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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
March 6, 2014**

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Mr. O'Barski and seconded by Mr. Deverell to approve the minutes of the regular February 6, 2014 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Discussion held on amending the agenda to add a Resolution for Federal Participation for the East County Line Road Project. Motion made by Mr. O'Barski and seconded by Mr. Frieders to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

AWARD RESOLUTION #R2014-13: 2014 SEAL COAT PROJECT

Mr. Schwartz stated bids were opened on March 6, 2014 at 10:00am for the County's 2014 Seal Coat Project. Once again this year the County prepared one contract for the County and all Road Districts. This year three bids were received for 43.1 miles of seal coating with Beniach Construction Company, Inc from Tuscola, Illinois submitting the low bid in the amount of \$737,512.00. They have worked in DeKalb County before and have also done work in LaSalle County and do satisfactory work. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this award. **A motion was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Frieders to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. The motion passed unanimously.**

AWARD RESOLUTION #R2014-14: 2014 DRAINAGE PIPES

Mr. Schwartz indicated bids were also received for drainage pipes to be used by the County and Road Districts during 2014. This is the second year the County has bid pipes and although the prices have increased slightly since last year, the County is still receiving a better price than if we were ordering the pipes individually. Two bids were received with the low bid submitted by Contech Engineered Solutions, LLC from Oak Brook, Illinois in the amount of \$50,974.60. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this award. **A motion was made by Mr. Deverell and seconded by Mr. Johnson to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. The motion passed unanimously.**

AWARD RESOLUTION #R2014-15: 2014 SIGN MATERIALS

Last year the County and Road District participated in the Rural Sign Upgrade Program and were able to get many of their signs replaced. With the economy of scale recognized during the Rural Sign Program the County decided to hold a sign letting for the first time this year. Because most signs were replaced last year this is a small amount, but that amount will likely grow over the years. Two bids were received with MD Solutions of Plain City, Ohio submitting the low bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$4,792.53. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this award also. **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.**

RESOLUTION #R2014-17: LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION, EAST COUNTY LINE ROAD

Mr. Schwartz explained to the Committee that the East County Line Road Project was in the pipeline prior to his arrival. The rationale for making this route an 80,000 pound truck route was that the County had very few north-south truck routes. The State routes basically run east-west through the County. East County Line Road connects two existing State routes, Route 38 with Route 64. The State is improving the intersection at Route 64 along with this project and the County will oversee and be in charge of the entire project. The Committee inquired if this could become a new route for garbage trucks. Mr. Schwartz stated that depending on their route of travel East County Line Road could see an increase in truck traffic destined for the Landfill. The estimated cost of this project is \$1,899,000 with the County share estimated at \$724,500. In order for the County to utilize Federal dollars a signed agreement needs to be in place. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this resolution. **A motion was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Deverell to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. The motion passed unanimously.**

CHAIR'S COMMENTS: Vice Chair Pietrowski again thanked all the road crews for their continued long hours during this winter season.

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COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Schwartz provided the Committee with an update of the Transportation Improvement Progress Report that occurred during the month of February. Six projects were commented on: Barber Greene Road from Route 23 to Peace Road is still in the preliminary engineering stages. This project will be the resurfacing of this road and will be funded in part with DSATS funding. Mr. Schwartz had the road programmed for 2015 but due to IDOT funding constraints it might have to be pushed back. The Five Points Road Bridge project remains slow due to the cold weather. Progress is starting to be made now that the weather is warming up. The Contractor can work if the night temperature does not fall below zero and the daytime temperature is at least 20 degrees. Keslinger Road Bridge is still on track for a June 2014 letting as well as the Peace Road project. Perry Road Bridge and West County Line Road Bridge are in the preliminary and design engineering stages and scheduled to be let during May of this year.

Mr. Schwartz stated we received bids for the sale of equipment. The 1960 Ford Distributor will be sold for \$1,145. Our minimum bid was set at the scrape price of \$1,000. The 2007 Chevy Silverado pickup will be re-advertised as no bids meeting our minimum bid were received.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: The Committee inquired into how the Highway Budget looks after the winter plowing season. Mr. Schwartz stated currently the budgets were fine but there is a lot of 2014 to go. The majority of overtime has been spent. If the end of 2014 is anything like the end of 2013 then funds from our reserve might have to be utilized. Comp time was brought up and Mr. Schwartz stated he had just begun to look into that situation. Comp time does save your budget but you lose a certain amount of productivity when comp time is unlimited.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Pietrowski 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. Jones and seconded by Mr. Johnson and the motion passed unanimously.** The March 6, 2014 meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Pietrowski
Vice Chairman

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