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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
June 5, 2014**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, June 5, 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. Brad Hunold, Assistant County Engineer, Mr. Wayne Davey, Support Services Manager, Mr. Jim Quinn, Operations Manager and Ms. Tasha Stogsdill, County Board Administrative Expeditor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Vice Chair Pietrowski to approve the minutes of the regular May 1, 2014 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. O'Barski moved and Vice Chair Pietrowski seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

RESOLUTION #R2014-41: AWARD OF NEW COMPACT TRACK LOADER WITH ATTACHMENTS AND TRAILER:

Mr. Hunold informed the Committee that bids were opened today for the replacement of one of the Department's skid steer loaders. Three bids were received. The lowest bid meeting specifications was submitted by CSR Bobcat, Inc of DeKalb, Illinois in the amount of \$74,871.42. This includes one new Bobcat T650; one new 80" Bobcat Industrial Grapple; one new 18" Bobcat High Flow Planer; one new 80" Combination (clam shell) Bucket with Teeth and one new Cronkhite 3400 Trailer. Trade in amount of

\$20,000.00 was offered for the Department's equipment being traded for a total bid of \$54,871.42. Mr. Hunold recommended award to CSR Bobcat. **Vice Chair Pietrowski made a motion and Mr. Jones seconded it to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. The motion passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION #R2014-42: AWARD OF SNOW PLOW, FRAME, HYDRAULIC SYSTEM, DUMP BODY, WING, SPREADER AND PRE-WET TANK SYSTEM:

Mr. Hunold stated bids were also received today to equip the two new cab and chassis' approved by the Committee last month. Three bids were also received for these items and Monroe Truck Sales from Monroe, Wisconsin submitted the lowest bid meeting specifications. Monroe's bid was \$84,961.00 to equip each new cab and chassis with a snow plow, frame, hydraulic system, dump body, wing, spreader and pre-wet tank system as specified for a total bid of \$169,922.00. Mr. Hunold recommended approval of this resolution. **Mr. Jones made a motion and Mr. Frieders seconded it to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. The motion passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION #R2014-43: AWARD OF THE 2014 PAVEMENT MARKING PROJECT

The final bids received today was for the County and Road District pavement markings for this year. Two bids were received with America's Parking Remarketing, Inc from St. Louis, Missouri submitting the low bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$238,157.20. The County will place 164 miles of dashed yellow center line, 104 miles of solid yellow no passing lines and 363 miles of solid white edge lines on the County's roadway system. The Road Districts will place 79 miles of dashed yellow center line, 60 miles of solid yellow no passing lines and 71 miles of solid white edge lines. The County has awarded to this Company in the past and is satisfied with their performance. Mr. Hunold recommended approval of this award. **Vice Chair Pietrowski moved and Mr. Johnson seconded it to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. The motion passed unanimously.**

2015 BUDGET:

Fund Balances: Mr. Hanson presented and discussed an overview of the Highway Department's five different fund balances. He indicated that they appear to be healthy. This information was provided to show the Committee how the Highway Department saves up for future projects and then spends down as those projects are planned and completed. Mr. Davey indicated the 2013 audited figures were just received this week and work would begin on putting final 2015 budget numbers together. The Committee will see the beginning of the spend down cycle of these fund balances in next year's budget submission as Mr. Schwartz aggressively tackles several projects for 2015. Mr. Hanson reiterated that the Highway Department's budgets are separate from the General Fund and when the General Fund is using their fund balance

it has no effect on the highway budget's fund balance and vice versa. Mr. Gudmunson inquired if these fund balances could be used to fund big projects and Mr. Hanson stated that they could. Mr. Davey stated the Highway's fund balances will increase/decrease depending on the amount of Federal/State/County dollars spent on a project. If the County Engineer secures Federal funding for a project then fewer local dollars will be used, which could result in a rise in a particular fund balance. Likewise, if only local funds are being used on a project the fund balance could see a decline.

2015 Equipment Replacement: Mr. Davey presented the County Engineer's proposed replacement schedule for 2015. Items were discussed to provide a better understanding on how our replacement schedule is utilized. The Highway Department proposes to replace equipment of a regular basis, keeping equipment in good working condition and ensuring a favorable trade-in dollar value. The funding limit is also looked at in an attempt to keep it somewhat consistent without huge cost fluctuations from year to year. When a piece of equipment is scheduled for replacement it is looked at in terms of mileage, maintenance record and on-road dependability. All equipment scheduled for replacement is not necessarily replaced as scheduled but might be pushed back or pushed forward depending on these decisions. Use of equipment on different projects and different applications was explained to the Committee. Mr. Davey stated the Committee would see these scheduled replacements in our 2015 budget submission. If anyone needed further information on any specific item they were requested to contact either Mr. Schwartz or Mr. Davey.

2015 Road-Bridge Projects: The County Engineer provided a proposed list of projects to be included in the 2015 Budget. Chicago Road from Maplewood Road east to Somonauk Road is currently the only resurfacing project scheduled. That project cost has been estimated at \$1 million dollars. Mr. Davey explained the County Engineer will program projects that cover a large section of an existing roadway in order to obtain the best possible pricing for a resurfacing project. Although the number of projects scheduled might seem small, the overall mileage being resurfaced will remain high. Work will also commence on Waterman Road next year. However, this project is expected to last 4-5 years as it will require a large amount of financial resources to complete the project correctly. The County Engineer has estimated that the road portion will take two years and the shoulders/ditch work to take an additional two years. There are five bridges scheduled for 2015. The East County Line Road Bridge is being constructed by Kane County; Coltonville Road Bridge is scheduled for Major Bridge Funding during 2015; two bridges in Paw Paw Road District will be replaced as well as one on Suydam Road. The County Engineer is programming bridges based on their current condition, the year they were built and the amount of daily traffic crossing these structures. Federal funds are being earmarked for the Road District bridges and our local bridge tax funds will be utilized for County bridges. The Road Districts need that assistance to improve their infrastructure and the County Engineer feels this is a prudent way to spend the County's federal dollars to accomplish our bridge replacement plans.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS: None presented.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Hunold provided the Committee with an update of the Transportation Improvement Progress Report that occurred during the month of May. The East County Line Road resurface project was delayed due to contracts not being signed at IDOT – it is now scheduled for a June 9, 2014 start. Five Points Road Bridge stands at 22% constructed. The south abutment piles are finished and they are preparing to pour concrete. Keslinger Road Bridge and Peace Road resurfacing projects are scheduled for a June 13th letting and the Perry Road and West County Line Road bridges are now scheduled for a June 18th letting.

The County Engineer has secured a signed Road Use Agreement for the County and Afton Road District during the construction of the Enbridge pump station on McGirr Road. Truck traffic will be using McGirr Road from Route 23 to the site for loaded trucks and using Waterman Road and Perry Road for empty trucks.

The County's reclamite project for Malta, Peace, and Perry Roads will begin on Monday, weather permitting. This process seals and extends the life of a road. CRF process was done on Peace Road from Route 64 to Route 23. Mr. Hunold explained the process and the status of that project. Hopefully the final sweep will be conducted soon and that portion of roadway can be striped.

Seal coating will begin in DeKalb County approximately June 19th and should last 2-3 weeks.

In litigation news the County has been dismissed from a lawsuit in Sycamore Township and one involving the railroad crossing at the south end of Somonauk Road. Work continues on two other pending actions concerning Glidden Road and the 2013 flooding throughout northern Illinois.

On the legislation side, the road and bridge funding issue has been pushed back but hopefully will be addressed soon. A big item for public agencies across the state is HB-924, Senate Amendment 1 (Illinois Responsible Bidder on Public Works Projects Act) that would require all contractors and subcontractors bidding on public works projects to be "responsible bidders" and participate in a U.S. DOL-approved apprenticeship program, including small business and professional services that are not bid and have highly trained professionals that are not educated through apprenticeship programs. We would expect to see less local competition on construction projects.

A couple of years ago, the County was successful in using leftover dollars from an earmark for the City of DeKalb. Because of our success, we have been asked through DSATS (the MPO) to help use the remaining \$250,000.00 for the western access roads at NIU. While this money has to be used on NIU's roads, it will help the community which in turn helps the County. The County can be reimbursed for our time on this project.

The Village of Kirkland will meet with IDOT and the Highway Department to begin the planning process to replace the Pearl Street Bridge. The Village will be asking for the County to assist in the funding of this project with the preliminary engineering. The meeting is to see if the Village will qualify for major bridge funding.

OTHER BUSINESS:

It was the consensus of the Committee to cancelled the scheduled July 3, 2014 Highway Committee meeting due to no County Board meeting during the month of July.

Clarification was provide by the Committee concerning two new cab and chassis purchased during the Month of May. The Highway Department can either trade, sell out right, or keep one tandem as a spare as the Department deems necessary.

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. O'Barski and the motion passed unanimously.** The June 5, 2014 meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Gudmunson
Chairman