



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

***MINUTES – APPROVED FEBRUARY 8, 2019***

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DATE: Friday, January 4, 2019  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Highway Building Conference Room  
1605 East Main, Urbana, IL

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**Committee Members**

**Present:** Lorraine Cowart (Chair), Brad Clemmons, John Clifford, Jim McGuire, Chris Stohr,  
Pranjal Vachaspati

**Absent:** Giraldo Rosales

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

**Others Present:**

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***MINUTES***

**I. Call to Order**

Committee Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:08 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. Clifford.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

**IV. Approval of Minutes – November 9, 2018**

**MOTION** by Mr. Clemmons to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2018 meeting; seconded by Mr. McGuire.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

Mr. Blue discussed the realignment of the Highway Department after the recent retirement of the Maintenance Supervisor. The Assistant County Engineer's position was reevaluated and now includes the administrative responsibilities of the Maintenance Supervisor. Mr. Blue stated the County is waiting on a Memo of Understanding from the AFSCME union regarding the creation of a union working foreman position.

**V. Public Participation**

None

**VI. Communications**

None.

**VII. County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – November & December 2018**

**MOTION** by Mr. Stohr to receive and place on file the County and Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for November & December 2018; seconded by Mr. McGuire.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

**VIII. Review of Champaign County Road & Bridge Projects and Funding**

Mr. Blue discussed information he presented to Carol Ammon's office regarding several Champaign County Road and Bridge Projects that may qualify for a capital bill through the state legislature. Mr. Blue said there is a lot of discussion regarding transportation funding at the state and national level. The Motor Fuel Tax rate for the State of IL has not been changed since 1990. The projects discussed include the rebuild of sections of County Highway 9, 15, and 18. The replacement of bridge #010-0119 located on CH 18, the replacement of bridge #010-0080 located on CH 15, the replacement of bridge #010-4033 located on High Cross Road, and the replacement of bridge #010-0122 located on CH 17. Maps were provided to show the location of the projects.

**IX. Review of the Champaign County Pavement Management Report**

Mr. Blue reviewed the Champaign County Pavement Management System Update Report provided by Applied Research Associates, Inc. Mr. Blue discussed the section of CH 9 that is rated in poor condition. The committee discussed the rebuilding of CH 9 and the addition of steel railing on a bridge located between sections 4 and 9. The pavement study rates the roadways with a Pavement Condition Index. The County Highways are averaging around 81% PCI.

**X. Resolution Appropriating \$3,100,000.00 from County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Improvement of County Highway 9, Section #18-00449-00-RS.**

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

**XI. Resolution Appropriating \$55,000.00 from County Bridge Funds for the Repair of the Taylor Bridge on County Highway 9, Section #18-00065-00-BR.**

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

**XII. Other Business**

None

**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 9:55 am.

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