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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes  
September 4, 2014**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, September 4, 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. O'Barski and Vice Chairman Pietrowski. Mr. Jones was absent. County Engineer, Nathan Schwartz and Support Services Manager, Wayne Davey were also present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion made by Vice Chair Pietrowski and seconded by Mr. Deverell to approve the minutes of the regular August 7, 2014 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. O'Barski seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None.**

**RESOLUTION #2014-48: AWARD OF SANDWICH ROAD DISTRICT PATCHING PROJECT**

Mr. Schwartz explained to the Committee that bids were taken on August 14, 2014 for this project. One bid was received from Curran Contracting Company of Crystal Lake, Illinois in the amount of \$57,061. Sandwich Road District will be patching Chicago, Gletty, East Sandwich and Pratt Roads and will be spending MFT funds for this project. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this award. **Motion made by Mr. O'Barski and seconded by Mr. Johnson to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION #2014-52: AMENDMENT #1 TO THE LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION FOR THE KESLINGER ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT**

During April the County Board entered into the original agreement with the State of Illinois for this project. Since that time the project has been let and the expected cost of this project is now known. In order for the County and Road District to spend the Enbridge contribution toward this project the original agreement is being amended to reflect that those contributed dollars be spent first, then Federal dollars if required. Normally Federal dollars are spent toward 80% of a project with the local share making up the remaining 20%. The County will not lose any Federal dollars by doing this, they simply will be spent on other projects. Mr. Schwartz stated the right thing to do is to ensure the funds provided by Enbridge are spent on this project. This amendment will ensure that that happens and Mr. Schwartz recommends approval of the resolution. **Motion made by Mr. O'Barski and seconded by Mr. Johnson to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION #2014-53: ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR PAW PAW ROAD DISTRICT BRIDGES ON SOUTH PAW PAW ROAD SECTION NUMBER 13-11109-01-BR**

Mr. Schwartz presented an engineering agreement with Strand Associates, Inc. from Joliet, Illinois for the preliminary engineering services required for the construction of two bridges on South Paw Paw Road in Paw Paw Road District. These two bridges were posted by the State of Illinois during 2013. These bridges are a quarter mile apart and will be replaced at the same time. Plans are to begin construction next year. The not to exceed cost for this agreement is \$177,620.30 for both bridges. Mr. Schwartz stated this is the worst case scenario. The agreement covers wetland mitigation and right-of-way acquisition which may or may not have to be dealt with during the design of these bridges. Another possibility is that one design can be utilized for both bridges, although that is an unlikely scenario, but still a possibility. Mr. Schwartz indicated he did not feel the final cost would be as high as the \$177,000 figure but also stated he felt the cost would not be below \$100,000 either. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this resolution. **Motion made by Vice Chair Pietrowski and seconded by Mr. Frieders to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS:** Chairman Gudmunson stated he had heard that Counties and Townships were scheduled for additional capital funds and wanted to know if that was correct. Mr. Schwartz explained that both the Federal and State Capital Bills expired this year and both have been extended until 2015. In doing so the State legislation authorized \$100,000,000 to be provided to all Counties, Municipalities and Townships in

the State and that payment will be made within the next two months. During Illinois JobsNow program everyone received an annual payment for five years. DeKalb County and our Townships received their last payment for Illinois JobsNow this past April. This additional \$100,000,000 will be distributed utilizing the same formula as the Illinois JobsNow program and payments should be identical to their JobsNow payments. These funds will be deposited in their MFT accounts and MFT rules apply for the expenditure of them. Mr. Schwartz stated he feels this payment coming in the next two months will actually be our 2015 payment, so with that said, the County or Townships will most likely not see a payment in 2015.

Chairman Gudmunson and Vice Chair Pietrowski inquired if Mr. Schwartz would be interested in being appointed as a member of the Stormwater Management Committee for the County. Mr. Schwartz stated he already attends these meetings and by virtue of being the County Engineer he has just recently been designated as a voting member. Mr. Schwartz thanked the Committee for thinking of him but he is already serving on the Committee.

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:** Mr. Schwartz stated the fall veto session will be held November 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> this year. This is a time when things can get pushed through the legislation rather quickly so the County Engineer Association will be keeping a very close eye on these sessions. If any of the Committee Members are in contact with their Senators or Representative you are encouraged to remind them of the need for a long term fix to the State's Capital Program.

It is time for the annual tour of projects to be scheduled. The Committee agreed that September 23<sup>rd</sup> would be a favorable date. The County Engineer will work toward that date.

Mr. Schwartz presented the transportation improvement progress report for August. East County Line Road stands at 38% complete for the resurfacing and intersection improvements. The box culvert extension and shoulders on the north side of Route 64 are completed. The binder is down and ready for the surface course to begin next week.

Five Points Road Bridge is 42% complete. Work is now focused on the north abutment and dirt work on the south side. Mr. Schwartz is pushing for a November finish to this project. A lengthy discussion was held concerning the options the County might have in moving this project along or in the event the Contractor does not complete the project by the end of November. Mr. Schwartz stated that he along with IDOT are meeting with the Contractor weekly to keep them on task. They are doing good work after making some personnel changes but they are just about out of working days to complete this project. Liquidated damages will be assessed to this project but hopefully IDOT will not declare the Contractor in default. The best chance of getting this project completed this year is to keep pushing the current contractor to complete the project.

Keslinger Road Bridge is just underway with traffic control being set up this week and moving equipment on site.

Peace Road project is underway with the patching portion almost completed.

Perry Road Bridge is at 40% completed. The beams are set and they are starting to form the deck.

South Paw Paw Road Bridges preliminary engineering agreement is being forward to the County Board for approval.

West County Line Road Bridge is ready to begin construction. NiCor has moved their gas line and ComEd has a pole to move but the Contractor can begin the project prior to that happening. Keslinger Road Bridge and this project are being built by the same Contractor.

**OTHER BUSIUNESS:**

Mr. Schwartz stated the County was able to renew their salt contract for the 2014-2015 winter season. Our price for this season will be \$56.27 per ton. The contractor was allowed to raise the contracted price up to 5% and he did. Surrounding entities of government that had to re-bid this year found their price considerably higher. Most are in the \$100 plus range. Hopefully whatever problems are causing this spike in price will solve themselves before DeKalb County has to bid next year.

**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. O'Barski and seconded by Mr. Johnson and the motion passed unanimously. The September 4, 2014 meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Gudmunson  
Chairman