



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

**MINUTES – APPROVED MAY 05, 2017**

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DATE: Friday, March 10, 2017  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Highway Building Conference Room  
1605 East Main, Urbana, IL

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**Committee Members**

**Present:** Lorraine Cowart (Chair), Jim McGuire, Diane Michaels, Max Mitchell,  
Steve Summers, C. Pius Weibel

**Absent:** Chris Alix

**County Staff:** Jeff Blue (County Engineer), Rick Snider (County Administrator), Michelle Carter  
(Recording Secretary)

**Others Present:** Pattsy Petrie (County Board Member)

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**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

Committee Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:04 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. Weibel to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Michaels. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

**IV. Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2017**

**MOTION** by Mr. Mitchell to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2017 meeting; seconded by Mr. Weibel. Ms. Michaels requested spelling corrections of Mr. Weibel’s name on page 2 and page 3. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

**V. Public Participation**

None

**VI. Communications**

None

**VII. County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – February 2017**

**MOTION** by Mr. Weibel to receive and place on file the County and Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for February 2017; seconded by Ms. Michaels. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

**VIII. Resolution Award Authority Oil Letting**

Mr. Blue discussed the 2017 Road Oil Letting scheduled for March 30, 2017. Mr. Blue asked for award authority to award the bid to the lowest bidder as long as the bid is within 10%. Mr. Blue stated the townships and the county are bid at the same time; it is in the best interest to get the project awarded. After sending the paperwork to IDOT, the county will be ready to roll.

**MOTION** by Mr. Mitchell to approve; seconded by Mr. Summers. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

Mr. Weibel asked about the pricing prediction. Mr. Blue said it should be the same as last year or a little lower. Last year's numbers were used for the estimate.

**IX. Resolution Award Authority Striping Letting**

Mr. Blue said they have a similar resolution for road striping. The resolution is for municipalities, townships and the county; this is done annually.

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

Mr. Weibel asked about a shortage of striping paint a couple of years ago. Mr. Blue said he thinks it was a game by a different contractor, not a reality. The majority of the time the contractor is Varsity Striping.

**X. Petition and Resolution Appropriating funds for Stanton Township, Section #17-00285-00-BR.**

Mr. Blue informed the committee of a petition from Dan Ehmen, Stanton Township Road Commissioner. It is for a culvert replacement in Stanton Township. The estimated cost is \$11,000.00. The cost will be a 50/50 split between the County and Stanton Township.

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

Mr. Weibel asked about the age of the culvert. Mr. Blue said the culvert is undersized. The culvert needs to be 2-3 times the size of the current culvert. The current 15" culvert will be replaced with two 30" culverts. The water then flows to a drainage ditch and then to a bridge.

**XI. Resolution Awarding Contract for the Replacement of a Bridge Superstructure located on Spring Lake Road, Mahomet Township, Section #16-15032-00-BR.**

Mr. Blue provided the committee with the bid results from the recent Mahomet Township Bridge Letting held on February 22, 2017. He stated the bids were higher than the \$260,928.95 engineer estimate. He said it was hard to estimate the project because they are not replacing the entire bridge they are replacing the deck. The bridge has metal shell pilings that need to be encased in concrete. Mr. Blue feels this is still our best option. The Mahomet Road Commissioner has agreed to pay 10% of the bid amount. Ms. Cowart asked about the funding for the project. Mr. Blue said the County will pay 10%, Mahomet Township 10%, and the Township Bridge Fund (state program) pays 80%. Ms. Petrie asked about the disparities of the bids. Mr. Blue stated that Big O Services is geared towards doing this type of project. They did a bridge for the County last year and did a great job. Mr. Blue said that the tightened timeline might have increased the cost for the project. The project is scheduled to begin June 1 and be complete by August 15.

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

**XII. Bid Tab-County Highway 20 Bridge, Section #16-00035-00-BR**

Mr. Blue informed the committee the bid tab is for informational purposes. A resolution for award authority was already approved. Mr. Blue said this is a deck replacement. The superstructure will be poured in place. The bridge is currently a posted structure and we are trying to get it off the list. The engineer estimate was \$228,861.50; Stark Excavating had the low bid at \$198,369.20. The bids were very competitive. The project has been awarded to Stark Excavating.

**XIII. Olympian Drive Opening March 6<sup>th</sup>**

Mr. Blue discussed the Olympian Drive update provided by the Urbana Public Works Department. Beginning the week of March 6<sup>th</sup>, Olympian Drive will be permanently opened to the public between Lincoln Avenue and Apollo Drive. The committee discussed options for

future improvements. Mr. Weibel asked if there is a bike lane. Mr. Blue said there is an 8' shoulder. Ms. Petrie said there would be a wire fence installed.

**XIV. 2012-2015 International Trucks**

Mr. Blue informed the committee that they have local interest in the trucks. Ads will be placed in the paper with the option to sell the vehicles as a package or individually. Mr. Weibel asked how much money Mr. Blue thought they would get for the trucks. Mr. Blue said he thought around \$20,000.00 each. However, with the local interest, Mr. Blue thinks we may get over \$100,000.00 total for the four International trucks.

**XV. April 7, 2017 Highway Committee Meeting**

Mr. Blue stated he would be in Cincinnati at the National Association of County Engineers conference on April 7, 2017. He asked if the committee wanted to have Mr. Cooper attend the Highway Committee Meeting or if the committee members wanted to cancel the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and if any Resolutions need passed, they would be taken straight to the County Board. Ms. Cowart cancelled the meeting.

**XVI. Closed Session in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2)**

**MOTION by Mr. Mitchell at 9:35 a.m. to move to enter into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) to consider collective negotiating matters between Champaign County and its employees or their representatives. He further moved the following individuals remain present: the County Administrator, the Recording Secretary, and the County Engineer; seconded by Ms. Michaels. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote with McGuire, Michaels, Mitchell, Summers, Weibel, and Cowart voting yes.**

**Ms. Cowart declared the meeting re-opened at 9:54 a.m.**

**XVII. Other Business**

**A. Semi Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes**

Ms. Cowart informed the committee she received a letter from the State's Attorney Office stating, "The minutes of the closed sessions from the committee meetings of January 8, 2016 and February 5, 2016 are ripe for review. No other closed session minutes are ripe for review to be opened." Mr. Blue said he agreed with opening the closed session minutes.

**MOTION by Mr. Weibel to open the closed session minutes of January 8, 2016 and February 5, 2016; seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Ms. Michaels asked for clarification if the land transactions in the closed session minutes were already processed. Mr. Blue answered yes; the road is currently being built.

Ms. Petrie informed the committee that Mr. Jay is now at the Heartland facility in Paxton. The committee discussed the open Vice Chair position on the Highway Committee.

**XVIII. Chair's Report**

None

**XIX. Designation of Items to be Placed on Consent Agenda**

Mr. Blue stated that items VIII, IX, X, XI, be placed on the consent agenda.

**XX. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Ms. Cowart adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am.

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