



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

MINUTES – Approved 11/4/2016

DATE: Friday, September 9, 2016

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Highway Building Conference Room
1605 East Main, Urbana, IL

Committee Members

Present: Lorraine Cowart (Chair), Chris Alix, Shana Harrison, Jim McGuire, Max Mitchell

Absent: Lloyd Carter (Vice Chair), John Jay, Diane Michaels

County Staff: Jeff Blue (County Engineer), Rick Snider (County Administrator), Linda Lane
(Recording Secretary)

Others Present: Stan Harper (County Board)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:05 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. Mitchell to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Harrison. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

IV. Approval of Minutes – August 5, 2016

MOTION by Mr. Alix to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2016 meeting; seconded by Ms. Harrison. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

V. Public Participation

None

VI. Communications

Ms. Cowart mentioned an article in the News-Gazette that wasn't favorable about the ¼ Cent Facilities Sales Tax. She stated the article said over half of the money is going to be used for jail construction. Mr. Snider pointed out that it's actually 25% that is going towards the jails. Mr. Alix asked if it was a guest editorial. Ms. Cowart replied that it was. Mr. Harper asked Mr. Alix about the Farm Bureau meeting. Discussion followed about going to other meetings around town with unions and other entities.

Mr. McGuire asked when the discussion with the News-Gazette editorial board would be. Mr. Alix replied it's up to them. He said they will have their own letters to the editor. Mr. Snider said the News-Gazette is very open to taking letters and articles from us. Discussion continued.

VII. County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – August 2016

MOTION by Mr. Alix to receive and place on file the County and Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for August 2016; seconded by Ms. Harrison. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

VIII. Resolution to Rescind Resolution #9630

Mr. Blue explained that Resolution #9630 was to finance the Mack trucks. He said the State's Attorney's office recommended rescinding that resolution since they were purchasing the trucks outright from reserves. **MOTION** by Mr. Mitchell to approve rescind; seconded by Mr. Alix. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

IX. Resolution Appropriating County Bridge Funds for Section #15-00028-00-BR

Mr. Blue said this is to approve \$300,000 from the County Bridge Fund for a bridge on CH 16. He noted that the bridge has been posted for a few years. He stated they received a major bridge program grant for it last year, but those grants are typically five years out. Mr. Blue said that because the bridge is posted he asked IDOT if construction could be moved up. He said IDOT thinks they can do it in 2018. Mr. Blue said IDOT needs a resolution appropriating the funds so they know we're serious about funding our part of the project. **MOTION** by Mr. Alix to approve; seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

X. Resolution Appropriating County Bridge Funds for Section #16-00033-00-BR

Mr. Blue noted that a resolution has already been passed for funding preliminary engineering for the bridge over the Kaskaskia River on Monticello Road. He stated the bridge is deteriorating faster than expected, the deck structure is rated at a three (3), and is close to being posted. He said he asked IDOT if there is any extra money we could get next summer. Mr. Blue said a bridge in DeWitt County isn't going to be available for funding this fiscal year, leaving an \$850,000 hole IDOT needed to plug. He stated that IDOT said we were the first to ask and said we could have it. He is hopeful that they can get this project designed and ready to go before July 2017. Mr. Blue said we will be receiving 80% Federal funds on this project. **MOTION** by Mr. McGuire to approve; seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

XI. Resolution Appropriating County Bridge Funds for Section #16-00039-00-BR

Mr. Blue said this is another bridge on Monticello Road that has been rated for legal loads only for a few years. He noted it is currently a box culvert and hopes to replace it with a similar structure. He said after analysis it may end up being a bridge. He also noted that Piatt County is working on their side of the road this summer. Mr. Blue said there is no special money for this, it is a County funded project, and the resolution is for \$600,000 from the County Bridge Fund. He said if it ends up being culverts it will be around \$400,000, but he wanted a resolution on file for the worst case scenario. **MOTION** by Mr. Alix to approve; seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

XII. Petition and Resolution for Compromise Township Section #16-06040-00-BR

Mr. Blue explained that this is to replace a box culvert near 136. He said he is hoping to replace it with a box culvert since putting in a bridge would have significant impacts for nearby driveways. He stated it is \$180,000, of which 80% would be Township Bridge Funds, 10% County, and 10% Township. **MOTION** by Mr. Mitchell to approve; seconded by Mr. McGuire.

Ms. Cowart asked if the County is just paying for the engineering and 10% of the construction. Mr. Blue replied they split the engineering costs with the Township and there is a 20% match for the Township Bridge Program, 80% coming from the State, and 20% from the locals which is split equally between the Township and County. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

XIII. Lincoln Avenue Update

Mr. Blue stated the Cope property went to condemnation court last week and Mr. Cope said he had no issue with the condemnation of the property because it is an issue between him and his bank, not an issue between him and the County and the City. Mr. Blue said the judge took that as being good and the quick take deed was signed. The City of Urbana cut a check and deposited it with the courts.

Mr. Alix asked what the final price was. Mr. Blue replied \$75,000 for the County. Mr. Alix asked what it was per acre. Mr. Blue answered \$35,000 per acre plus \$13,000 in damages.

Mr. McGuire asked if Mr. Cope was paying his own lawyer fees. Mr. Blue said he showed up on his own behalf with no lawyer. Mr. McGuire asked who the County's lawyer was. Mr. Blue responded Meyer Capel, who was hired by the City of Urbana.

Mr. Alix asked when the road will be built. Mr. Blue replied the letting will be November 4 at IDOT and it should be a one-year construction project, after which they can open Olympian and Lincoln. Mr. Alix wanted to know if the road would be open next fall. Mr. Blue thought so, but said there might be some additional cleanup that will have to be done the following spring.

Mr. McGuire commented that it will be good to have it done and that we've been able to keep to our price. Mr. Blue noted the overall cost to the County has gone down significantly because they've been able to get 80% funding through STU dollars through CUUATS. He said there is a resolution on file for \$1.1 million but said it will probably be more like \$600,000-\$700,000 on the County's side.

XIV. Other Business

Mr. Blue reported that they have a preliminary agreement with AFSCME, but don't yet know if it will be favorable because it still has to be voted on. Mr. Alix asked what the proposed resolution for the snow plowing is. Mr. Blue replied they will have four people at night just like always. He said there is a procedure where workers can sign up for it on a rotating basis and that weekends are voluntary. He said there is also some language that workers can trade shifts if they want.

Mr. Alix asked if they thought the workers would accept the contract. Mr. Snider said they are so close on terms and they are talking about minor differences on the wages. He said if they don't do it it's not because of the contract content.

Mr. Alix thanked Mr. Blue and Mr. Snider for all the efforts put into the negotiations.

A. *Approval of Closed Session Minutes – June 3, 2016*

MOTION by Mr. Alix to approve; seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

B. *Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes*

MOTION by Mr. Alix to accept the recommendation of the State's Attorney from August 26, 2016 indicating that none of the closed session minutes are ripe for review; seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

XV. Chair's Report

None

XVI. Designation of Items to be Placed on Consent Agenda

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

XVII. Adjournment

MOTION by Mr. McGuire to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Mitchell. There being no further business, Ms. Cowart adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.

***Please note the minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.*