

**Champaign County Board
Committee Minutes**

**Highway & Transportation Committee
Friday, June 5, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.
Highway Department Building Meeting Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cowart (Chair), Beckett, Jay, Knott, Kurtz,
Langenheim, O'Connor

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bensyl, Carter

OTHERS PRESENT: John Cooper, Deb Busey

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 as presented; seconded by Jay. There was no addendum for the meeting. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes – May 9, 2009

MOTION by Langenheim to approve the minutes of May 9, 2009; seconded by Kurtz. **Motion carried.**

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Monthly Reports

County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – May 2009

MOTION by Beckett to receive and place on file the County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for May 2009; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried.**

County Engineer

Resolution for Contract Award Authority for 2009 Pavement Striping

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

Mr. Beckett stated he would like this to be on an agenda in the future for information so they can look at the bid tab.

Mr. Cooper explained they generally have just one bidder, Varsity Striping. The price hasn't changed 15% in the last 5 years but they always run a tab.

Motion carried.

Resolution Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Windsor Road – Section #06-00390-01-WR

Mr. Cooper explained this is a section between Philo Road and Route 130. The City of Urbana constructed this section without having everything in place with the state and because they didn't go through all that was required we were not able to pay the bill with MFT funds. To maintain our agreement they have set it up to bill a larger portion of the second section to balance out the first. The money isn't different; we will be paying the same amount just in a different manner.

MOTION by O'Connor to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Windsor Road – Section #06-00390-01-WR; seconded by Beckett.

Mr. Jay pointed out we are trying to stretch our MFT money so we are not broke and we need to make sure other entities abide by the rules.

Mr. Beckett reminded the committee that we were held to task by the City of Urbana when they thought we were somehow trying to get out of an intergovernmental agreement and it seems for those who work in good faith, everyone should have to follow the same protocol. They should have come to us instead of asking for a modification to the agreement after the fact.

Mr. Cooper explained the money is there and we will have someone out there as a watchdog. We are paying this as we get billed; it is just shifting the same total cost and taking a bigger share of the second portion.

Motion carried.

CR20 Project – Illinois Emergency Repair Program

Mr. Cooper explained Mr. Blue found out there is a possible 1.7 million available under the emergency repair program. We have the County Highway 20 project just sitting there that we could do as soon as we got the money; he is now waiting to hear back from them.

Ms. Busey stated the County Board has a policy that says the committee would have to approve the application for the grant and the money if it is awarded and she suggested putting a resolution on the County Board agenda authorizing Mr. Blue to accept the funds when he gets them.

Other Business

Approval of Closed Session Minutes – April 17, 2009

Approval of Closed Session Minutes was deferred.

Cancellation of July Committee Meeting

Committee consensus was to cancel the July committee meeting.

Mr. Jay asked why the Highway Department Fund is in a deficit of \$110,000.

Ms. Busey explained the Highway General Fund exists because of tax revenue and there will be a distribution in June and the balance will change. She pointed out that the fund did make it all the way to June where other funds did not.

Mr. Langenheim pointed out a grammatical error on page 4 of the May 9, 2009 minutes.

Determination of Consent Agenda Items

Items 6 a and 6 b will be placed on the County Board Consent Agenda.

Adjournment

Chair Cowart declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Talbott
Administrative Secretary