

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION

September 24, 2004

Meeting Room 1, Brookens Administrative Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carter, Crozier, Feinen, Jay, Langenheim, Schroeder, Shoemaker, Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cowart

OTHERS PRESENT: John Cooper (Acting County Engineer), Joel Fletcher, Steve Ziegler (State's Attorney's Office), Deb Busey (County Administrator), Tracy Winger, Debby Wagner (Highway Department) Tricia Avery (County Board Chair)

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Carter called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Declaring a quorum present, the vice-chair proceeded with the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM

MOTION by Langenheim to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Smith. There was no addendum for the meeting. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Crozier to approve the regular and closed session minutes of the July 30, 2004 County Engineer Search Subcommittee and the minutes of August 20, 2004; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation

MONTHLY REPORTS

County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – August, 2004

MOTION by Crozier to receive and place on file the monthly report of the County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – August 2004; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried.**

COUNTY ENGINEER

Resolution rescinding Resolution #4757 and Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the County Board Chair to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement

MOTION by Shoemaker to recommend County Board adoption of a Resolution rescinding Resolution #4757 and adoption of a Resolution authorizing the County Board Chair to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement concerning the funding for the South U.S. route 45 Corridor Planning Study—Section 303-00395-00-ES; seconded by Smith. **Motion carried.**

Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Champaign and the City of Champaign

Mr. Cooper stated the committee has seen this agreement before. They are trying to come up with some revised wording to make the document clearer as well as setting an amount so the County doesn't pay over what we have put in our budget. There will also be a termination date added with the City having to come back to us with a new agreement if there is to be an extension.

MOTION by Crozier to defer this item to the November Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting; seconded by Langenheim.

Mr. Crozier stated he asked to defer this issue as a courtesy to our incoming Engineer, he feels the November meeting would allow him time to get settled and review this issue.

Ms. Busey suggested that if the motion is passed, the committee move their November meeting so they can vote on the issue with the currently seated County Board.

Ms. Feinen stated if negotiations are to continue she would like the negotiating team to think about discussing the option of the County completing a portion of this in exchange for sales tax revenue, we're improving a road so we can have additional tax revenue in Champaign and she feels if we are going to participate it would be nice if we could share in that benefit for at least some time.

Committee consensus to hold the November committee meeting on Friday, November 5th with a regular committee meeting still being held on October 22nd.

Ms. Avery stated she would like to schedule a meeting with members of the subcommittee and the new County Engineer to review this issue and decide on a date for a joint meeting with City officials to further negotiate an agreement to present to the committee on November 5th.

MOTION Carried.

Request approval to submit Mechanic Position to the Job Content Evaluation Committee

Mr. Cooper explained this is a mechanic for the maintenance department.

MOTION by Langenheim to approve submitting the mechanic position to the Job Content Evaluation Committee; seconded by Jay. **Motion carried.**

Resolution appointing Jeff Blue as County Engineer of Champaign County, Illinois

Mr. Cooper stated Mr. Fletcher has made some recent changes to make sure salary adjustments are correct.

MOTION by Crozier to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution appointing Jeff Blue as County Engineer of Champaign County, Illinois; seconded by Smith. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Busey stated the negotiated salary is not based on the salary program, although it is in compliance; these numbers are a result of negotiations with Mr. Blue.

Agreement for County Engineers Salary

MOTION by Langenheim to recommend County Board approval of an agreement for the County Engineer's Salary; seconded by Crozier. **Motion carried.**

Agreement for Employment of the Champaign County Engineer

MOTION by Jay to Recommend County Board Approval of an agreement for employment of the Champaign County Engineer; seconded by Smith. **Motion carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Busey informed the committee she spoke to Mr. Blue and he plans to be here on October 7th which is the night the County Board will approve his resolutions. She mentioned the committee could have a reception that night before the meeting to allow the Board Members and Department Heads to meet him.

DETERMINATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Committee consensus to place items 6a, 6e, & 6f on the October 7, 2004 County Board Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Carter declared the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Talbott
Administrative Secretary

Secretary's note: The minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.