

**Champaign County Board  
Committee Minutes**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cowart (Chair), Carter, Jay, Kurtz, Langenheim, O'Connor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Beckett, Bensyl, Knott

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jeff Blue, Deb Busey, John Cooper

**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 Carter to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Langenheim. There was no addendum for the meeting. **Motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes – August 20, 2009**

**MOTION** by Jay to approve the minutes of August 20, 2009 as presented; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried.**

**Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**Monthly Reports**

**County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – August 2009, September 2009**

**MOTION** by Kurtz to receive and place on file the County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for August & September 2009; seconded by O'Connor. **Motion carried.**

**County Engineer**

**Resolution Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for 2009 CUUATS – Section #09-00000-00-ES**

Mr. Blue explained that this is for the County's share for 2009. **MOTION** by Kurtz to recommend County Board approval of Resolution Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for 2009 CUUATS – Section #09-00000-00-ES ; seconded by Langenheim. Discussion followed.

Mr. O'Connor was opposed on principle. Mr. Langenheim stated that CUUATS was necessary as a prerequisite to receive Federal Funding on projects.

**Motion carried with Mr. O'Connor opposing.**

**Resolution Appropriating Additional Motor Fuel Tax Funds for CH. 17 Improvement – Section #08-00420-00-RS**

Mr. Blue explained this is project was let by the State with their estimate of the cost and these funds are for completion of the project.

**Motion** by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution Appropriating Additional Motor Fuel Tax Funds for CH. 17 Improvement; seconded by Kurtz.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Resolution Authorizing the County Board Chair to Sign an Agreement and Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for CH. 20 (Royal Road) – Section #09-00426-01-RS**

Mr. Blue explained that these are funds he was able to get under the Emergency Road Repair State Program Project through Senator Frerichs. The project goes from 1800E easterly 4 miles. This project is schedules to be let by the State on November 6<sup>th</sup> and the project should begin this coming summer.

Langenheim questioned if this was a road that County took over from the State and that the State had not rebuilt it. Mr. Blue explained that the State had rebuilt the road from the St. Joseph Road to Royal but that this section had not been rebuild since the 70's.

**Motion** by Jay to recommend County Board approval of Resolution Authorizing the County Board Chair to Sign and Agreement and Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for CH. 20 (Royal Road) – Section #09-00426-01-RS; seconded by Kurtz.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Kurtz inquired as to the status of County Motor Fuel Tax Funds. Mr. Blue stated that at this time we have fund balance of between 3 and 5 Million Dollars. These funds are earmarked mainly for Windsor Road and Curtis Road.

### **Monticello Road Improvement**

Mr. Blue explained that the Federal Section from Route 45 westerly to 600E is scheduled to be let on November 6<sup>th</sup>. This section is 80% Federal and 20% Local funds. It had been planned to let the County Section from 600 E to the Piatt County Line on the same day. The IDOT Local Roads Engineer has told us that there is a possibility of more ARRA Money being available. If other projects around the State are not ready to be let by January 10, 2010, then more funds would become available for projects that are ready for letting. If we would take bids on November 6<sup>th</sup> and more funds become available, we would not be able to obtain them. There is a possibility that another 1 – 2 million dollars could be obtained for this project, instead of using County Motor Fuel Tax Funds. If this is the case we would take bids prior to the States Letting January 10<sup>th</sup>. Committee members agreed to wait to let the project until we find out if other funds become available.

### **Other Business**

#### **Approval of Closed Session Minutes**

No Closed Session Minutes were provided.

#### **Determination of Consent Agenda Items**

Items B & C are on the regular County Board consent agenda.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Cowart declared the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debby Wagner