

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION

Meeting Room 1
Brookens Administrative Center
March 21, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cowart (Chair), Crozier, Feinen, Jay, Langenheim, Shoemaker, Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carter, Mitchell

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Unzicker (County Engineer), John Cooper (Assistant County Engineer), Denny Inman (Co-Administrator), Joel Fletcher (Senior Assistant State's Attorney), Bill Gray (City of Urbana Public Works Director), Marvin Johnson, Chris Doenitz, Ken Schmidt (Highway Commissioners), Patricia Avery (County Board Chair)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. Declaring a quorum present, the Chair proceeded with the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM

MOTION by Jay to approve the agenda; seconded by Smith. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Langenheim to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 21, 2003; seconded by Smith. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

MONTHLY REPORTS

County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – February, 2003

MOTION by Feinen to receive and place on file the County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for February, 2003 as follows: County Motor Fuel Tax Claims - \$159,143.23; and Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims - \$297,995.17; seconded by Jay. **Motion carried.**

Final Bridge Reports

MOTION by Crozier to receive and place on file the Final Bridge Reports for Hensley #00-12860-00-BR and Ludlow #00-14861-00-BR projects; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried.**

COUNTY ENGINEER

Request to Change Agreement re: Lierman Avenue Improvements

Following discussion there was a consensus to defer a request from the City of Urbana regarding construction of Lierman Avenue due to the County's East Campus Master Plan meetings scheduled in the near future. Mr. Langenheim asked that the record reflect that he is totally opposed to any delay on the Lierman Street project and that he believes the job should be expedited as soon as possible. Mr. Crozier stated it is premature to be discussing the matter prior to East Campus Master Plan meetings.

MOTION by Langenheim to table and that the item appear on the monthly agendas until it is addressed by the Committee; seconded by Smith. **Motion carried.**

Resolution Awarding Contract for Bituminous Materials for 2003

MOTION by Crozier to forward to the County Board a recommendation for adoption of a "Resolution Awarding Of Contract For Bituminous Material For 2003 Maintenance Of Various Road Districts In Champaign County" to Emulsicoat, Inc. as follows: \$0.75 for Item I; \$1.10 for Item II; \$1.20 for Item III; and \$0.95 for Item IV; seconded by Smith.

Mr. Shoemaker asked how the price from Emulsicoat compares with prices other counties receive. Highway Commissioner Chris Doenitz stated that the company has agreed to provide additional oil at no cost if their costs go down. Highway Commissioner Marvin Johnson said all Highway Commissioners in the County are happy with the price of \$.75 as they expected costs to be \$.95 to \$1.00.

Motion carried.

Resolution Appropriating Funds for County Roads Maintenance

MOTION by Jay to forward to the County Board a recommendation for adoption of a Resolution Appropriating County Motor Fuel Tax Funds For County Roads Maintenance For The period From January 1, 2003 Thru December 31, 2003 (Section #03-00000-00-GM) in the amount of \$370,000; seconded by Smith. **Motion carried.**

Resolution Appropriating Funds for Salary and Estimated Expenses of County Engineer

Mr. Unzicker stated that for the state's purpose, a resolution must be passed appropriating funds for the salary and estimated expenses of the County Engineer if the County desires to pay it out of the County's Motor Fuel Tax Funds. He said the amount of \$10,000 for expenses has been appropriated for many years; however, he is only paid for actual expenses which must be approved by the Committee. He noted that he has never attended a NACo Conference, but may want to go this year. Additionally, if he were approached to become an officer in the State Association of County Engineers, there would be expenditures for travel and accommodations to attend national meetings and conferences which he does not attend now.

MOTION by Feinen to amend the Now Therefore Be It Resolved paragraph by changing the last

Expenses of the County Engineer *which are approved by the Highway Committee in accordance with the Champaign County Personnel Policy*”; seconded by Crozier.

Discussion ensued regarding how the state’s portion of the County Engineer’s salary is received. Mr. Unzicker explained the resolution appropriates \$86,335 for his salary and \$10,000 for estimated expenses. Ms. Feinen stated she was unaware the state’s portion of the County Engineers salary would result in a reduction of Federal Surface Transportation (STR) Funds for road improvements. Mr. Jay, Mr. Shoemaker, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Crozier agreed they were misled when the issue came to the County Board.

Motion carried, as amended. Ms. Feinen voted nay.

Joint Agreement For Structure #010-0133 West of Seymour

Mr. Unzicker explained the Illinois Department of Transportation has forwarded an agreement pertaining to the use of County Highway 6 through Seymour as a detour route for local traffic during the construction of a bridge on Illinois Route 10 west of Seymour. The state would reimburse the County for expenses resulting from additional traffic. Mr. Unzicker stated a video will be taken prior to the detour as a basis for assessing damage when the project ends.

MOTION by Crozier to forward to the County Board a recommendation for approval of a Joint Agreement with the State of Illinois concerning use of County Highway 6 as a detour route during construction of a bridge located on Illinois Route 10 west of Seymour; seconded by Smith. **Motion carried.**

Bridge Petitions – Hensley and Ludlow

Mr. Unzicker presented three petitions for bridge replacements located in Section 17 of the Hensley Road District, between sections 9 and 10, and between Sections 7 and 18 of Ludlow Road District.

MOTION by Jay to forward to the County Board a recommendation for approval of a “Petition Requesting And Resolution Approving Appropriation Of Funds From The County Bridge Fund Pursuant To 605 ILCS 5/5-501” for replacement of a bridge located in Section 17 of Hensley Road District in the amount of \$128,000; a recommendation for approval of “Petition Requesting And Resolution Approving Appropriation Of Funds From The County Bridge Fund Pursuant To 605 ILCS 5/5-501” for replacement of a bridge located between Sections 9 and 10 of Ludlow Road District in the amount of \$128,000; a recommendation for approval of “Petition Requesting And Resolution Approving Appropriation Of Funds From The County Bridge Fund Pursuant To 605 ILCS 5/5-501” for replacement of a bridge located between Sections 7 and 18 of Ludlow Road District in the amount of \$128,000; and a recommendation for approval of “Petition Requesting And Resolution Approving Appropriation Of Funds From The County Bridge Fund Pursuant To 605 ILCS 5/5-501” for replacement of a bridge located between Sections 9 and 16 of Ludlow Road District in the amount of \$128,000; seconded by Smith. **Motion carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

There was a consensus to place items 6b, 6c, 6e and 6f on the Consent Agenda of the April 10, 2003 County Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cowart declared the meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Menges
Executive Secretary