



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

***MINUTES – Approved 9/4/2015***

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DATE: Friday, August 7, 2015  
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
Shana Harrison	
John Jay	
Jim McGuire	
Diane Michaels	
Max Mitchell	

**County Staff:** Jeff Blue (County Engineer), Deb Busey (County Administrator), Tammy Asplund (Assistant to the County Administrator), (Linda Lane (Recording Secretary)

**Others Present:** Patti Petrie (County Board Chair), Gary Maxwell (Board Member)

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***MINUTES***

**I. Call to Order**

Committee Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**II. Roll Call**

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

**III. Approval of Agenda/Addendum**

**MOTION** by Mr. Carter to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. McGuire. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**IV. Approval of Minutes – June 5, 2015**

**MOTION** by Mr. Jay to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2015 meeting; seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**V. Public Participation**

None

**VI. Communications**

Ms. Michaels invited everyone to a fundraiser for the Rantoul Veteran’s Memorial on Sunday, August 9 from 1-3 pm at Brookhill.

Mr. Mitchell entered at 9:03 am

**VII. County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – June 2015 and July 2015**

**MOTION** by Mr. Jay to receive and place on file the County and Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for June 2015 and July 2015; seconded by Mr. Carter. Ms. Michaels wanted to know why CA-16 F&D for Ogden and Rantoul were different prices. Mr. Blue explained that it depended on what they got as the bid. He said the bids were done in October-November of the previous year. Mr. Blue explained that it also depends on where the material is coming from. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

Ms. Harrison entered at 9:06 am.

**VIII. Resolution Appropriating \$28,978.00 from County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study Section #15-00000-00-ES**

Mr. Blue said this is the annual appropriation and the price is the same as last year. **Motion** by Mr. Mitchell to approve; seconded by Mr. McGuire. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

**IX. Petition and Resolution for Compromise Township #15-06021-00-BR**

Mr. Blue stated this is to replace a culvert in Compromise Road District and the work has already been done. He said the cost is \$7,000, half of which would be the County's responsibility. **MOTION** by Mr. Jay to approve; seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

**X. Petition and Resolution for Ogden Township #15-17022-00-BR**

Mr. Blue reported this is for two culverts in Ogden Township that need to be replaced. He said they are about a mile apart and the estimated cost is \$50,000 with the County's share being \$25,000. **MOTION** by Mr. McGuire to approve; seconded by Mr. Jay.

Ms. Michaels asked how much money is in the bridge fund. Mr. Blue replied the bridge fund is doing well as they haven't had major bridge projects this year. He noted that it fluctuates from year to year and said this year they may use 60% while next year they may use 150%.

Mr. Michaels asked when the bridges on Dewey-Fisher would be done. Mr. Blue said they weren't part of the current project and they will probably be done in the next 2-3 years. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

**XI. Dewey-Fisher Road Update**

Mr. Blue stated they had a rough start with the June weather, but have done well in catching up. He said they still hope to have the road completed by Halloween. He noted that when dealing with that many landowners, some bumps are expected. Mr. Blue said some tiles, sump pump drains, and septic systems have been found that weren't known about, but they are making good progress.

Ms. Cowart asked if it was 11 miles of road being done. Mr. Blue replied yes. He said it would look like Monticello Road when it's completed.

Mr. Maxwell asked what they were doing about the septic tank drains and wanted to know if they were coming out into the road ditches. Mr. Blue replied that they are out letting on people's property and flowing into the ditches. He said it would be a different issue if the pipes were run to drain into the ditch.

**XII. Resolution Appropriating funds for the Intersection of Cardinal Road and Rising Road Section #15-03439-00-SP**

Mr. Blue explained that this is a federal aid safety improvement project to realign the intersection. He said the project is being jointly funded through Hensley and Champaign Townships. He said the County is fronting the money, will be reimbursed by the Townships, and there is \$0.00 net for the County.

Ms. Michaels asked if they already had the contracts with the Townships. Mr. Blue said yes. **MOTION** by Mr. Mitchell to approve; seconded by Ms. Michaels.

Ms. Petrie asked if traffic calming was being built into any of these projects. Mr. Blue replied that he is doing traffic calming on Dewey-Fisher at some of the major intersections.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

**XIII. Resolution Authorizing the County Board Chair to Sign a Joint Agreement with IDOT for Replacement of Structure #010-3020 on County Highway 55**

Mr. Blue stated this is to replace a structure on County Highway 55. He said they replaced the northern structure last year and this is the southern structure, which will be done next year. He said this is a federal aid project where they applied for, and received, funding through the major bridge program. Mr. Blue explained the joint IDOT agreement lays out the responsibilities of the State and the County. He noted the agreement is being updated because the division of cost has an old number. He said the estimated cost is \$1.4 million with approximately \$360,000 being the County's portion of the project. **MOTION** by Ms. Michaels to approve; seconded by Mr. McGuire. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

**A. Other Business**

**Resolution Appropriating Funds for the replacement of Bridge #010-3001 on County Road 9**

Mr. Blue said the bridge structure on County Highway 9 was built in 1913. He explained that the project isn't large enough to get major program bridge money, and it's not a township bridge so the County will be responsible for the entire cost. He said the project would be a 3-span structure at an estimated cost of \$750,000. **MOTION** by Mr. Jay to approve; seconded by Mr. Carter.

Ms. Cowart asked if the County would be paying the full amount. Mr. Blue replies yes, as it is a County road.

Ms. Petrie asked if there was a limit to how long they can roll money from one year to the next. Mr. Blue said there is a statute that says they have to show a program for the money in order to roll it over. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

**XIV. Other Business**

Mr. Blue reported that because of the State's budget issues all MFT payments have stopped until the State passes a budget. He said they are being told they will receive back pay once the budget is passed. He felt Champaign County would be all right if this continued for several months. He said some of the smaller counties were talking about closing shops and not doing any roadwork.

Ms. Busey noted that Mr. Blue was talking about MFT, but the Senate passed a bill saying there will be 0% increase to the property taxes. She said for the 2016 budget property taxes have been calculated based on PTELL. Ms. Busey said they will wait to see what the House does before they decide, but it would mean there will be no growth in either the County Bridge Fund or Highway Fund in 2016. Discussion continued.

Mr. McGuire asked how both side of the Olympian Drive project were going. Mr. Blue replied that on the west side the intersection at Duncan is closed. He said it's a little dirt work and paving, which will be done by fall. Mr. Blue said on the east end they have been doing a lot of dirt work but thinks they will make the opening this fall if the weather holds.

Mr. Mitchell asked if Mr. Blue could take to the City of Champaign some solution for the tanker trucks holding up traffic on Staley Rd. Mr. Blue said he will mention it. Mr. Mitchell thinks there should be a mandate for no left turns into the Marathon facility. Mr. McGuire suggested Marathon move their entrance in a few truck lengths to get the trucks off the road faster. Mr. Maxwell commented that Marathon might be interested in discussing a solution. Mr. Blue said he will talk to Dave Clark at the City of Champaign.

**XV. Chair's Report**

None

**XVI. Designation of Items to be placed on consent agenda**

Ms. Cowart stated that items VIII, IX, X, XII, XIII, and XIII A are to be placed on the consent agenda.

**XVII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Ms. Cowart adjourned the meeting at 9:35 am.

*\*\*Please note the minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.*