

**Champaign County Board
Committee Minutes**

Highway & Transportation Committee

Thursday, August 20, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.

Jennifer K. Putman Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Blue, Deb Busey, Pius Weibel

AGENDA ITEM

Call to Order

Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A roll call confirmed a quorum present.

Approval of Agenda/Addendum

MOTION by Bensyl to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Kurtz. There was no addendum for the meeting. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes – June 5, 2009

MOTION by Bensyl to approve the minutes of June 5, 2009 as presented; seconded by Carter. **Motion carried.**

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Monthly Reports

County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – June 2009, July 2009

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

Mr. Blue pointed out that the July report shows big amounts of claims from MFT and the majority of them are right of way purchases along Monticello Road. They are about two weeks away from certifying a right of way and have only two land owners out of 90 parcels that have not signed, but he anticipates they will.

He also reported that Mr. Cooper is doing well after his surgery and plans on returning to work in about 3 weeks.

County Engineer

Petition – Crittenden Road District

Mr. Blue explained this is a \$15,000 road project replacing a small round pipe culvert.

Petition – Newcomb Road District

Mr. Blue explained this is a \$26,500 road project replacing a box culvert.

Petition – Pesotum Road District

Mr. Blue explained this is an \$11,000 project replacing a round pipe culvert under the roadway.

Petition – Tolono Road District

Mr. Blue explained this is a \$14,000 project replacing a round culvert under the roadway.

Petition – Sadorus Road District

Mr. Blue explained this is very small project costing \$5,500, replacing an 18 inch culvert under the roadway.

OMNIBOUS MOTION by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the petitions requesting and resolutions approving appropriation of funds from the County Bridge Fund for Crittenden Road District, Newcomb Road District, Pesotum Road District, Tolono Road District, and Sadorus Road District; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried.**

Emergency Road Repair – State Program Project – County Highway 20

Mr. Blue stated that in June it was reported that he was applying, through the Illinois Capital Bill, for road repair money. He has talked to Senator Frerichs who basically received \$1.2 million within his district to appropriate to different projects, and he has put in for \$375,000 of that money for our County Highway 20 project. That project will cost around \$1.5 million so the \$375,000 won't cover the total cost but the project needs to be done and will be designed over the winter and constructed next summer. This was provided for information only.

Olympian Drive

Mr. Blue reported that the number one priority for our area, after the completion of the current Curtis Road project, is Olympian Drive. He provided an aerial map showing what has been constructed and what still needs to be on Olympian.

The biggest cost of this is the railroad bridge with an estimate in the \$12-\$15 million dollar range, which is half of the total cost. They did receive \$5 million out of the State Capital Bill for this project, and he has talked with Tim Johnson and Senator Durbin about the next federal appropriation, next summer, and feels pretty good that they have both thrown out \$5 million dollars as the number we could expect. \$5 million from the State Capital Bill in addition to anything from Mr. Johnson and Mr. Durbin, plus other money being applied for could mean we have help from a number of different financial sources to complete this project. The total price tag is \$27 million dollars and Urbana is the lead agency since the majority of it is in the city. The \$5 million from the State Capital Bill is for engineering, right of way and utilities and once we see that money we can go ahead and do an RFP for engineering. He has told all involved that there is no county money in MFT until after 2013 because that is when we start coming out of the red. If anything happens prior to 2013 someone will have to front the money and we will have to pay them back. Our share will be 50% of the local cost share.

Mr. Langenheim asked if under certain circumstances the Olympian Drive overpass will take precedence over the Curtis Road Overpass.

Mr. Blue stated that is the stance of the community as a whole. They have received letters of support from all the cities and the county that Olympian is the priority over Curtis, east of 45. This has been prioritized as more important. The idea on Olympian is development of that north side for commercial business as well as relief from the I-74 corridor.

Other Business

Approval of Closed Session Minutes – April 17, 2009

MOTION by Beckett to approve the closed session minutes of April 17, 2009 as presented; seconded by Jay. **Motion carried.**

Determination of Consent Agenda Items

All items are on the regular County Board agenda.

Adjournment

Chair Cowart declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Talbott
Administrative Secretary