



**Champaign County Board
Highway & Transportation Committee
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois**

MINUTES – Approved 2/6/15

DATE: Friday, January 9, 2015
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Highway Building Conference Room
1605 East Main, Urbana, IL

Committee Members

Present	Absent
Lorraine Cowart (Chair)	
	Lloyd Carter (Vice Chair)
Christopher Alix	
Shana Harrison	
John Jay	
Jim McGuire	
Diane Michaels	
Max Mitchell	

County Staff: John Cooper (County Highway Department), Linda Lane (Recording Secretary)

Others Present: Patsi Petrie (County Board Chair)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:07a.m.

II. Roll Call

A verbal roll call was taken and a quorum was declared present.

III. Approval of Agenda/Addendum

MOTION by Mr. Jay to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. McGuire. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

IV. Public Participation

None

Ms. Harrison entered at 9:09 am.

V. Approval of Minutes

A. November 7, 2014

MOTION by Ms. Michaels to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2014 meeting; seconded by Mr. Jay. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

VI. County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – November 2014 and December 2014

MOTION by Mr. Alix to receive and place on file the County and Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for November 2014 and December 2014; seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

VII. Petition/Resolution Appropriating Funds from the County Bridge Fund for Bridge Repair – Hensley Road District – Section #15-12017-00-BR

Mr. Cooper briefly explained the project. **MOTION** by Mr. Mitchell to approve the resolution; seconded by Ms. Michaels. Ms. Michaels asked if the County still covered only half the cost. Mr. Cooper said that was correct. Ms. Michaels asked if this was a smaller bridge. Mr. Cooper replied it is standard size. He said erosion behind the abutment is the reason for this repair. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

VIII. Designation of Items to be placed on consent agenda

Ms. Cowart stated that item VII is to be placed on the consent agenda.

IX. Other Business

Ms. Petrie introduced Shana Harrison as a new member to the committee. Mr. Cooper said she is welcome to come in any time to ask questions about highway operations. Mr. Alix thought Mr. Blue gave a PowerPoint presentation about the Highway Department and thought it would be beneficial if it was shown again to this committee or even the entire Board. Mr. Cooper said there is a booklet that has the same information as the PowerPoint and provided one to Ms. Harrison.

Mr. McGuire inquired about a bridge in Tolono that had been mentioned in the newspaper. Mr. Cooper said it is actually a box culvert and they are aware of it, but that it is inside the Village and not part of their system so they can't put funds towards repairs. He said they had given the Village information on how to replace it. Mr. McGuire thought that municipalities under a population of 15,000 have as much right to request 50% funding or more from the County Bridge Fund as their road districts do. Mr. Cooper said Mr. Blue has already talked to them and suggested Mr. McGuire talk to Mr. Blue about it.

Ms. Cowart asked if there were any fringe road agreements with the villages. Mr. Cooper didn't know of any.

Mr. McGuire asked if the late start of the snow is helping the salt supply. Mr. Cooper answered they don't know because it's based on the number of times they have to go out. He said it could still catch up.

Ms. Michaels asked for an update on the Olympian Drive project. Mr. Cooper said now they are working on the embankment to build the bridge. He noted they finished the west side and just started the east side. He said a lot of drainage structures are in place on the west side. Ms. Michaels asked if they were on track. Mr. Cooper said they were. Mr. Alix asked if estimated completion was the end of 2015 or into 2016. Mr. Cooper thought it was in that range, but wasn't sure.

Mr. Jay asked if Highway was involved in the Wilber Heights drainage issue. Mr. Cooper replied yes and no. He said they represent the township as far as their design and engineering. He said the main part will be City of Champaign involvement. Mr. Jay asked if it was moving forward. Mr. Cooper said he hasn't heard anything about it for three or four months. Mr. Alix thought the State was going to try to get the township and city to take over that road. He also thought they got some grant money. Mr. Cooper said they did receive money to redo the road. Mr. Alix also thought they were applying for a grant to study the drainage but didn't know if they received it. Mr. Jay said the money received was only for part of the road. Mr. Alix asked Ms. Petrie for more information on the issue. Ms. Petrie said there was plugged draining near the tracks. She suggested they might want to ask John Hall to put that on the ELUC agenda as an update report. Discussion continued.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Cowart adjourned the meeting at 9:34 am.