

**Champaign County Board
Committee Minutes**

**Highway & Transportation Committee
Friday, September 5, 2008
Highway Department Building Meeting Room**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bensyl, Knott

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Blue, Tracy Wingler, John Cooper
Debby Wagner, Alan Kurtz

Agenda Item

Call to Order

Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A roll call confirmed a quorum present.

Approval of Agenda/Addendum

MOTION by Beckett to approve the agenda; seconded by Langenheim. There was no addendum for the meeting. **Motion Carried.**

Approval of Minutes

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

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Monthly Reports

County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – July, August 2008

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

County Engineer
Curtis Road Amendment #4 with Resolution

Mr. Blue explained the original Curtis Road agreement back in 2001 was to reconstruct Curtis from Duncan over to First Street. Amendment #1 dealt with Engineering design, Amendment #2 with land acquisition, Amendment #3 with utility adjustments and this is amendment #4 which deals with the actual cost participation for the construction of the project. It specifies the costs and the division of those costs between the City of Champaign, Village of Savoy and the County. The project is slated to be bid with the January 2009 IDOT bid letting.

In the original agreement, Champaign County was a 50% contributor to the project on the local funds side. The City will be the lead agency; IDOT is allocating \$5.6 million and another \$1 million of federal funds toward the construction costs. The total project cost for construction they are trying to hold that at around \$12 million dollars, the City of Champaign is adamant about the fact that it needs to remain around that mark. The County shall provide \$14,000 for material testing services utilizing the county's testing laboratory.

He passed out a cash flow chart, reminding the committee that through our fringe road resolution we only have a certain amount of money to put into these projects on a per year basis. The costs shown that are from September 2008 down to February 2009 are costs where the money has already been appropriated; everything starting in March 2009 is what this agreement will pay for. Once the project has been bid, the million dollars of STR money the county is giving to the project will be used first which will pay for that portion down to January of 2010. As of the 2010 budget we would be allocating \$700,000 from the motor fuel tax fund, then again in 2011, 2012 and pay the balance in 2013. The total interest amount comes out to be \$13,000 but in this agreement we have said since we are providing material testing services through our own people that will offset what is theoretically the interest.

They are going to fund the project and we are going to pay it at the amounts we can afford and those payments will stretch out into 2013. This agreement is going to Savoy for approval this month as well as the City of Champaign. They have been able to work through any issues.

MOTION by Langenheim to recommend County Board approval of the Curtis Road Amendment #4; seconded by Weibel.

Mr. Beckett stated the scope of this project and the numbers provided demonstrate to him why we have to be so careful when entering into these agreements. This dates back to 1994 and Curtis Road as it existed at the time was probably a fringe road; in essence we are spending county money to develop a municipal street, the same is true for Windsor Road. He is concerned that when the bids come in someone is going to put pressure on us to go back on our plan of a commitment of 1 million dollars. Fringe roads were identified by name in the original agreement and the only other one would be Olympian Drive and the City of Urbana has been the major problem in that development. If we had that on top of Windsor and Curtis we would be in trouble.

Mr. Blue stated a portion of Curtis Road is still a Township Road and in the agreement, once it is complete, it will be transferred to the City.

Mr. Jay stated we made an agreement; the cap is working so now we don't enter into more agreements.

Motion carried with O'Connor voting no.

Bridge Petition Hensley & Condit Township

Mr. Blue explained this is a box culvert that needs to be repaired. It is on the Township Line and therefore it is a joint petition in the amount of \$24,000 and the County will pay half of the total construction costs out of the bridge fund.

MOTION by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the Bridge Petition for Hensley & Condit Township; seconded by Beckett.

Motion carried.

Other Business

Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes

This item was deferred.

Determination of Consent Agenda Items

Item 6B will be placed on the County Board Consent Agenda.

Adjournment

Chair Cowart declared the meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Talbott
Administrative Secretary