



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

MINUTES – APPROVED NOVEMBER 8, 2019

DATE: Friday, September 6, 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, Pranjal Vachaspati

Absent:

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

Others Present:

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

IV. Approval of Minutes – August 2, 2019

MOTION by Mr. Clemmons to approve the minutes of the August 2, 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 – August 2019

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

Mr. Blue stated he would like to replace 2 bridges on County Highway 1 (Dewey-Fisher Road) that are ½ mile apart in the same year to only disrupt traffic once. He said the County does not have enough County Bridge Funds for the projects and would like to focus the additional Motor Fuel Tax Funds on updating structures.

VIII. **Resolution Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds, CH 1, #12-00992-00-BR**
MOTION by Mr. McGuire to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. Clemmons.
Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

IX. **Resolution Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds, CH 1, #12-00993-00-BR**
MOTION by Mr. McGuire to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. Clemmons.
Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

Mr. Stohr entered the meeting at 9:08 AM.

X. **Resolution Appropriating County Bridge Funds for the Rehabilitation of Structure #010-4125 on County Highway 11, #19-00080-00-BR**
Mr. Blue discussed a bridge that needs replaced on County Highway 11. He said he would like to replace the superstructure next year however he is not sure how long the environmental services will take since the manpower has been downgraded at the state level. The bridge replacement is estimated to cost \$750,000.00.

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

Mr. Vachaspati entered the meeting at 9:11 AM.

XI. **Petition Requesting and Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funds from the County Bridge Fund, Tolono Township, #19-29081-00-BR**
Mr. Blue discussed a petition and resolution for Tolono Township. Since Mr. Blue is on the Executive Committee of NACE, and Short Span Steel Alliance is a sponsor of NACE, they are trying to get a new type of structure approved within the State of Illinois. A location in Tolono Township has been approved as a site for the new structure. If the project is approved by the County Board the County Bridge will be pay for the engineering services and the construction cost will be split 50/50 between County Bridge Funds and Tolono Township.

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

XII. **Resolution Authorizing the County Executive to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Tolono Township Road District**
Mr. Blue discussed a section of County Highway 25 in Tolono Township that the Tolono Road District has been maintaining. Mr. Blue said the portion of County Highway 25 is not appropriate to be plowed with a County plow truck. The agreement states that the Tolono Road District will assume responsibility for snow removal on the section of Champaign County Highway 25 immediately west of Staley Road beginning at Old Church Road and continuing approximately one-thousand feet south which provides access to Moraine View Subdivision.

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

XIII. **Petition Requesting and Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funds from the County Bridge Fund, Harwood Township, #19-11082--00-BR**

Mr. Blue informed the committee that a large box culvert located between sections 22 & 23 in Harwood Township needs replaced. The estimated cost is \$40,000.00 and will be split 50/50 between County Bridge Funds and Harwood Township.

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

XIV. Discussion of Road Closures for Bridge Projects

Mr. Blue said his opinion is that during a bridge replacement the road should be closed. Closing the road saves time and money. Mr. Blue said that he wanted to make sure everyone was on the same page in case the issue arises again.

XV. Change the Date of the October Highway Meeting to October 4, 2019

Mr. Blue informed the committee he will be out of town on October 11, 2019 and asked if the October Highway meeting could be changed to October 4, 2019.

MOTION by Mr. Clemmons to move the October Highway Meeting to October 4, 2019; seconded by Mr. Clifford.
Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**

XVI. Other Business:

- A. Review of Closed Session Minutes-Item tabled.
- B. Mr. Blue informed the Committee the Highway Department will receive Highway Safety Improvement Program funding for County Highway 15.

XVII. Chair's Report
None

XVIII. Designation of Items to be Placed on Consent Agenda

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

XIX. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Cowart adjourned the meeting at 9:44 am.

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