



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

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**MINUTES – Approved 6/6/2014**

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DATE: Friday, May 9, 2014  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Highway Building Conference Room  
1605 East Main, Urbana, IL

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**Committee Members**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Lorraine Cowart (Chair)	
	Lloyd Carter (Vice Chair)
Christopher Alix	
John Jay	
Jim McGuire	
Diane Michaels	
Max Mitchell	
Michael Richards	

**County Staff:** Jeff Blue (County Engineer), Deb Busey (County Administrator), Tracy Wingler (Highway Maintenance Supervisor), Linda Lane (Recording Secretary)

**Others Present:** None

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**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

Committee Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**II. Roll Call**

A verbal roll call was taken and a quorum was declared present.

**III. Approval of Agenda/Addendum**

A. Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting – May 9, 2014

**MOTION** by Ms. Michaels to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Alix. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

**IV. Public Participation**

None

**V. Approval of Minutes**

A. April 11, 2014

**MOTION** by Mr. Jay to approve the April 11, 2014 Highway & Transportation meeting minutes; seconded by Ms. Michaels. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

- 43 VI. **County and Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – April 2014**  
44 **MOTION** by Mr. Mitchell to receive and place on file the County and Township Motor Fuel Tax  
45 Claims for April 2014; seconded by Mr. Alix. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.  
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- 47 VII. **Resolution Awarding of Contract for Pavement Striping of Various County Highways for 2014**  
48 Mr. Blue announced that there had been a bid opening on May 6, 2014 and Varsity Striping was low  
49 bidder. He noted that they came in below the engineers estimate. **MOTION** by Mr. McGuire to  
50 approve awarding of contract to Varsity Striping; seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Alix asked how many  
51 bids came in. Mr. Blue answered just one. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.  
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- 53 VIII. **Resolution Awarding of Contract for the Replacement of a Bridge – Compromise Road District –**  
54 **Section #13-06002-00-BR**  
55 Mr. Blue stated that all the bids for this project came in very tight with Stark Excavating, Inc. coming  
56 in the lowest. He stated the bid came in below the engineer’s estimate. They plan to begin the  
57 project this summer with a completion date in the fall. **MOTION** by Ms. Michaels to approve  
58 awarding of contract; seconded by Mr. Alix. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.  
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- 60 IX. **Resolution Appropriating \$195,000.00 from County Bridge Funds (CBF) for the Replacement of**  
61 **Structure #010-4306 Located on Highway #11 – Section #10-00962-00-BR**  
62 Mr. Blue noted that items IX and X go together. He explained that the County Highway #11 bridge  
63 was a federal aid bridge where IDOT bids the project, awards the contract, makes all the payments,  
64 and then bills us for our 20% of the project. Mr. Blue said they had passed a resolution in 2010 to use  
65 MFT funds to pay for this type of project when the MFT funds were healthier. He stated the bill-backs  
66 from the State for the #11 bridge came in below the estimate. He moved to the St. Mary’s Road  
67 bridge which also came in below estimates, with bill-backs to the County being \$329,000.00. Mr.  
68 Blue said he would like to pass a resolution to pay the local funds from the CBF instead of MFT. He  
69 noted that MFT funds are more flexible but that CBF funds can only be used for bridges. Mr. Blue  
70 estimated that there will be about \$1 million left in CBF funds even after these appropriations.  
71 **MOTION** by Mr. Jay to approve resolution; seconded by Ms. Michaels. Mr. Alix asked how money is  
72 appropriated to the bridge fund from the state. Mr. Blue explained that all CBF money comes from a  
73 County tax levy. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.  
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- 75 X. **Resolution Appropriating \$329,000.00 from County Bridge Funds for the Replacement of Structure**  
76 **#010-0117 located on Highway #16 – Section #07-00944-00-BR**  
77 **MOTION** by Mr. McGuire to approve resolution; seconded by Mr. Jay. Upon vote, the **MOTION**  
78 **CARRIED** unanimously.  
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- 80 XI. **Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda**  
81 Items VII, VIII, IX and X are to be placed on the consent agenda.  
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- 83 XII. **Other Business**  
84 Mr. Blue passed out the raw numbers (bids have not been awarded yet) for the Olympian Drive  
85 project. He stated the engineer’s estimate was \$9 million and the bid came in at \$7 million. Mr.  
86 Richards stated concern for the low bid and wanted to know if there were safeguards in place for  
87 over runs. Mr. Blue said there will be County engineers on the job to monitor. He noted that any  
88 Illinois Jobs Now money remaining after this project should be able to be moved to another project  
89 and hoped that would leave less responsibility for the County on the Lincoln Avenue project. Mr. Alix  
90 asked why there was such a large discrepancy. Mr. Blue noted that they have been seeing lower bids  
91 for about five years, though not quite to this extreme.

92 Mr. Richards said the administration had sent out some Illinois Jobs Now money for pot hole  
93 patching and winter repair. He asked if that went just to the cities and townships. Mr. Blue said that  
94 it's a bit of a misnomer on that. He said when it was passed five years ago there was \$500 million put  
95 in for local governing agencies, sent out \$100 million per year according to MFT formula. He noted  
96 this was our fifth payment, it was in the budget, is not new, and that there will be no more Illinois  
97 Jobs Now money in the future.

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99 **xiii. Adjournment**

100 There being no further business, Ms. Cowart adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.