



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

Minutes-Approved March 9, 2018

DATE: Friday, January 12, 2018
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Highway Building Conference Room
1605 East Main, Urbana, IL

Committee Members

Present: Lorraine Cowart (Chair), Brad Clemmons, John Clifford, Jim McGuire, Max Mitchell, Chris Stohr, C. Pius Weibel
Absent: Steve Summers

County Staff: Jeff Blue (County Engineer), Michelle Carter (Recording Secretary)

Others Present: Pattsy Petrie (County Board Member), Ryan Ackerman (Kerr Township Road Commissioner)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:00 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. Stohr to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Weibel. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

IV. Approval of Minutes – November 3, 2017

MOTION by Mr. Clemmons to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2017 meeting; seconded by Mr. Clifford. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

V. Public Participation

Ryan Ackerman, Kerr Township Road Commissioner expressed his concerns for Kerr Township roads in Champaign County. Mr. Ackerman stated that he was recently contacted by a representative from Parks Livestock regarding two proposed sites for hog facilities in Kerr Township. Mr. Ackerman said he is concerned the township roads cannot handle the traffic especially during the construction of the facilities. He said Kerr Township is one of the smallest townships in the County and he does not want the roads to suffer. Mr. Ackerman provided maps of where the proposed sites would be located. Mr. Blue said he talked to John Hall from the County's Planning & Zoning and he said state statutes regulate the hog facilities. Mr. Blue said the County could request a public hearing. Mr. Blue agreed to meet with Mr. Ackerman and an outside attorney to discuss road use agreements for the township. The committee agreed that Mr. Blue and Mr. Ackerman should discuss the issue with an attorney before meeting with Parks Livestock.

Max Mitchell entered the meeting at 9:05 AM.

VI. Communications

None

VII. County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – November & December 2017

MOTION by Mr. Weibel to receive and place on file the County and Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for November & December 2017; seconded by Mr. Stohr. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

Mr. Blue explained how engineering and equipment rental charges are calculated and transferred from the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund to the County Highway Fund.

VIII. Truck Bid for 2018

Mr. Blue informed the committee the Highway Budget for fiscal year 2018 includes funds for the purchase of a new 2018 truck to replace the 13-year-old Peterbilt.

IX. Employee Retirement/Maintenance-Guy Davis

Mr. Blue discussed the retirement of Guy Davis. He said he was inclined to wait on hiring his replacement and see how we do. He would like to keep the money available in the Highway Budget.

X. Colfax Township-Petition Requesting and Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funds from the County Bridge Fund, Section #17-05046-00-BR.

Mr. Blue discussed the replacement of a culvert located between sections 6 & 7 in Colfax Township.

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

XI. Colfax Township-Petition Requesting and Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funds from the County Bridge Fund, Section #17-05047-00-BR.

Mr. Blue discussed the replacement of another culvert located between sections 5 & 6 in Colfax Township.

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

XII. Other Business

Mr. Blue discussed the upcoming project on County Highway 13. He stated that since TARP funds will be used the project would be continuous through the Village of Broadlands.

XIII. Chair's Report

None

XIV. Designation of Items to be Placed on Consent Agenda

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

XV. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Cowart adjourned the meeting at 9:54 am.

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