



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

MINUTES – APPROVED AUGUST 2, 2019

DATE: Friday, May 10, 2019
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Highway Building Conference Room
1605 East Main, Urbana, IL

Committee Members

Present: Lorraine Cowart (Chair), Brad Clemmons (Vice-Chair), John Clifford, Jim McGuire, Giraldo Rosales, Chris Stohr

Absent: Pranjal Vachaspati

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

Others Present: Aaron Esry (County Board Member)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:02 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. Rosales to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. McGuire.
Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

IV. Approval of Minutes – April 5, 2019

MOTION by Mr. Clemmons to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2019 meeting; seconded by Mr. Rosales.
Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

V. Public Participation

None

VI. Communications

None

VII. County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – April 2019

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

Mr. Blue discussed a culvert located between sections 15 & 24 in Rantoul Township that is in poor condition and needs to be replaced. Mr. Blue provided pictures displaying the rusting of the bottom of the culvert. Mr. Blue stated the cost of replacing the culvert is estimated to be \$27,500.00. The cost of the replacement will be split between Rantoul Township and Champaign County.

VIII. Petition Requesting and Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funds from the County Bridge Fund, Rantoul Township, #19-20072-00-BR

MOTION by Mr. Stohr to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. McGuire.

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

Next, Mr. Blue discussed a culvert located between sections 4 & 5 in Raymond Township that is in poor condition. Mr. Blue stated the cost of replacing the culvert is estimated to be \$18,500.00. The cost of the replacement will be split between Raymond Township and Champaign County.

IX. Petition Requesting and Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funds from the County Bridge Fund, Raymond Township, #19-21073-00-BR

MOTION by Mr. McGuire to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. Clemmons.

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

Mr. Blue discussed a culvert located between sections 25 & 26 in Compromise Township that needs to be replaced. The cost of replacing the culvert is estimated to be \$11,200.00. The cost of the replacement will be split between Compromise Township and Champaign County.

X. Petition Requesting and Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funds from the County Bridge Fund, Compromise Township, #19-06076-00-BR

MOTION by Mr. Clemmons to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. Stohr.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**

Mr. Blue reviewed the bid tab for the bridge replacement on County Highway 15 near Homer. He stated two bids were received with the low bid of \$617,400.75 from Stark Excavating. The low bid was around \$50,000.00 higher than the engineer estimate. Mr. Blue said this was mostly due to the price increase of concrete. Mr. Blue recommended awarding the contract to Stark Excavating.

XI. Resolution Awarding of Contract for the Replacement of a Bridge Located on County Road 15, Section #18-00062-00-BR

MOTION by Mr. McGuire to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. Stohr.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**

Mr. Blue said he thinks the reason Champaign County only received two bids for the bridge projects is that contractors are doing bridge work for the State of Illinois. The committee discussed the increase in Motor Fuel Tax. Mr. Blue said there is a significant amount of support for roads and bridges. He thinks the Motor Fuel Tax will be increased and the tax increase will be indexed based on the construction rate.

After reviewing the bid tab for the bridge replacement on County Highway 18, Mr. Blue recommended awarding the contract to the low bidder, Stark Excavating at \$1,156,885.17.

XII. Resolution Awarding of Contract for the Replacement of a Bridge Located on County Road 18, Section #18-00060-00-BR

MOTION by Mr. McGuire to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. Clemmons.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**

XIII. Other Business

Mr. Blue informed the committee he was re-elected as the North-Central Vice President for NACE for two more years.

XIV. Chair's Report

None

XV. Designation of Items to be Placed on Consent Agenda

Ms. Cowart stated that items VIII thru XII be placed on the consent agenda.

XVI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Cowart adjourned the meeting at 9:29 am.

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