



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

***MINUTES – APPROVED AUGUST 6, 2021***

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**DATE:** Friday, May 7, 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), Samantha Carter (via Zoom), Jim McGuire, Diane Michaels, Jennifer Straub (via Zoom)  
**Absent:** Brad Passalacqua

**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 Ms. Michaels to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Straub.

**MOTION CARRIED by unanimous roll-call vote.**

**Yeas: Straub, Michaels, Ammons, Carter, McGuire, Cowart-6**

**Nays: None**

**IV. Approval of Minutes – April 9, 2021**

**MOTION** by Ms. Straub to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2021 meeting; seconded by Ms. Michaels.

**MOTION CARRIED by unanimous roll-call vote.**

**Yeas: Straub, Michaels, Ammons, Carter, McGuire, Cowart-6**

**Nays: None**

**V. Public Participation**

None

**VI. Zoom Link**

**VII. Communications**

None

**VIII. County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims-April 2021**

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

**MOTION CARRIED by unanimous roll-call vote.**

**Yeas: Straub, Michaels, Ammons, Carter, McGuire, Cowart-6**

**Nays: None**

**IX. Petition Requesting and Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funds from the County Bridge Fund, Rantoul Township, #21-20111-00-BR**

Mr. Blue informed the committee a box culvert located between sections 24 & 25 in Rantoul Township needs replaced. The cost to replace the culvert is estimated to be \$24,900.00.

**MOTION** by Ms. Michaels to approve the resolution; seconded by Ms. Cowart.

**MOTION CARRIED by unanimous roll-call vote.**

**Yeas: Straub, Michaels, Ammons, Carter, McGuire, Cowart-6**

**Nays: None**

**X. Resolution Awarding of Contract for a Railroad Crossing Upgrade on County Road 2200N and Appropriating \$110,000.00 from County Highway Funds for Section #15-25442-00-SP**

Mr. Blue discussed a Railroad Crossing upgrade on 2200N in Somer Township. Illiana Construction Company submitted the only bid of \$109,469. Mr. Blue said this is a unique project and the bid amount is significantly higher than the engineer estimate of \$89,160. Mr. Blue said the Champaign County Highway Department is fronting the funds and the project will be reimbursed by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

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

**MOTION CARRIED by unanimous roll-call vote.**

**Yeas: Straub, Michaels, Ammons, Carter, McGuire, Cowart-6**

**Nays: None**

**XI. Resolution for Contract Award Authority Road Striping 2021**

Mr. Blue requested Award Authority for the 2021 Road Striping in Champaign County if the bid is within ten percent of the engineer estimate.

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

**MOTION CARRIED by unanimous roll-call vote.**

**Yeas: Straub, Michaels, Ammons, Carter, McGuire, Cowart-6**

**Nays: None**

**XII. Other Business**

Mr. Blue discussed a Budget Amendment for the County's Final Share for a completed project on Ch 13.

Mr. Blue invited the committee to a scheduled press conference by the Illinois Governor on May 11, 2021 highlighting 2 projects in Champaign County using REBUILD Illinois Funds.

**XIII. Chair's Report**

None

**XIV. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda**

Ms. Cowart stated that items IX thru XI be placed on the consent agenda.

**XV. 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.*