



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

MINUTES – APPROVED MARCH 5, 2021

DATE: Friday, February 5, 2021
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Highway Building Conference Room
1605 East Main Street, Urbana, Illinois

Committee Members

Present: Lorraine Cowart (Chair), Titianna Ammons (via Zoom), Jim McGuire (via Zoom), Diane Michaels, Brad Passalacqua, Cameron Raab (via Zoom), Jennifer Straub (via Zoom)

Absent:

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

Others Present: Steve Summers, County Board Member (via Zoom)

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 Ms. Michaels to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua.

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Ammons, McGuire, Passalacqua, Straub, Michaels, Cowart-6

Nays: None

Mr. Raab joined the meeting via Zoom at 9:05 AM.

IV. Approval of Minutes – January 8, 2021

MOTION by Ms. Straub to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2021 meeting; seconded by Mr. McGuire.

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Ammons, McGuire, Passalacqua, Raab, Straub, Michaels, Cowart -7

Nays: None

V. Public Participation

Mr. Blue stated that before the start of the Highway Committee Meeting today, Chuck Black from the Local Iron Workers Union joined the meeting via Zoom and asked about upcoming projects. Mr. Blue informed Mr. Black there was nothing on today's agenda relating to Iron Work. Mr. Blue suggested that Mr. Black call his office for information relating to future projects.

VI. Communications

None

VII. County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims-January 2021

MOTION by Ms. Michaels to receive and place on file the County and Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for January 2021; seconded by Mr. McGuire.

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Ammons, McGuire, Passalacqua, Raab, Straub, Michaels, Cowart -7

Nays: None

VIII. FY 20 Bridge Report

Mr. Blue reviewed the Final Bridge Report discussing the breakdown of costs for each project that was completed in 2020.

IX. CH 13 Section #19-00077-00-BR Bridge Letting Results

Mr. Blue discussed the bridge letting results for County Highway 13. He stated that four bids were received with Big O Services submitting the lowest bid. Big O Services submitted a bid amount of \$524,854.70 only 2 percent over the engineer's estimate. In January of this year a resolution was passed allowing Mr. Blue to accept the low bid for construction if the low bid was within 10% of the engineer's estimate.

X. Petition Requesting and Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funds from the County Bridge Fund, Harwood Township #21-11108-00-BR

Mr. Blue discussed a culvert in Harwood Township that is in poor condition and needs replaced. The culvert is north of 136 and east of Rantoul. The estimated cost of replacing the culvert is \$20,000.00.

MOTION by Ms. Michaels to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua.

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Ammons, McGuire, Passalacqua, Raab, Straub, Michaels, Cowart -7

Nays: None

XI. Petition Requesting and Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funds from the County Bridge Fund, Sadorus Township #21-22106-00-BR

Mr. Blue discussed a bridge in Sadorus Township that needs repaired. The bridge is located between sections 23 & 26. The estimated cost of repairing the bridge is \$18,000.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Ammons, McGuire, Passalacqua, Raab, Straub, Michaels, Cowart -7

Nays: None

XII. Petition Requesting and Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funds from the County Bridge Fund, Sadorus Township #21-22107-00-BR

Mr. Blue informed the committee there is another bridge also located in Sadorus Township that needs repaired. The bridge is located between sections 11 & 15. The cost of repairing the bridge is estimated to be \$17,000.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous roll-call vote.

Yeas: Ammons, McGuire, Passalacqua, Raab, Straub, Michaels, Cowart -7

Nays: None

XIII. Other Business

A. Semi Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes

The review of the Closed Session Minutes is scheduled for the March 2021 Agenda.

Mr. Summers asked about the damaged bridge over interstate 74. Mr. Blue said the bridge is on a township road in Saint Joseph Township. The Illinois Department of Transportation has secured the bridge and placed detour signs. The damaged bridge is part of IDOT's 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. The closing should have no impact on Champaign County Highway.

Mr. Summers asked for an explanation of riprap. Mr. Blue explained this is large rocks that are placed under the bridge to stop erosion. The rip rap is usually placed 2-3' thick and then grout is placed over the rocks.

Mr. Blue informed the committee he supports the decision to offer County employees weekly COVID Testing through the University of Illinois testing site.

XIV. Chair's Report

None

XV. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

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

XVI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Cowart adjourned the meeting at 9:31 am.

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