



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

***MINUTES – Approved 5/8/2015***

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DATE: Friday, April 10, 2015  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Highway Building Conference Room  
1605 East Main, Urbana, IL

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**Committee Members**

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

**County Staff:** Jeff Blue (County Engineer), Deb Busey (County Administrator), Tracy Winger (County Highway Department), Linda Lane (Recording Secretary)

**Others Present:** Patti Petrie (County Board Chair)

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**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

Committee Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**II. Roll Call**

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

**III. Approval of Agenda/Addendum**

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

**IV. Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2015**

**MOTION** by Mr. Jay to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2015 meeting; seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**V. Public Participation**

None

**VI. Communications**

None

**VII. County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – March 2015**

**MOTION** by Mr. Jay to receive and place on file the County and Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for March 2015; seconded by Mr. McGuire. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**VIII. Resolution Appropriating Additional MFT Funds for County Highway 18 – Section #07-00419-01-RS**

Mr. Blue explained that this is for Monticello Road which has been done for a few years. He stated that three years ago the governor decided that there weren't going to be auditors in IDOT and that was moved to the Office of Quality and Compliance. He said there hasn't been an audit for three years of MFT and he would like to get it done before the current MFT auditor retires. Mr. Blue said they received federal money for this project and IDOT split the job in half because the federal money was only for half of the project. He commented that there was a resolution for a single job, and then they had a resolution to split the job. He stated that they missed the estimate by \$520,000 and summarized what that money covered. He noted that the bills are all done and paid and explained that this is a matter of having the money appropriated correctly for IDOT. Ms. Michaels asked if this was Monticello Road from Route 45 west to the west county line. Mr. Blue replied yes but the first five miles were all that were federally funded and this is for the portion that wasn't federally funded. **MOTION** by Mr. Jay to approve; seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

**IX. Local Agency Amendment to Dewey-Fisher Road Federal Aid Agreement**

Mr. Blue said they have started work on this job and it's due to be complete by October 31 this year. He commented that the actual bid came in over estimate by about 7½%. Mr. Blue said this is the agreement where IDOT is appropriating additional federal dollars to this job to cover 80% of the overage from the bid. He noted this increases the federal aid portion for the job. He said the attached resolutions have to be attached per the agreement to show IDOT there is enough MFT money appropriated to cover the County's 20% overage.

**X. Resolution Authorizing the County Board Chair to sign Local Agency Amendment #1 for Federal Participation on the Dewey-Fisher Road Project**

Mr. Blue said this is the resolution authorizing the County Board Chair to sign the agreement he just explained. **MOTION** by Mr. Jay to approve; seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

**XI. Resolution Appropriating Additional MFT Funds for County Highway 22 – Section #13-00433-RS**

Mr. Blue explained that this road is north of Penfield up to the county line and was done a few years ago. He said they appropriated \$1.1 million and the total cost was \$1,202,617.92. He explained they do the resolutions way ahead of time estimating what the project cost is. Mr. Blue stated IDOT changed the rules about when to send authorizations to have MFT money authorized. He said the total overage is due to using a different asphalt mix design than predicted. He noted the job is closed as far as paying out the contractor and this is the final resolution for appropriations. **MOTION** by Ms. Michaels to approve; seconded by Ms. Harrison. Mr. Alix asked if overages on contractor bids are due to agreeing to change orders on the fly. Mr. Blue explained that they need a resolution to start the project and rather than asking for resolutions for changes along the way, they wait until the final numbers are in before submitting a final resolution because the resolution has to match the actual final cost. He summarized several things that could be included in the final cost. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

**XII. Resolution Awarding the Contract for Bituminous Materials**

Mr. Blue explained there were two resolutions for bituminous materials. He said the first one is for furnished and spread. He said the only bidder was Illiana Construction. Mr. Blue said the estimate for item #1 on the bid tab was \$2.42 per gallon and the bid came in at \$2.22 per gallon. He said their estimate for item #5 on the bid tab was \$2.75 per gallon and it came in at \$2.46 per gallon. He said prices are down this year so the County and townships can do more work than anticipated. **MOTION** by Mr. McGuire to accept the resolution for furnishing and spreading the material; seconded by Ms. Harrison.

Mr. Alix how they can get more than one bid. Mr. Blue said that it won't happen because the contractors split up the state. He said there are no other contractors in Champaign County that do this kind of work. He said the good thing about this company for the townships is they don't charge extra for the small parts the townships do. He also said that Illiana is good to work with and have a lot of flexibility.

Ms. Michaels noticed a big swing in price on MC30 for furnish and spread or FOB and wondered why if it's the same material. Mr. Blue said the Emulsicoat resolution is for pick-up of material only, but he is only talking about furnished and spread right now.

Mr. Alix wanted to know if the townships make the decision to choose the particular product. Mr. Blue replied yes. He summarized how the townships set up their program with our accountant based on how much MFT they are projected to get throughout the year. He said the main difference is that one of the oils has small strings of polymer in it. Mr. Alix wondered if they could attempt to advance any best practice recommendations to standardize on fewer product types to save money or keep out of it. Mr. Blue felt they should keep out of it with 28 different road commissioners involved. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Mr. Blue explained the second resolution is for the FOB oil from Emulsicoat, who is also local. He said they estimated \$2.10 and the bid came in at \$1.85. He noted last year it was \$2.05. He said the HFP was estimated at \$2.40 and came in at \$2.10. He noted this was \$2.35 last year. Mr. Alix asked if this was where Illiana got the material from. Mr. Blue replied yes. **MOTION** by Ms. Michaels to approve; seconded by Mr. McGuire. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

### **XIII. Salt Bid Review**

Mr. Blue reported that Compass Materials came in at \$81.91 per ton for salt. He said he spoke to all entities involved and they decided to accept the price rather than risk going with CMS. Mr. Blue said he did accept the bid and they have a contract. Mr. McGuire asked if Mr. Blue was generally happy with 10,000 tons. Mr. Blue explained the 10,000 tons included the City of Urbana, the City of Champaign, Village of Savoy, Champaign County, Mahomet Township, Urbana Township, and Champaign Township. He said they only agreed to purchase 70% at a minimum of the 10,000 tons as a group. He stated Urbana said they didn't want to go with the \$81.91 because they have a bid that's two years old that they have been re-upping that they think is going to be in the \$70s. He stated that 3,500 tons of the 10,000 tons is what the County needs will be. Mr. Alix asked if that is a typical year or is it still reduced. Mr. Blue said it is typical.

### **XIV. Road Fund Sweeps Discussion**

Mr. Blue stated the \$1.6 billion sweep that the governor instituted included a \$50 million sweep out of MFT and as well as a \$250 million sweep out of the road fund, totaling about \$300 million coming from reconstruction and maintenance of roadways in Illinois to plug the \$1.6 billion hole. He said they receive a monthly allotment of MFT and it is estimated the \$50 million would be a 4-5% hit to each local government. He said they were receiving about \$180,000 per month and the last allotment was \$73,000. He said there was a three page list of things they swept it from. Mr. Alix asked the difference between the MFT fund and road fund. Mr. Blue answered that the road fund is IDOT and MFT is distributed to all governments.

Mr. Jay asked if it isn't a fact that the MFT in its inception was only to be used for roads. Mr. Blue replied it was and that it is a statutorily dedicated fund. He said that of the \$1.2 billion collected last year, almost \$200 million never made it to the formula distribution because of boating funds, administration, vehicle inspection funds, etc. Mr. Alix commented that it hasn't been adjusted for inflation for 23 years. Mr. Blue said he had a meeting with the new IDOT secretary. He said if the MFT had been adjusted for inflation since 1992 it would be \$.34 per gallon instead of the current \$.19. He said there is positive talk of some kind of increase in the revenue fund, whether it is MFT or other revenue, but it would be something they could count on rather than a one-time bonding fund. Mr. Blue also noted that the feds are talking about an increase in revenues, and if they do that the state has to have matching money in order to receive the federal money. He said at the current rate the state wouldn't have enough matching money. Mr. Blue remarked that it is unprecedented to sweep money from MFT because it is statutorily dedicated.

Ms. Harrison asked if there has been any outreach from the administration or IDOT for a future capital bill. Mr. Blue replied yes. Ms. Harrison asked if there is a list of projects they would want included. Mr. Blue said they haven't been asked to submit any projects but there are several they can quickly show the

need for from the pavement management system. He stated the big push community wide that is being set out there is the I74/I57 interchange project. He said this month the contract is to be awarded to the engineers for the development of the plans for that project.

Mr. Alix stated that even though there has been no adjustment for inflation, concrete and fuel have increased greatly. He noted they are putting more damage on the roads for lower entry fee. He said capital bills are great but they end up being a tool to get legislators to do what you want them to rather than long-term support of the infrastructure. Mr. Alix would like the County's voice heard in Springfield regarding the MFT issue.

Ms. Petrie asked if there was any talk of road work on I74 near Ogden. Mr. Wingler stated that is a high winds issue, not a road issue.

**XV. Other Business**

None

**XVI. Chair's Report**

None

**XVII. Designation of Items to be placed on consent agenda**

Ms. Cowart stated that items VIII, X, XI, and XII are to be placed on the consent agenda.

**XVIII. Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Mr. Carter to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Alix. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**. There being no further business, Ms. Cowart adjourned the meeting at 9:50 am.