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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
March 3, 2016**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Conference Room of the DeKalb County Highway Department, located at 1826 Barber Greene Road, DeKalb, Illinois 60115.

Chairman John Gudmunson called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. Committee members present were Mr. Bunge, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Metzger, Mr. Luebke and Mr. Pietrowski. The County Engineer, Mr. Nathan Schwartz, Support Services Manager, Mr. Wayne Davey, Mr. Tracy Jones, Vice Chair, DeKalb County Board, Mr. Greg Millburg, Farm Bureau and Mr. Charles Cole, Aurora, Illinois were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Mr. Pietrowski and seconded by Mr. Bunge to approve the minutes of the regular February 4, 2016 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Metzger moved and Mr. Luebke seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Discussion followed to amend the agenda, adding item eight, the recommended award resolution for the snow plow, frame, hydraulic system, dump body wing, spreader and pre-wet tank system. **Mr. Metzger moved and Mr. Luebke seconded to amend the agenda as stated. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Metzger moved and Mr. Luebke seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

NOMINATION OF VICE CHAIRMAN TO FILL THE VACANT POSITION DUE TO PASSING OF MR. O'BARSKI:

Mr. Gudmunson opened the floor for nominations for the Vice Chairman of the Highway Committee. **Mr. Pietrowski moved to nominate Mr. Luebke as the new Vice Chair. Mr. Metzger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and Mr. Luebke will be presented to the full County Board for approval of this appointment.**

MFT RESOLUTION #R2016-19: PERRY ROAD @ AFTON CEMETERY PROJECT

Mr. Schwartz stated the County will be reshaping the area of Perry Road at the entrance of the Afton Cemetery to improve access. Currently the entrance is very steep and short causing vehicles to bottom out when entering and exiting the Cemetery. County Highway personnel will be performing much of the work with the exception of the actual hot-mix application. Motor Fuel Tax funds have been scheduled for use on this project. In order for the County to spend MFT funds the County Board needs to authorize that expenditure. This resolution provides that authorization to spend \$8,388.00 in MFT funds and Mr. Schwartz recommended its approval. **Mr. Pietrowski moved and Mr. Metzger seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

MFT RESOLUTION #R2016-20: 2016 PAVEMENT MARKING PROJECT

Mr. Schwartz explained the County will use MFT funds during 2016 when all County roads are stripped with centerline and edge line pavement markings. Mr. Schwartz estimates \$110,000.00 will be spent from MFT funds for this project and recommended approval of this resolution to authorize the expenditure of funds. **Mr. Frieders moved and Mr. Luebke seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

AWARD RESOLUTION #R2016-21: 2016 COUNTY SEAL COAT PROEJCT

Bids were received and opened on March 3, 2016 for several upcoming projects. One of them was the County's Seal Coat Project. This project involves single sealing of 45.37 miles and double sealing of 4.63 miles of County and Road District roads. Mr. Schwartz explained that a single seal is resealing an existing hard surface road and a double seal is where you take a current aggregate (gravel) road and turn it into a hard surface road. Three bids were received with the low bid meeting specifications being submitted by Civil Constructors, Inc. from Freeport, Illinois in the amount of \$748,521.70. All bidders have performed well in DeKalb County and Civil was the contractor that was awarded last year's project. Mr. Schwartz recommended award to Civil Constructors. **Mr. Metzger moved and Mr. Frieders seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

AWARD RESOLUTION #R2016-22: 2016 HOT-MIX RESURFACING PROJECTS

Mr. Schwartz stated eight hot-mix resurface projects were bid on Thursday, March 3, 2016. This year's projects saw seven different contractors submitting bids for these projects, which is very encouraging. **Curran Contracting** submitted the low bid meeting specifications for the following four projects: (1) - \$35,573.00 for the hot-mix resurfacing and other incidental work of .34 miles of the Generation Link Bike Path, under Section 16-00000-07-GM. This is a County project; (2) - \$267,357.25 for the hot-

mix resurfacing of .38 miles of East Sandwich Road between Sandwich Township Line and Pratt Road; and 2.51 miles of Chicago Road from Somonauk Road to the Kendall County Line, under Section 16-13000-00-GM. This is a Sandwich Road District Project; (3) - \$109,185.60 for the hot-mix resurfacing of .93 miles of Shabbona Grove Road, from Shabbona Road east to 80 feet east of East Street, in Shabbona Road District, under Section 16-14000-00-GM. This is a Shabbona Road District Project; and (4) \$107,968.80 for the hot-mix resurfacing of .68 miles of Pine Road between Victor Township Line east to Council Road in Somonauk Road District, under Section 16-15000-00-GM. This is a Somonauk Road District Project. **Peter Baker & Son Company** submitted the low bid meeting specifications for the following four projects: (1) - \$378,074.51 for the hot-mix resurfacing of 2.43 miles of Glidden Road between Illinois Route 72 and Cherry Valley Road in Kingston Road District, under Section 16-00000-2-GM. This is a County project; (2) - \$337,809.69 for the hot-mix resurfacing of 1.98 miles of Bethany Road between 825 feet north of Twombly Road to Glidden Road in DeKalb Road District, under Section 16-04000-01-GM. This is a DeKalb Road District Project; (3) - \$71,715.31 for the hot-mix resurfacing of 0.19 miles of Briody Way from Madison Road to the end of the cul-de-sac; and all of Northwood Drive in Genoa Road District, under Section 16-06000-00-GM. This is a Genoa Road District Project; and (4) - \$118,576.88 for the hot-mix resurfacing of 0.79 miles of Mt. Hunger Road 150 feet east of Henderson Road, east and south to the Cortland Township Line; all (.19 miles) of Oak Meadow Drive; and all (.18 miles) of Thornton Drive in Sycamore Road District, under Section 16-18000-00-GM. This is a Sycamore Road District Project. Mr. Schwartz stated all projects came in under the Engineer's estimate with the exception of the County's Generation Link Bike Path. The County will look and see if they can perform some of the requirements of this projects with our own forces in an attempt to reduce anticipated costs. Mr. Schwartz recommended award to Curran Contracting Company and Peter Baker & Son Company as presented. **Mr. Luebke moved and Mr. Frieders seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously**

AWARD RESOLUTION #R2016-23: 2016 CRACK ROUTING AND FILL PROJECT

Mr. Schwartz informed the Committee that the County prepares contracts for the Road Districts who desire to have their hard surface roads which are showing cracks routed and filled to extend the life of their roads. This year two Road Districts requested this service. Three bids were received with Complete Asphalt Service Company from Pittsfield, Illinois submitting the low bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$18,344.45. Although this Company has never worked for the Highway Department, they are prequalified by IDOT and Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this award. **Mr. Pietrowski moved and Mr. Metzger seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

AWARD RESOLUTION #R2016-24: 2016 REJUVENATOR PROJECT

The County places a seal over newly resurfaced sections of roadway a year after they have been resurfaced. This allows the County to extend the life of the road by sealing any cracks before they become a problem. Last year the County resurfaced Chicago Road from Maplewood Road east to Somonauk Road and that section of roadway is scheduled to receive the rejuvenator this year. One bid was received meeting specifications and was the only bid received for this project. It was submitted by Corrective Asphalt Materials in the amount of \$61,425.54. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this award. **Mr. Luebke moved and Mr. Frieders seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION #R2016-25: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SNOW PLOW, FRAME, HYDRAULIC SYSTEM, DUMP BODY, WING, SPREADER AND PRE-WET TANK SYSTEM:

The County Engineer stated these bids were for equipping the new Peterbilt Model 348 cab and chassis approved by the County Board during January. Two bids were received from our normal vendors who do this work. Monroe Truck Sales from Monroe, Wisconsin submitted the low bid meeting specifications. This vendor has supplied this equipment for the County for over the last ten years and the County has been satisfied with their performance. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this \$103,697.00 bid. **Mr. Pietrowski moved and Mr. Bunge seconded a motion to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

CHAIR'S COMMENTS: Chairman Gudmunson stated he had no comments at this time.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS: Mr. Schwartz provided an update of current projects underway throughout the County since last month's report. The construction of the Coltonville Road Bridge will resume on March 14, 2016. The Glidden Road project was bid today. Melms Road Bridge and the Somonauk Road Bridge projects are scheduled for an April letting. The Plank Road and Shabbona Road Federal repaving projects final plans have been submitted to IDOT. The Committee will see Federal Agreements on these projects in the near future for their recommendation of approval by the full County Board.

The Legislative Committee of the Illinois Association of County Engineers, which Mr. Schwartz is a member, is currently reviewing a number of proposed legislative actions which affect transportation matters at the State and local levels. Currently House Bill

4368 is making its way through the appropriate subcommittees. This is the bill that would allow DeKalb County to impose a tax on those selling motor fuel in DeKalb County if so approved by the County Board.

The County has received approximately 68% of its winter salt for the current 2015-2016 contract. We are required to take at least 80% of our 8,500 tons contracted. Mr. Schwartz stated there should not be a problem with the County reaching that 80%. This contract includes not only the County salt usage but also the additional 30 entities that purchase salt off of our contract. Mr. Schwartz continues to encourage all entities to provide their own storage for their salt so that it can be delivered to their location, thus saving trips to the Highway Department to pick it up.

Mr. Frieders inquired into the Peace Road Safety Study. Mr. Schwartz has met with the City of Sycamore to discuss and review data on the intersection of Peace Road and Prairie Drive. Other pertinent data continues to be collected and reviewed and simple changes that can be made have been, such as timings at certain signalized intersections.

OTHER BUSINESS: None discussed

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. Pietrowski and seconded by Mr. Metzger and the motion passed unanimously.** The March 3, 2016 meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


John Gudmunson
Chairman