

## Minutes of the Transportation Committee Meeting

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Wednesday, August 11, 1999 at 7:30 a.m. in Room 703, 104 West Front Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Bass, Members Anderson, Emmett, Hoselton

Members Absent: Member Kinzinger

Staff Present: Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator;  
Ms. Jennifer L. Drummond, Executive Secretary, County Administrator's Office

Department Heads/

Elected Officials

Present: Mr. Jack Mitchell, County Engineer, County Highway Department

Chairman Bass called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Chairman Bass presented the minutes of the July 6, 1999 meeting for approval.

Motion by Hoselton/Anderson to accept and place on file the minutes of the July 6, 1999 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Chairman Bass presented the bills which have been reviewed and recommended for transmittal to the Transportation Committee by the County Auditor.

Motion by Anderson/Emmett to recommend payment of the bills as presented and recommended by the County Auditor. Motion carried.

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Mr. Jack Mitchell, County Engineer, County Highway Department, presented a request for approval of a Resolution of the letting results from August 4, 1999 for one MFT construction section. Mr. Mitchell reported that Rowe Construction Company, Bloomington, Illinois, was the low bidder in the amount of \$310,459.58. The bid was 6.9% under the estimate. Staff recommends approval of the award.

Mr. Anderson noted that the cost figure on the Resolution that needs to be approved by the County Board and the cost estimate on the bid tabulation do not match. Mr. Mitchell advised that he will check on this and the correct figure will be listed on the Resolution presented to the full County Board.

Motion by Emmett/Hoselton to recommend approval of a Resolution of the letting results from August 4, 1999 for one MFT Construction Section. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell presented a request for approval of a Resolution to purchase three snow plows from Hoyle Road Equipment, Dixon, Illinois in the sum of \$16,983.50. Mr. Mitchell reported that bids were taken for the purchase of snow plows. Included in the Agenda packet is a copy of the bid tabulation. Hoyle Road Equipment was the low bidder on one 1999 12' Mickey Mouse Reversible snow plow in the amount of \$6,980 and two 11' Mickey Mouse snow plows in the amount of \$10,003.50 for a total bid of \$16,983.50

Mr. Emmett asked what is the normal life expectancy of a snow plow. Mr. Mitchell advised that the current snow plows are approximately 30 years old.

Motion by Anderson/Emmett to recommend approval of a Resolution to purchase one 1999 12' Mickey Mouse Reversible snow plow and two 11' Mickey Mouse snow plows from Hoyle Road Equipment, Dixon, Illinois, in the amount of \$16,983.50. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell presented a request for approval to purchase a used 1988 New Idea Model 800C Power Unit from Schmidt-Marcotte, Inc., in the amount of \$16,000. Mr. Mitchell distributed a series of pictures of the current machine used by the Department. He explained that the machine is used to cut brush. The machine shown in the pictures is a discontinued model and staff is experiencing problems in purchasing repair parts. The old machine will be put out for sealed bid.

Mr. Emmett asked how old is the current machine. Mr. Mitchell stated that the current machine was purchased in 1982. He explained that the boom and brush unit on the current machine will be taken off and placed on the new machine. This piece of equipment is a high maintenance item.

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Mr. Anderson asked how much would a new machine cost. Mr. Mitchell replied that a new machine would run between \$60,000 and \$70,000.

Mr. Hoselton asked what are the operational costs of the existing unit. Mr. Mitchell advised that he would estimate the operational costs of the existing unit to be approximately \$6,000 to \$8,000. Mr. Hoselton asked if Mr. Mitchell has looked into the possibility of leasing a machine versus purchasing a machine. Mr. Mitchell stated that staff have not looked into the possibility of leasing a machine. Mr. Hoselton explained, with a lease agreement, the lease payments can be applied toward the purchase of the machine over a period of five years, and the cost of maintenance will decrease. Mr. Mitchell explained that this specific machine is a homemade hybrid and no company makes this particular type of machine. Staff is proposing to purchase the power unit and use the existing boom and head off of the older machine.

Mr. Emmett asked what is the anticipated life expectancy of the new machine. Mr. Mitchell said that it is anticipated that the Department will get approximately 10 years of good use from this machine.

Motion by Anderson/Hoselton to recommend approval to purchase one used 1988 New Idea Model 800C power unit with 4 wheel drive, Hydro Static Transmission, air conditioning and a 5.9 Cummins engine from Schmidt-Marcotte, Inc., in the amount of \$16,000. Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell reported that a Stand-up Meeting needs to be scheduled prior to the August 17, 1999 County Board meeting to award letting results from August 12, 1999.

Mr. Mitchell commented that the September Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 1999 at 7:30 a.m. the day after the Labor Day holiday. Mr. Mitchell asked the Committee members if they would like to move the regular Committee meeting to another date. It was the consensus of the Committee that the September Transportation Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 1999 at 7:30 a.m. in Room 700 of the Law and Justice Center.

Mr. Hoselton reported that the Executive Committee, at last night's Executive Committee meeting, was presented with a request to approve a Resolution in Support of the proposed Route 66 Bikeway by the Greenways Coalition. The Executive Committee approved a motion to defer the matter to the Transportation Committee and the Property Committee for further review and study. There was discussion that both Committees could meet in a Special Joint Committee Meeting in September to review the matter.

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Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator, explained that the Greenways Coalition is proposing to seek authority from the County to move forward to make application to the Illinois

Department of Transportation for enhancement funds to construct the proposed bike trail. The total estimated cost of the project is \$6 million dollars. The Coalition would like to make application for grant funding from the State in the amount of \$3.1 million dollars. The State Department of Transportation grant can provide 80% of the funding for the project, 10% can be funded by a separate grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Bikeways Program and the remaining 10% will be funded by a local match from the County and other local municipalities.

Mr. Lindberg stated that the County's obligation for the first three phases of the project is projected to total \$79,000. The County's obligation for the last two phases of the projects totals \$72,000. The County's total obligation for the proposed bikeway is estimated at \$151,000. The Executive Committee also discussed where will the local match funding come from. Since the project is not a road related project, the funding cannot come from MFT monies. As a result, the funding will need to be expended from the County's General Fund.

It was the consensus of the Transportation Committee to see if a Joint Meeting of the Property Committee and the Transportation Committee could be scheduled immediately following the regular Committee meeting of the Transportation Committee on Wednesday, September 8, 1999 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 700.

There being nothing further to come before the Committee at this time, Chairman Bass adjourned the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Drummond  
Recording Secretary