

**Champaign County Board  
Committee Minutes**

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**Highway & Transportation Committee**

**Friday, July 11, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.**

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

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Beckett

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

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION** by Jay to approve the minutes of June 6, 2008 as presented; seconded by Bensyl. **Motion carried.**

**Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**Monthly Reports**

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

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

**County Engineer**

**Resolution Awarding of Contract for the replacement of a bridge  
Located approximately 4 miles Northwest of Dewey in East Bend  
Road District-Section #06-10929-00-BR**

Mr. Blue explained the Engineers estimate for this project was \$261,325.00 and Newell Construction was the low bidder at \$241,294.00.

**MOTION** by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution Awarding of contract for the replacement of a bridge located approximately 4 miles Northwest of Dewey in East Bend Road District – Section #06-10929-00-BR; seconded by Melin.

Ms. Melin stated she noticed Newell is doing several of these bridges and asked how they will be able to get them all done. Mr. Blue stated they will be simultaneous to some extent; they will start one then go to the next one. These bridges are not long time commitments for them.

**Motion carried.**

**Resolution Awarding of Contract for the replacement of a bridge  
located approximately 3.5 miles Northwest of Longview in Raymond  
Road District – Section #07-21939-00-BR**

Mr. Blue stated this is very close to the landfill on the Douglas County Line. The Engineers estimate was \$232,820 and Newell was the low bidder at \$199,887.

**MOTION** by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution Awarding of contract for the replacement of a bridge located approximately 3.5 miles Northwest of Longview in Raymond Road District – Section #07-21939-00-BR; seconded by Bensyl. **Motion carried.**

**Resolution Awarding of Contract for the replacement of a bridge located approximately 4 miles West of Longview in Crittenden Road District on the Champaign-Douglas County Line – Section #08938-00-BR**

Mr. Blue explained this is directly adjacent to the old landfill. Newell construction was able to get this bridge and the previous one because they are a mile apart so they can be working on both at the same time. The Engineers estimate was \$309,010 and Newell's bid came in at \$249,163.

**MOTION** by Bensyl to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution Awarding of Contract for the replacement of a bridge located approximately 4 miles West of Longview in Crittenden Road District on the Champaign-Douglas County Line – Section #08938-00-BR; seconded by Melin. **Motion carried.**

**Resolution Awarding of Contract for the replacement of a bridge located approximately 2 miles South of Thomasboro in Somer Road District – Section #07-25941-00-BR**

Mr. Blue explained this one was just bid on the 9<sup>th</sup>. The Engineers estimate was \$319,658 and Starks bid came in at \$308,338.50.

**MOTION** by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution Awarding of Contract for the replacement of a bridge located approximately 2 miles South of Thomasboro in Somer Road District – Section #07-25941-00-BR; seconded by Knott. **Motion carried.**

**Bridge Petition – Compromise Road District**

Mr. Blue explained this is the replacement of a pipe culvert, total cost estimated at \$5,600.

**MOTION** by Knott to recommend County Board approval of the petition requesting and resolution approving the appropriation of funds from the County Bridge Fund for Compromise Road District; seconded by Carter. **Motion carried.**

**Resolution Authorizing the County Board Chair to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Vermilion County for a bridge located on the County line and appropriating \$107,700 from County Bridge Funds for Champaign County's share**

Mr. Blue explained this division of cost is Champaign County \$197,780 and Vermilion County \$62,420. This is better than we typically do on the county line. The state statute states the construction costs must be split based on equalized evaluation of each county and Vermilion County has volunteered to pay for the right of way and preliminary engineering on this project. This bridge is located to the Northwest of Rankin on the County line and would be constructed in the summer of 2009.

**MOTION** by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution Authorizing the County Board Chair to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Vermilion County for a bridge located on the County line and appropriating \$107,700 from County Bridge Funds for Champaign County's share; seconded by Carter.

Ms. Melin asked why this is a better deal for us. Mr. Blue explained that Vermilion County came up with these numbers and he isn't going to argue with them.

**Motion carried.**

**Bridge Petition – Brown**

Mr. Blue explained this includes replacing 5 culverts between sections 16 and 15 with an estimated cost of \$4,500.

**MOTION** by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the petition requesting and resolution approving the appropriation of funds from the County Bridge Fund for Brown Road District; seconded by Carter. **Motion carried.**

**Bridge Petition – Crittenden-Raymond**

Mr. Blue explained this is for concrete box culvert replacement, smaller ones but a little higher cost due to the fact that they are concrete box culverts. The petition is for \$25,000.

**MOTION** by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the petition requesting and resolution approving the appropriation of funds from the County Bridge Fund for Crittenden and Raymond road districts; seconded by Bensyl. **Motion carried.**

**Bridge Petition – Philo**

Mr. Blue explained this is for a bridge South and East of Savoy with a total cost of \$7,200 and a resolution appropriating half.

**MOTION** by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the petition requesting and resolution approving the appropriation of funds from the County Bridge Fund for Philo road district; seconded by O'Connor. **Motion carried.**

**Resolution Awarding of Contract for 2008 Pavement Striping of various county highways in Champaign County – Section #08-00000-01-GM**

Mr. Blue explained this is for all county roads and some township and village. The resolution is awarding the contract to Varsity Striping from Champaign for \$152,321.90. He explained they were not the low bidder and that a company from St. Louis came in at \$150,504 but they didn't put up the appropriate bid bond so their bid was thrown out. They didn't feel it was appropriate to award it to them and sent them a letter they had to sign off on, which they did with no argument. He reminded the committee they had passed a resolution in June giving him the authority to award it to the lowest bidder but because Varsity Striping was not the lowest bidder he brought it back for approval.

**MOTION** by Langenheim to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution Awarding of Contract for 2008 Pavement Striping of various county highways in Champaign County – Section #08-00000-01-GM; seconded by O'Connor. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Blue stated the project between Ivesdale and Sadorus was bid in the June Federal Letting through IDOT. The Engineers estimate was \$2.3 million and the low bid was \$2.6 million from Open Road Paving. It is up to the state to award that but it is his understanding they are not going to do anything until the budget is set.

Mr. Blue stated they looked at the cost of asphalt about 10 years ago and we were getting it for roughly \$35-40 per ton; the low bid on this job was \$74.00 per ton. Asphalt contractors are saying not to be surprised to see asphalt at \$100 per ton this time next year. The liquid asphalt company has told him the \$1.65 bid we got back in April would be over \$2.00 if they bid it now and in the future they will not be locking prices in but will be including an escalation cost.

Mr. Weibel asked if culverts are regularly inspected like bridges. Mr. Blue stated they do not regularly inspect them. Our small ones are not, until we see a problem because there are too many of them out there.

**Other Business**

**Approval of Closed Session Minutes**

**MOTION** by Jay to approve the closed session minutes of March 7, 2008 and June 6, 2008 as presented; seconded by Bensyl. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Blue reminded the committee that starting in August they will be meeting at the new building.

**Determination of Consent Agenda Items**

All items will be included on the County Board Consent Agenda.

**Adjournment**

Chair Cowart declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Talbott  
Administrative Secretary