

## Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Highway Department, 102 E. Towanda-Barnes Road, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Bass, Members Baggett, Dean, and Cavallini

Members Absent: Members O'Connor and Hoselton

Other Members Present: County Board Chairman Sweeney, Members Moss and Gordon

Staff Members Present: Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Christine Northcutt, Recording Secretary, County Administrator's Office

Department Heads Present: Mr. Jack Mitchell, County Engineer; Mr. Phil Dick, Director, Building and Zoning

Others Present: Ms. Christine Brauer, Member, Regional Planning Commission; Ms. Jennifer Sicks, Transportation Planner, Regional Planning Commission

Chairman Bass called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. He stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2006 meeting.

Motion by Dean/Cavallini to recommend approval of the minutes of the October 3, 2006 Transportation Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Bass stated that the next item is the approval of the bills from October, 2006.

Mr. Cavallini asked for an explanation for all of the payments to Seffans 3-D. Mr. Mitchell responded that Steffans 3-D did most of the oil and chip work for County and Township projects this summer.

Mr. Dean asked for an explanation for the payments to BroMenn. Mr. Mitchell responded that BroMenn provides the Highway Department's random drug testing and workmen's comp services. Mr. Dean asked for an explanation for the payments to Philips Medical Systems. Mr. Mitchell responded that they were for the purchase of a second Automated External Defibrillator (AED) device. The second device was placed in the garage in case of emergency.

Motion by Cavallini/Dean to recommend approval of the bills for October, 2006 as submitted by the County Auditor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bass informed the Committee that the first and only item for action is a request for approval of the Highway Department's Five Year Capital Improvement Budget Plan. Mr. Mitchell went through the items slated for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007. They are as follows:

1. Rebuild County Highway (CH) 8 / I-55 Lexington Interchange, total cost \$1.8 million.
2. Widen and Resurface Holder Road (CH 25), total cost, \$1.4 million
3. Build County Garage, total cost \$400,000.00.
4. Install signals at Old Route 150 (CH 70) at Martin Luther King Drive, total cost \$800,000.00.
5. New 3-lane at Pipeline Road (CH 31), total cost, \$1 million
6. Bridge on Colfax-Weston Road (CH13), total cost \$500,000.00.
7. Widen and stabilize Colfax-Weston Road (CH13), total cost of \$950,000.00
8. Install traffic signals on Towanda-Barnes Road at Oakland Avenue, total cost of \$300,000.00

Mr. Mitchell encouraged the Committee to review the 2008 - 2011 projects and stated that he would be happy to answer any questions that the Committee may have.

Mr. Cavallini asked why there was so much work being done on the Colfax-Weston Road. Mr. Mitchell responded that much of this work was scheduled due to the construction of the Twin Groves Wind Farm.

Chairman Bass asked if there were any further questions or concerns regarding the Highway Department's Five Year Budget Plan. Hearing none, he asked for a motion.

Motion by Dean/Baggett to recommend tentative approval of the Highway Department's Five Year Capital Improvement Budget. Motion Carried.

Chairman Bass stated that the next item for the Committee's review is the project summary. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would be happy to answer any questions that the Committee may have on the following project summary:

1. Horizon Wind Farm Resurfacing
2. Old Route 150 - White Oak Road
3. Old Route 150 - Bridge Replacement
4. Stanford-McLean Road, Peacock Bridge
5. City of Chenoa - Letcher Street Joint Culvert
6. Fairfield Culvert
7. Stanford-McLean Road Resurfacing
8. LeRoy School Road Resurfacing
9. Danvers-Carlock Road - Kath Bridge

Mr. Baggett asked when Old Route 150 would be open to traffic. Mr. Mitchell responded that it will likely be open later today or tomorrow. Mr. Dean asked what was meant by "18% complete" listed on the LeRoy School Road resurfacing summary. Mr. Mitchell responded that the project is complete, but it has been paid out at 18%. Therefore, there are still 82% of the project's expenses which need to be paid out.

Chairman Bass asked if there were any other questions or comments. Hearing none, he invited the Committee Members to join the Field Trip to the Twin Groves Wind Farm.

Chairman Bass recessed the Meeting at 9:48 a.m.

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The meeting was reconvened at 10:05 a.m. on the bus headed for the Twin Groves Wind Farm. In attendance were: County Board Chairman Sweeney, Chairman Bass, Members Baggett, Cavallini, Dean, Moss, Gordon, Mr. Phil Dick, Director, Building and Zoning, Mr. Brian Hug, Assistant State's Attorney, and Ms. Christine Brauer, Member, Regional Planning Commission.

On the job-site we were joined by Mr. Alvin Cargill, Inspector, High Trail Wind Farm. Mr. Cargill took the Committee to see the base of a tower being poured, a tower fully constructed with the propellers lying on the ground next to the base, and a fully constructed tower with the propeller attached. Mr. Cargill informed the Committee that:

- The tower is 80 meters tall. From the bottom of the base to the highest point of the blade of a fully constructed tower is 400 feet.
- The diameter of the propellers is 82 meters, which is equivalent to the wingspan of a 747.
- The nacelle and the hub of the tower are made in Denmark.
- The blades are made in Spain.
- The tower sections are made in Louisiana.
- The blades on the towers rotate at maximum capacity when the wind is blowing at 22 miles per hour.

The tour ended back at the Highway Department.

Chairman Bass asked if there were any other questions or comments. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Northcutt  
Recording Secretary