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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
April 7, 2016**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, April 7, 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 6:02pm. Committee members present were Mr. Luebke, Vice Chair, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Pietrowski, and Mrs. Willis, Mr. Metzger was absent. The County Engineer, Mr. Nathan Schwartz and Mr. Greg Millburg, Farm Bureau were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Mr. Pietrowski and seconded by Vice Chair Luebke to approve the minutes of the regular March 3, 2016 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Frieders moved and Mr. Pietrowski seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

Award Resolution #R2016-29 for 2016 Pavement Marking Project; Perry Road @ Afton Cemetery Hot-Mix Project and 2016 Hot-Mix Patching Project

Mr. Schwartz stated the County opened bids for three projects earlier in the day. The first project was the countywide striping of centerlines and edgelines on county highways, township highways, and some municipal streets. Of the three bids received, America's Parking Remarketing was the low bid at \$240,692.60. They have done the work for the past couple of years. The second project was paving of the shoulder on Perry Road in front of the Afton Cemetery. The County will use their own crews to rebuild the two entrances and prepare the shoulder for paving. This will make the entrances less steep and easier for longer vehicles to enter and exit the cemetery. Of the two bids received, Universal Asphalt of LaSalle, IL was the low bid at \$25,406.50. It was well under the estimate of cost of \$31,850.00. Mr. Schwartz stated he has worked with the company many years ago and they did satisfactory work. The last project was

hot-mix asphalt patching throughout the County. The bids this year were 2 ½ to 3 ½ times higher than the estimate which was based on prices from 2015. Mr. Schwartz suggested the County either rebid the project next year or do the work this year with County forces. He recommended the committee forward the first two projects to the County Board for award and not forward the 2016 Hot-Mix Patching project.

Mr. Pietrowski moved and Mr. Frieders seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval of only two of the three projects. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #R2016-30 – Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Melms Road Bridge

Mr. Schwartz explained this project is the replacement of an existing bridge on Melms Road in Genoa Township. This is a standard agreement between DeKalb County and the Illinois Department of Transportation. It protects both agencies by specifying the use of federal funds to pay for 80% of the construction costs and local funds for the remaining 20%. Discussion included comparing a completion date, a limited number of calendar days, and a limited number of working days for the project. Further discussion included the use of state funds and local property taxes to pay for the 20% local match.

Mr. Frieders moved and Mr. Bunge seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR’S COMMENTS: Chairman Gudmunson asked about the detour for the Somonauk Road bridge replacement in Sandwich Township. The intersection of Pratt Road and West Sandwich Road is currently a 2-way stop in which Pratt Road traffic is required to stop and yield to traffic on West Sandwich Road. The committee discussed possible scenarios of the additional traffic at this intersection caused by the detour. Earlier this year, a resident from DeKalb called Chairman Gudmunson regarding the Coltonville Road bridge closure. Mr. Schwartz explained the current schedule and the potential impacts of the rain and snow we have been receiving regularly. Chairman Gudmunson received a call from Terry Tutland, a resident of Waterman Road. He mentioned the rough condition of the road and damage to a residential fence was discussed. Mr. Schwartz and the committee discussed the plan to rebuild the pavement over 2 years, widen the shoulders and regrade the ditches over a couple years, and repave the road in the fifth year.

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 has resumed. The contractor is currently working on the new roadway base and will soon start earthwork as the weather allows. The Glidden Road paving project will most likely be paved in the second half of May. The Union Ditch Number One under Somonauk Road was a recent point of discussion with the local drainage district. Mr. Schwartz is meeting with the Town of Cortland on Monday regarding past discussions for the Town to assume jurisdiction over Somonauk Road. The County will upgrade the road including sidewalk and drainage work.

House Bill 4368 was scheduled to have a hearing at committee level today in Springfield. 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 76.5% 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% since we are only 300 tons short. Some entities under our contract have already stated they can take additional deliveries.

Mr. Schwartz discussed the requirements of Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) when hiring professional services. Mr. Schwartz explained the different levels of the QBS process in which smaller engineering contracts have a more streamlined process.

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. Luebke and the motion passed unanimously.** The April 7, 2016 meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Gudmunson
Chairman