



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

MINUTES – APPROVED SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

DATE: Friday, August 10, 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, Steve Summers, C. Pius Weibel

Absent: None

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

Others Present: Patsi Petrie (County Board Member), Susan Toalson, Brendan McGinty

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

IV. Approval of Minutes – May 11, 2018

MOTION by Mr. Clemmons to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2018 meeting; seconded by Mr. Clifford. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

C. Pius Weibel entered the meeting at 9:08 AM.

V. Public Participation

Mr. McGinty and Mrs. Toalson expressed concerns regarding traffic safety at the intersection of First Street and the Philo Slab. Mrs. Toalson discussed her near miss accident that occurred in the spring of 2018 involving her almost hitting another car possibly driven by a student from Unity High School. Mrs. Toalson thanked Mr. Blue for his willingness to listen and for contacting CUUATS and having them complete an Intersection Study of County Road 900N and County Road 1200E. Mr. McGinty requested additional signage be added to raise awareness.

Max Mitchell entered the meeting at 9:13 AM.

VI. Communications

None

VII. County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – May, June & July 2018

MOTION by Mr. Weibel to receive and place on file the County and Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for May, June, & July 2018; seconded by Mr. Stohr. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

VIII. Stop Sign Request at 900N & 1200E

Mr. Blue reviewed the Intersection Study of County Road 900N and County Road 1200E. The study was performed in April 2018. The objectives of the study:

- Conduct all-way stop control warrant analysis
- Conduct traffic signal warrant analysis

- Conduct other traffic operational analysis including gaps in the traffic flow along County Road 900N, speed and crash data analysis

The study found that none of the traffic signal warrants were met nor were the multi-way stop control application guidelines from the MUTCD 2009 met. However, the following safety countermeasures were recommended:

- MUTCD W4-4P “CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP” warning signs should be installed in combination with the stop signs at the minor approaches.
- Oversized stop signs should be installed at the northbound and southbound approaches.
- Inattentive or distracted drivers often make poor decisions regarding the availability of safety gaps between vehicles on the major road. The Champaign County Sheriff’s Office should continue ongoing education and enforcement steps to address distracted driving issues.

The Highway Committee discussed the installation of yellow blinking lights, red flashing stop signs, rumble strips, and dangerous intersection signs. The committee was in agreement for improving the safety of the intersection. Mr. Weibel thanked Mr. McGinty and Mrs. Toalson for bringing this topic to the committee’s attention.

MOTION by Mr. Weibel for Mr. Blue to investigate the installation of Dangerous Intersection signs and the addition of flashing stop signs to the already existing stop signs at the intersection of CR 900N and CR 1200E; seconded by Mr. Summers. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

IX. Bid Tab Results for Stop Sign Placement at Uncontrolled Intersections, #18-00447-00-SP

Mr. Blue discussed the bid tab results for the installation of stop signs at rural intersections. T.M.F. Construction was the low bid at \$171,321.88.

X. Resolution Awarding Contract, Newcomb Township, Section #17-16043-00-BR.

Mr. Blue reviewed the bid tab for the Newcomb Township Section #17-16043-00-BR. The low bid was Stark Excavating Inc. at \$175,896.00. Mr. Blue recommended the project be awarded to Stark Excavating. **MOTION** by Mr. McGuire to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. Weibel. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

XI. Resolution for Emergency Procurement, Kerr Township, Appropriating County Bridge Funds for Section 18-00054-00-BR and 18-00054-01-BR

Mr. Blue discussed the resolution for emergency procurement for Kerr Township. He explained the deterioration of the structure. The project has two section numbers. Section #18-00054-00-BR is for materials estimated at \$27,000.00. Section #18-00054-01-BR is for the installation estimated at \$35,000.00.

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

XII. Petition Requesting and Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funds from the County Bridge Fund for Compromise Township, Section #18-06056-00-BR

Mr. Blue discussed the petition and resolution for Compromise Township. He stated that bridge #010-4086 is in need of repair. The repair is estimated at \$20,000.00 and Compromise Township will pay one-half the cost.

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

XIII. Petition Requesting and Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funds from the County Bridge Fund for Compromise Township, Section #18-06058-00-BR

Mr. Blue also discussed two culverts that need replaced in Compromise Township. The first culvert is estimated at \$40,000.00 and a smaller culvert is estimated at \$10,000.00. Again, Compromise Township is prepared to pay one-half the cost.

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

XIV. Petition Requesting and Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funds from the County Bridge Fund for Compromise Township, Section #18-06059-00-BR

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

XV. Petition Requesting and Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funds from the County Bridge Fund for Pesotum Township, Section #18-18055-00-BR

Mr. Blue discussed a petition and resolution for Pesotum Township. Bridge #010-4146 needs repaired. The repairs are estimated at \$20,000.00. Pesotum Township is prepared to pay one-half the cost of repair.

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

XVI. Petition Requesting and Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funds from the County Bridge Fund for Urbana Township, Section #18-30057-00-BR

Mr. Blue discussed a bridge located on High Cross Road in Urbana Township over the Saline Branch Drainage Ditch, which is in need of repair. The repairs are estimated at \$400,000.00. Urbana Township is prepared to pay 10% of the construction cost and 50% of the engineering costs for the project.

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

XVII. Resolution Appropriating \$12,444.68 from County Bridge Funds for Culvert Replacement on County Highway 19, Section 18-00049-00-BR

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

XVIII. Resolution Appropriating \$325,000.00 from County Highway Funds for a Railroad Crossing Upgrade on County Road 1900E, Section 15-21440-00-SP

Mr. Blue discussed the resolution appropriating \$325,000.00 from County Highway Funds and granting contract award authority for a railroad crossing upgrade in Raymond Township. He stated the project has been ongoing for three years. A Local Agency Railway-Highway Grade Crossing Improvements Agreement has been executed with the Illinois Department of Transportation. All local agency costs will be reimbursed with federal dollars.

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

XIX. Resolution Appropriating \$200,000.00 from County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Countywide Guardrail Replacement on County Highways, Section 16-00444-00-SP

Mr. Blue discussed a resolution appropriating \$200,000.00 from County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the replacement of various sections of guardrails on county highways that need replaced. The project will be bid in November 2018. The total project is estimated at \$2,000,000.00. Ninety percent of the project will be covered by federal dollars. The guardrails that are not in compliance will be replaced unless the bridge is scheduled to be replaced in the next couple of years.

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

XX. Preliminary Budget Review

Mr. Blue reviewed his 2019 preliminary budget.

Budget highlights for the Highway Fund 083-060:

- \$104,000.00-Building maintenance “sinking fund”
- \$400,000.00-Heavy Equipment-new tandem truck & new front-end loader
- Performance Indicator-Pavement Condition 80.5 PCI for FY 2019

- Majority of Income from Property Tax
- Equipment list-replacements

Mr. Clifford left the meeting at 10:29 AM.

Budget highlights for the Bridge Fund 084-060:

- Performance Indicator-3-4 large projects each year
- Majority of the expense-bridges & culverts

Budget highlights for Motor Fuel Tax Fund 085-060:

- IL MFT per gallon fuel consumption downward trend
- \$200,000.00 for Highway Safety Improvement Grant to upgrade guardrails
- CR 9 from Ludlow to CR 32 will be reconstructed-\$3,200,000.00

XXI. Topics for a White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs Meeting

Mr. Weibel asked for topics to submit for discussion at an upcoming meeting in Washington DC. Mr. Blue suggested the Curtis Road Project. The project is a \$37 million dollar project. There is already a \$15 million commitment from the Illinois Commerce Commission.

XXII. Other Business

Mr. Clemmons asked Mr. Blue to contact IDOT regarding the addition of traffic signals at the intersection of Route 45 and Philo Road.

XXIII. Designation of Items to be Placed on Consent Agenda

Ms. Cowart stated that items X thru XIX are to be placed on the consent agenda.

XXIV. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Cowart adjourned the meeting at 10:45 am.

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