

## CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Highway & Transportation Committee  
Friday, April 7, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.  
Lyle Shields Meeting Room  
Brookens Administrative Center

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cowart, Bensyl, Carter, Gross, Jay,  
Langenheim, O'Connor, Weibel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Feinen

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jeff Blue, John Cooper, Debby Wagner,  
Barb Wysocki, Chris Doenitz, Steve Wegman  
(City of Champaign), Marvin Johnson

### Call to order

Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A roll call confirmed a quorum present.

### Approval of Agenda/Addendum

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

### Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2006

**MOTION** by Carter to approve the minutes of March 10, 2006 as presented; seconded by Jay. **Motion carried.**

### Public Participation

There was no public participation.

### Monthly Reports

#### County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – March 2006

**MOTION** by Jay to receive and place on file the County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for March 2006; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried.**

Bensyl arrived at 9:05 a.m.

County Engineer

Resolution appropriating additional \$1,283.84 from County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for County Highway 11 – Section #98-00338-01-RS

Resolution appropriating additional \$9,977.25 from County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for County Highways 50 & 54 – Section #03-00391-00-SS.

Mr. Blue explained that both items A & B, under County Engineer, are projects that have been completed for a couple of years. All payments have been paid to the contractors and now, we just need to make sure the proper funds were appropriated for these projects.

**MOTION** by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution appropriating additional \$1,283.84 from County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for County Highway 11 – Section #98-00338-01-RS and the Resolution appropriating additional \$9,977.25 from County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for County Highways 50 & 54 – Section #03-00391-00-SS; seconded by Bensyl. **Motion carried.**

**Resolution awarding of contract for 2006 pavement striping**

Mr. Blue explained that the bid opening was held on March 31<sup>st</sup> and this Resolution is for all striping, county wide, for 2006 and will be awarded to Varsity Striping with a total cost of \$125,604.00. The Engineer's estimate was 6 cents per foot, the unit prices came in at 5.4 cents per foot, so we are under the estimate.

**MOTION** by Langenheim to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution awarding of contract for 2006 pavement striping of Various County Highways – Section #06-00000-01-GM to Varsity Striping & Construction Company of Champaign, Illinois; seconded by Weibel.

County Engineer cont.

Mr. Weibel asked how often the roads are striped. Mr. Blue explained they are striped once a year at which time we do 80-90% of them, as well as some township roads.

Mr. O'Connor pointed out that Varsity Striping is a minority owned business.

**MOTION carried.**

#### **Resolution awarding of contract for 2006 bituminous materials**

Mr. Blue explained the letting was held on March 31<sup>st</sup>, and this is for liquid asphalt that is used for seal coating and priming of roads. He has included, with the resolution, the bid tab showing the results and what prices have done over the last couple of years. The difference between 2005 and 2006 is substantial because the price of fuel is so much higher and the price of doing business in the asphalt industry is going up. This resolution awards all materials to Emulsicoat Inc., a firm out of Urbana.

**MOTION** by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution awarding of contract for 2006 bituminous materials for 2006 maintenance of various road districts in Champaign County to Emulsicoat, Inc. of Urbana Illinois; seconded by Weibel. **Motion carried.**

#### **Resolution awarding of contract for County Highway 9 – Section #06-00402-00-RS.**

Mr. Blue explained this is the project the committee had a special meeting for, last month before the County Board meeting, to appropriate the money. There were three bidders on the project and this is for the overlay of the foamed asphalt treated base on County Highway 9. Champaign Asphalt was the lowest bidder, under the Engineer's estimate.

County Engineer cont.

**MOTION** by Jay to recommend County Board approval of the Resolution awarding of contract for the improvement of County Highway 9 – Section #06-00402-00-RS to Champaign Asphalt Company of Urbana, Illinois; seconded by Carter. **Motion carried.**

### **Staley/Rising Corridor Study**

Mr. Blue explained there is an Intergovernmental Agreement where we are matching funds from the Illinois Tomorrow Grant that was applied for through the City of Champaign. At that time, the County Engineer had indicated that Champaign County would be willing to contribute \$5,000 to the matching side of this grant. CUUATS will be doing the majority of the work, which is to study the Staley Road and Rising Road corridor which goes 3 miles into Hensley Township and down to Old Church Road from I-57 on the east side to Barker Road, 1 mile east of Rising on the west side. The major thing to come out of this will be what will happen with the I-57 interchange with Curtis Road and how the development around that interchange will take place. The payment is broken down with the City of Champaign paying \$8,500, the County paying \$5,000, RPC paying \$4,000, MTD paying \$2,000 and Hensley Township paying \$500.00. We will have a representative on the steering committee, the process will take a couple years and out of it will come a plan showing different scenarios.

**MOTION** by Gross to recommend County Board approval of the Staley/Rising Corridor Study; seconded by Carter.

**MOTION carried.**

### **Windsor Road Engineering Agreement**

Mr. Blue explained the County entered into an agreement with the City of Urbana to help fund the construction of Windsor Road from Highcross to Philo Road with construction tentatively scheduled for 2009. The County was a 50% payee for the location study, which has already been done.

Engineer cont.

The city would rather do the design of this project in house, and they have hired a design engineer to come to work for them and be the lead engineer on the design of this project. Between now and 2009 the city will be doing the majority of the work, in house, to design the Windsor Road project with a total cost around 8 million. To date we have not agreed to any type of funding arrangement. The city put together this intergovernmental agreement which Ms. McGrath has reviewed and approved, he explained it is basically the same agreement we signed on behalf of the County for the location study, our portion is \$250,000 maximum, toward the engineering.

**MOTION** by Langenheim to recommend County Board approval of the Windsor Road Engineering Agreement; seconded by Gross.

Ms. Wysocki asked if this is indicative of things to come with the city doing engineering work in house. Mr. Blue explained that by doing engineering work in house, they will not have to pay the overhead that a design consultant might charge and he believes Urbana is probably looking toward having their own design engineer on staff.

Mr. Blue explained this project, and others in the urbanized areas, are tied to the transportation improvement program which means if the state doesn't have their portion they can't move the project up. IDOT has indicated this project is still set for 2009. He stated we are going to have to do some sort of agreement with the city for funding, we are not going to have our 2 million in 2009, based on the resolution passed by the board, so we are looking at some special financing agreement with them. They are very adamant about wanting to get this project completed because this is a high traffic area and in bad shape.

**MOTION** carried.

### Other Business

Mr. Blue stated BLDD Architects presented their schematic design to the County Facilities committee at their meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The design hasn't changed since approval of the budget, the building is still at 40,000 square feet and they presented slides showing pictures of the layout of the building and a site plan with detention ponds, and where those ponds might be. He explained that the detention ponds look big, they take up a large majority of the land mass around the building due to the fact that they are trying to mesh this project together with what improvements might be done to the parking lot at the nursing home. They are trying to build them large enough to house all water coming from the east on the campus. They are going to be wet bottom detention basins and the intention is to make them esthetically pleasing. The detention basin in the north east side is right where the CAC sits so the new building itself won't conflict with the CAC, just the detention basin. Depending on the timing, we can go ahead and build our building, the only drawback to leaving the CAC where they are during construction is that a lot of dirt coming out of the detention ponds is slated to build up the site. The Facilities committee approved the construction budget; the total in the programming phase was 6.4 million and we are still holding at that number in the schematic design phase. We are trying to get closer to the time we will have plans and can take bids, the hope is that the design team comes back in May with design development, in June we could have the plans ready for bid, which will take a month, and we could have a contract for construction before the board in August.

Ms. Gross asked why there was a drop in site development.

Mr. Blue stated they downsized the amount of fencing around the building and there is a little less asphalt paving being done behind the building.

Mr. O'Connor asked if we know how much MFT money will be applied to this project.

Mr. Blue stated the overall budget of 7.2 million was approved by the board but the split between MFT, highway funds and some other fund, has not been approved. His thought process has been that 5 million, which is the amount that has been saved, will come out of MFT and 1 million out of highway funds. The board has not approved this and he does not know where the rest of the money will come from.

Ms. Wysocki reminded the committee that through CUUATS, communities and the County presented a request to the state for the completion of Olympian drive. She has it on good authority that there is no support for this at the state level and she is pretty certain it will not result in much. Ms. Wysocki also asked about the excess of road salt in the salt dome and if we keep it year to year.

Mr. Blue explained we have a contract through the State of Illinois to purchase a certain number of tons of road salt every year and based on that contract, we have to buy a certain percentage. This winter was pretty light for salt usage, we ordered the total tonnage required and the result is what is in the bin. He stated this is not a bad thing, the price of salt goes up each year and it doesn't go bad so it will be as good today as it would be in 10 years. If there is another light winter, we can downgrade the amount of salt we will tell the state we need. He pointed out that we also supply to the City of Urbana and Urbana Township out of that shed. He feels we are in good shape, we are under budget for salt and ready for next winter.

Mr. Carter asked for an update on the buildings damaged by the storm.

Mr. Blue explained that the block building, which housed the County Clerk's equipment as well as the highway departments welding bay, engineering lab and storage, had the roof blown off the backside and thrown into the ESDA building, to the north. They had workers at the building at 9:00 p.m. that night to help ESDA get their command center out as well as helping Mr. Shelden move his equipment out.

He stated at the Facilities meeting, Mr. Inman reported that they had a structural engineer take a look at that building, but from his standpoint it doesn't have much use left. The Facilities committee will vote next month about taking the building down, if that is approved the highway department will take on that job. He explained they have taken pictures, the insurance adjuster has been there and they are keeping track of their time and will be getting paid for it.

Mr. Jay stated it was commendable of all the staff to work together, and the efforts made to get this quickly under control were great.

Mr. Bensyl asked why we would hire an engineer before the insurance company came in.

Mr. Blue explained that Mr. Inman hired the engineer and the reason for doing so was to ensure the building was structurally sound enough for employees to be going in and out. He feels it was a good thing to think first of the safety of our employees.

#### **Determination of Consent Agenda Items**

Agenda items 6 A-G will be included on the County Board consent agenda.

#### **Adjournment**

Chair Cowart declared the meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Talbott  
Administrative Secretary