

## Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 404, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Hoselton, Members Caisley, Cavallini, Soeldner, McIntyre and Wollrab

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. Terry Lindberg, County Administrator, Mr. Bill Wasson, Assistant County Administrator, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer;

Others Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer, Ms. Michelle Anderson, County Auditor

Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 7:58 a.m. He stated that the first item for action is approval of the minutes from the October 6, 2009 meeting.

Motion by Caisley / Cavallini to recommend approval of the minutes from the October 6, 2009 meeting of the Transportation Committee.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for October, 2009. The prepaid total is \$444,250.84.

Mr. Cavallini commented that salt supply prices are down. Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer, responded that the County's State price bid increased \$2.87 a ton. He stated that the County typically gets a good price from the State. Some of the Counties that bid on their own last year struggled to locate salt late in the year.

Mr. Caisley questioned what the purchase of right-of-way is for. Mr. Schmitt responded that it is for the Dawson Lake Road.

Mr. Soeldner asked if the purchase of right-of-way is complete. Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer, noted that most all the larger parcels have been

purchased. The purchase of the smaller parcels is currently in process. The average purchase is 5 feet of property.

Motion by Soeldner / Cavallini to recommend payment of the October, 2009 bills as submitted by the County Auditor. Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first item to be presented for action is the 2010 County Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Maintenance Resolution. Chairman Hoselton asked Mr. Eric Schmitt to address the Committee.

Mr. Schmitt advised that, this is the Count's annual maintenance resolution which dedicates the money for payroll and staff engineering costs as well as all materials required for general maintenance for the year. The estimated costs for labor and maintenance materials in 2010 are:

	Estimated Cost
• Day Labor/Labor and Equipment	\$790,000.00
• Day Labor Materials	\$1,010,040.60
• Contract	
• Total Estimated Maintenance Cost	\$1,800,040.60
• Maintenance Engineering	\$140,000.00
 Total Maintenance and Engineering Cost	 \$1,940,040.60

Ms. Wollrab questioned if the 500 signs are for the entire year. Mr. Schmitt responded that typically the Department does a night time sign inspection for reflectivity. Last year 700 signs were replaced or refaced. The County Highway system has a total of 11,000 signs.

Motion by Soeldner/McIntyre to recommend approval of the 2010 County Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Maintenance Resolution.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is the Local Agency Amendment #2 for Federal Participation, Horse Farm Road – Sec 07-00058-06-WR.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the Local Agency Amendment is the reallocation of Stimulus money from the Horse Farm Road project.

Motion by Caisley/Cavallini to recommend approval of the Local Agency Amendment #2 for Federal Participation, Horse Farm Road – Sec 07-00058-06-WR.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is the Local Agency Amendment #2 for Federal Participation, Towanda Overpass at Interstate 55 – Sec 05-00071-04-RS.

Mr. Schmitt reported that this Local Agency Amendment also includes the return of \$14,000 of the \$25,000 given to the City of Chenoa that they did not use on the Bike Trail project.

Motion by Caisley/Cavallini to recommend approval of the Local Agency Amendment #2 for Federal Participation, Towanda Overpass at Interstate 55 – Sec 05-00071-04-RS.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that the next items to be presented are Items of Information. The first item is Project Summaries.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the construction and final paperwork is complete on the Lexington Overpass project. The 2007 final bill from the State has been received and final payment has been made. He pointed out that the cost overrun of 2.5% was due to poor soil conditions on the jobsite.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Towanda Overpass – Sec 05-00071-04-RS. He reported that the contractor has finished the placement of the north bound pavement. Mr. Schmitt stated that, now that the north bound pavement is completed, the project will be opened for traffic. The project will be suspended for the winter due to the possibility of safety hazards.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Saybrook / Arrowsmith Road Bridge – Sec 07-00045-03-BR project report. He reported that the Saybrook / Arrowsmith Road Bridge construction on CH 36 is complete and the road is open to traffic. Final paper work needs to be completed.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the Horse Farm Road – Sec-07-00058-WR overlay project from Route 136 to the LeRoy Spur has been completed. Final paperwork needs to be completed. This project is a federal project and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will do a final inspection.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the Gridley Road Bridge – Sec 07-00161-01-BR construction is complete. Final payment has been made. The need for placement of extra binder course to level the road and additional field tile resulted in the 2.50% overrun in construction cost

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Revenue. He stated that the Department has received ten Motor Fuel Tax Allotments in 2009. The allotment for September, 2009 came in at \$140,777.97. He stated that the average allotment received for the ten months in 2009 is \$184,285.55 per month. The shortfall to date is \$19,130.20 per month for a total of \$191,302.00, 9.40% below the fiscal year 2009 budget estimate. He noted that the allotment received in early October was reduced because of deductions that were withheld. The deductions included the Vehicle Inspection Fund Transfer and Secretary of State Administration Expense. The Vehicle Inspection Fund Transfer is a \$15,000.000

transfer that takes place in June and September. Mr. Schmitt will continue to keep the Committee informed of Motor Fuel Revenue on a monthly basis.

Mr. Schmitt stated that, due to the request from the Committee, the County Treasurer prepared a Treasurer's Investment Report. He referred to the report and noted that in the future you will see investment returns dropping.

Mr. Schmitt presented a map showing the project locations of the County Highway Department 5-Year Plan. He also referred to maps outlining all the work the Department has done in the last 15 years. He stated that that in the spring he and Mr. Jerry Stokes travel the roads of the County. The roads are rated based on:

- Ride Quality
- Cracking
- Rutting

These numbers are factored and a rating is given to each road. Mr. Schmitt pointed out that, with the passing of the Capital Bill, adjustments may be made to the 5 year plan.

Chairman Hoselton stated that, when making adjustments to the 5 year plan, we need to be analytical in our decisions. With the economy the way it is, we do not want to put ourselves in a financial bind in the future.

Mr. Schmitt stated that, with the MFT revenue decreasing, the Department has focused more on crack sealing as maintenance rather than overlaying the road. With the focus on maintenance, the Department can extend the life of a County road from 18 years to 23-25 years; however the end result may be slightly more costly.

Mr. Schmitt noted that the Pipeline Road is currently the only joint project the County has with the Town of Normal. The County has no joint projects with the City of Bloomington.

Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that the next big project would be the 1 mile Towanda Barns Road project. Because of the construction dollars involved, the Department is waiting for federal dollars to become available.

Mr. Schmitt advised the Committee the Department is experiencing problems with the septic system. The drainage tile on the north is failing due to aging. He pointed out that they are currently working with the landowner to negotiate a joint project to replace ½ mile of tile with new 12 inch tile.

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Mr. Soeldner asked about the new telephone system project. Mr. Schmitt responded that Information Technologies is in the process of obtaining quotes. The Highway Department will do the wiring installation this winter.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn  
Recording Secretary