May 2008; seconded by Carter.

Mr. O'Connor asked if this was the first and only bill for the City of Champaign Engineering Fees. Mr. Blue explained this is just the beginning.

**Motion carried.**

**County Engineer**  
**Curtis Road Agreement – Amendment #3**

Mr. Blue explained this is an Intergovernmental Agreement for the utility relocation on the next section of Curtis Road, which is to be built in 2009 from Wynstone Drive to Wesley. Utility relocation will be done this summer and after they have a handle on the right of way, when they go to bid in January of 2009 and the contractors start spring of 2009, all the utility adjustments will be out of the way. The County signed an agreement years ago with 50% cost share of utility relocation, engineering fees, right of way and construction. They have already done the engineering and right of way agreements and the total cost for the relocation of the utilities is estimated to be \$559,000, this includes relocating power lines, phone lines and the U of I gas main. The County's portion of that is \$279,500, which is laid out in the agreement. He explained they have been working with Dennis Schmidt about how we are going to pay for this and it looks like we will be able to push payments for Curtis Road out through about 2012.

**MOTION** by Jay to recommend County Board approval of Amendment #3; seconded by O'Connor.

Mr. Weibel asked if the cost for this was anticipated. Mr. Blue explained these costs were in the original cost estimate. When asked about the U of I gas line, Mr. Blue explained the U of I has only a few opportunities to shut down and switch over and one of them is March and one is October. We do not have the power to make the U of I pay for this themselves; they were there first and have the authority to ask us to pay for the move. They will also abandon the old line in place because it is expensive to pull out.

**Motion carried.**

**Resolution for Award Authority – Pavement Striping Bids**

Mr. Blue explained they have their letting, where they stripe all 200 miles of the county roads, on June 16. There is a 10 day wait before awarding so he is asking to be given the authority to award to the lowest responsible bidder, as long as the bids are within 10% of the estimate.

**MOTION** by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution for Award Authority; seconded by Bensyl.

**Motion carried.**

### **Major Bridge Award**

Mr. Blue stated that there is a program through IDOT where you can apply for funding when there is a bridge over a million dollars. There is a bridge on County Road 16 with an estimated cost of \$1,450,000. In December 2007 he applied for a grant to construct that project and it has been awarded and in 2013 we will be receiving \$1,160,000 to build that bridge.

### **Building Update – Open House**

Mr. Blue explained they have been moving the entire week. The maintenance area is 80% moved to the new building and as of this afternoon the office will be 95% moved over. They will switch over the phones and start operating out of that building as of Monday. He reminded the committee there is an open house planned on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Weibel stated he, Ms. Cowart and Mr. Langenheim will be at the NACO Conference on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Blue stated they can move the date to the 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of Champaign County**

**MOTION** by Knott to enter into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of Champaign County; seconded by Jay. **Motion carried** with a 6/0 roll call vote. Voting yes was Cowart, Bensyl, Carter, Jay, Knott and O'Connor.

The Committee entered into closed session at 9:16 a.m.

The Committee resumed open session at 9:23 a.m.

**Other Business**

**Cancellation of July Committee Meeting**

Mr. Blue explained that there will be 4 bridges bid in the later part of June that he would like to bring to the committee instead of straight to the full board. Mr. Knott asked if they could meet at 8:00 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m. Mr. Blue asked if they want to hold the committee meetings at the new facility. Committee consensus to meet on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Brookens and continue to discuss time and location of future meetings.

**Determination of Consent Agenda Items**

All items will be placed on the consent agenda.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Cowart declared the meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Talbott  
Administrative Secretary

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