



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

**MINUTES – APPROVED APRIL 5, 2019**

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DATE: Friday, March 8, 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, Giraldo Rosales, Chris Stohr, Pranjal Vachaspati

**Absent:** None

**County Staff:** Jeff Blue (County Engineer), Michelle Carter (Recording Secretary), Rita-Morocoima-Black (CCRPC/CUUATS Planning and Community Development Director), Kristen Gisondi (Champaign County Program Compliance and Oversight Monitor (PCOM))

**Others Present:** Drew Bargmann (CU MTD)

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

**IV. Approval of Minutes – February 8, 2019**

**MOTION** by Mr. Rosales to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2019 meeting; seconded by Mr. Clifford.  
Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**V. Public Participation**

None

**VI. Communications**

Mr. Stohr voiced concerns regarding rural transportation services in Champaign County.

**VII. County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – February 2019**

**MOTION** by Mr. Stohr to receive and place on file the County and Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for February 2019; seconded by Mr. Vachaspati.  
Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**VIII. Resolution Awarding of Contract for Reconstruction of County Road 9, Section #18-00449-00-RS**

Mr. Blue discussed the bid tab from the March 5, 2019 letting. There were two bids submitted for the Full Depth Recycle on County Highway 9. Cross Construction submitted the low bid of \$3,231,000.04. Mr. Blue recommended awarding the project to Cross Construction.

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

**IX. Petition Requesting and Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funds from the County Bridge Fund, Condit Township, Section #19-07066-00-BR**

Mr. Blue informed the committee of a culvert in Condit Township that needs replaced. The county and township will split the cost of the project 50/50. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$4,500.00.

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

**X. Other Business**

**A. Semi Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Clemmons that the closed meeting minutes of the Highway Committee be maintained as closed to protect the public interest or the privacy of individuals; seconded by Mr. Rosales.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**

**B. Resolution Authorizing Execution and Amendment of Section 5311 Grant Agreement**

Ms. Gisondi explained the Section 5311 Grant funding. The State of Illinois through the Department of Transportation is able to help offset certain operating deficits and administrative expenses of a system providing public transit service to non-urbanized areas. Champaign County is required to submit grant applications annually to continue to receive rural public transportation operating funding. In addition to the Federal and State funding, funds are received from a service contract with the Village of Rantoul and fare box revenue. Ms. Gisondi stated there is a fixed route system that runs from Rantoul to Champaign. The committee discussed budget variances, the cost of fares, additional advertising, scheduled service times and the increase in ridership.

**MOTION** by Mr. Vachaspati to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. McGuire.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**

**C. Public Transportation Applicant Ordinance**

**MOTION** by Mr. McGuire to approve the ordinance; seconded by Mr. Clifford.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**

**D. Acceptance of Special Warranty**

**MOTION** by Mr. Stohr to accept the Special Warranty; seconded by Mr. Vachaspati.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**

**E. Exhibit B (Information Only)**

**XI. Chair's Report**

None

**XII. Designation of Items to be Placed on Consent Agenda**

Ms. Cowart stated that items VIII, IX, X-B, X-C, X-D be placed on the consent agenda.

**XIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Ms. Cowart adjourned the meeting at 9:59 am.

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