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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes  
April 3, 2014**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 6:00pm in the Conference Room of the DeKalb County Highway Department, DeKalb, Illinois.

Chairman Gudmunson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Committee members present were Mr. Deverell, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Jones, Mr. O'Barski and Vice Chairman Pietrowski. Others present were Mr. Gary Hanson, County Administrator, Mr. Nathan Schwartz, County Engineer, Wayne Davey, Support Services Manager and Mr. Anthony Cvek, County Board Member.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Frieders to approve the minutes of the regular March 6, 2014 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Discussion held to table item number 3 on the April agenda until May 1, 2014. The County Engineer explained that after reviewing the requirement for a bid check to be submitted with our bids for equipment, and after reviewing the industry standards on such, the County decided to no longer require any bid check or bid bond when purchasing equipment. Because there was insufficient time to issue an addendum for this bidding process, the decision was made to re-bid this equipment next month. **Vice Chairman Pietrowski moved and Mr. Jones seconded a motion to amend tonight's agenda by tabling item 3 until the May 1, 2014 Highway Committee meeting at 6:00pm. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made by Mr. Deverell and seconded by Mr. O'Barski to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None.**

### **AWARD RESOLUTION #R2014-19: 2014 ROAD DISTRICT HOT-MIX PROJECTS**

Mr. Schwartz stated bids were opened on April 3, 2014 at 10:00am for seven Road District hot-mix projects. Three to four bids were received for all projects and the prices were competitive. Three different contractors will be awarded these seven contracts. Building Paving LLC dba Hardin Paving Services was the low bidder meeting specifications for the hot-mix resurfacing of two miles of Hinckley Road in Pierce Road District for a cost of \$85,361. Curran Contracting was the low bidder meeting specifications for five projects. They are the hot-mix resurfacing of 2.18 miles of Barber Greene Road in Cortland Road District for a cost of \$181,259.37; the hot-mix resurfacing of 1.04 miles of Shabbona Grove Road in Shabbona Road District in the amount of \$115,394.20; the hot-mix resurfacing of 1.02 miles of Council Road in Somonauk Road District for a cost of \$175,587.12; the hot-mix resurfacing of 1.54 miles of Governor Beveridge Highway and Bastian Road in Squaw Grove Road District; and the hot-mix resurfacing of 2.24 miles of various subdivision roads in Sycamore Road District for a cost of \$327,593.38. Peter Baker and Son Company was the low bidder meeting specifications for the hot-mix resurfacing of 0.78 miles of Pleasant Hill Road in Kingston Road District. Mr. Schwartz stated the County has worked with all of these contractors in the past and satisfied with the quality of workmanship they provide. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of the awards as stated. **A motion was made by Vice Chairman Pietrowski and seconded by Mr. Jones to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **AWARD RESOLUTION #R2014-21: 2014 REJUVENATOR PROJECT**

Mr. Schwartz indicated bids were also received for the placement of a rejuvenator on roads in DeKalb County and two Road Districts. Rejuvenator is a project that is placed on new hot-mix roads to seal and protect new pavement from moisture as well as revitalize the asphalt. Mr. Schwartz indicated he has studied this product for over a year and has consulted with surrounding counties who have previously used it. This product will extend the life of a road and is less expensive than a seal coat. The County used rejuvenator on two roads last year, Chicago and Somonauk Roads, and are pleased with the results so far. The application process limits the rejuvenator to the road and not the ditches. It is an excellent choice for use on subdivision roads. Rather than a regular seal coat when you have to deal with gravel and dust, the rejuvenator dries clear or dark depending on the product used after normally a short period of time. The County Engineer provided a short video of the application of this product for the Committee's information. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this award. **A motion was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Vice Chairman Pietrowski to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **AWARD RESOLUTION #R2014-22: ONE NEW TANDEM CAB AND CHASSIS AND ONE NEW 6 X 6 CAB AND CHASSIS**

This item was tabled until the May 1, 2014 Highway Committee meeting.

**RESOLUTION #R2014-20: LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION, PEACE ROAD**

Mr. Schwartz explained to the Committee that the Peace Road Project is scheduled for a June letting. This project is being funded with Federal dollars from the DSATS allocation. Whenever Federal dollars are used the State of Illinois requires a local agency agreement. This agreement states that 80% of this project will be paid for utilizing up to \$1,184,000.00 in Federal funding. The County's share will be approximately \$296,000. The County Engineer has been in contact with the City of DeKalb and expects the City to participate in the cost of resurfacing the intersection of Pleasant Street and Peace Road during this project as well. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this resolution. **A motion was made by Vice Chairman Pietrowski and seconded by Mr. O'Barski to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. The motion passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION #R2014-23: LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION, KESLINGER ROAD BRIDGE**

Another agreement is being presented for the Keslinger Road Bridge. Federal bridge funds will be used for the completion of this project. Mr. Schwartz reviewed the funding for this project that includes the settlement money from the bridge collapsing five years ago. This project is also scheduled for a June letting with an estimated completion before the end of the year. After the bridge is let the County will have a firm cost to readjust the funding for this project. Mr. Schwartz informed the Committee that it is likely they will see an addendum to this agreement at a later date. The settlement will be used to match the Federal dollars for this project. No local funds are anticipated to be spent on this project at this time. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this resolution. **A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. O'Barski to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. The motion passed unanimously.**

**MFT RESOLUTION #2014-24: 2014 PAVEMENT MARKING PROJECT**

The County will be utilizing MFT funds for the striping of all of the County's roads this year. When MFT is anticipated to be used the County Board must appropriate the funds by way of an MFT Resolution. The County will utilize MFT funds and County Matching funds for this project. We anticipate \$94,000 in MFT funds to be paid from our MFT budget. IDOT requires this resolution prior to the project actually being approved for letting. Therefore, the Committee will see MFT resolutions in the future prior to seeing any associated projects for approval. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this resolution. **A motion was made by Mr. O'Barski and seconded by Mr. Deverell to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **INTRODUCTION OF 2015 BUDGET PROCESS:**

The Committee requested last year that the budget process begin earlier to allow more discussion should an issue arise. Mr. Schwartz kicked off the 2015 budget with an overview of how the Highway Department is structured and funded. A review of the five-year equipment plan was conducted. Mr. Schwartz explained the document is revised every year depending on the Department's needs and current condition of equipment. After reviewing a typical budget and the parts that make up a budget, Mr. Schwartz turned it over to Mr. Hanson. A handout was provided to Committee members highlighting what they might or might not want to look closer at during this process. The Committee thanked Mr. Hanson and Mr. Schwartz for beginning the process and requested that the budget remain on next month's agenda as well.

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS:** None

### **COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:**

Mr. Schwartz provided the Committee with an update of the Transportation Improvement Progress Report that occurred during the month of March. East County Line Road will have its pre-construction meeting in Ottawa on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Construction should begin shortly after that. Because the bridge is being replaced during 2015 now instead of this year, the resurfacing will stop a few hundred feet on either side of the bridge. When the bridge is replaced that section of roadway will be resurfaced at that time. Five Points Road Bridge stands at 15% constructed. They are placing the riprap at the south pier and they are preparing to start on the south abutment. As mentioned earlier Keslinger Road Bridge is scheduled for a June letting as well as the Peace Road project. The Perry Road and West County Line Road bridges continue through the design engineering phase and that process stands at 35% completed.

A legislative update was provided for Committee members highlighting a few funding issues that have been presented and their status.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Gudmunson asked if there was any additional items that needed to be presented tonight and hearing none asked for a motion to adjourn. **A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Deverell and the motion passed unanimously.** The April 3, 2014 meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Gudmunson  
Chairman