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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
June 2, 2016**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, June 2, 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. Metzger and Ms. Willis. Mr. Pietrowski was absent. The County Engineer, Mr. Nathan Schwartz, Mr. Wayne Davey, Support Services Manager and Mr. Charles "Tice" Cole from CMT-Aurora were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Mr. Metzger and seconded by Ms. Willis to approve the minutes of the regular May 5, 2016 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Vice Chair Luebke moved and Ms. Willis seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

RESOLUTION #R2016-40: REVISED MFT RESOLUTION FOR SECTION 15-00249-00-RS – PERRY ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT @ AFTON CEMETERY

Mr. Schwartz presented the resolution to increase the amount of MFT funds to be utilized in the Perry Road project. The original resolution does not provide adequate funding for the project as awarded. This project was budgeted for 100% MFT funds and this revised resolution does not exceed the budgeted amount. Mr. Schwartz recommends its approval. **Mr. Metzger moved and Mr. Frieders seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

ORDINANCE #O2016-03: DESIGNATING A PARK ZONE ON FIVE POINTS ROAD NORTH OF IL ROUTE 72 IN KINGSTON

The County Board has the authority to establish a limited speed limit, similar to that of school zones, near the parks and recreation facilities and areas or any lands owned or operated by a park district that are used for recreational purposes. This speed limit would be a 20 mph limit and enforceable when children are present. The current speed limit is 40 mph past the Park. The Kingston Township Park District area is very active with several athletic activities to include baseball fields and football fields, with parking on both sides of Five Points Road, requiring the crossing of the road. The park zone would be located along the land owned by the Park District. Mr. Schwartz believes this is a first for DeKalb County and recommends its approval. **Mr. Bunge moved and Vice Chair Luebke seconded the motion to forward the ordinance to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

ORDINANCE #O2016-04: ALTERED SPEED ZONE FOR NEW LEBANON ROAD IN GENOA TOWNSHIP

Mr. Schwartz stated the Highway Commissioner of Genoa Road District had inquired about an altered speed zone for his New Lebanon Road that contains residential dwellings and businesses south of the railroad tracks. This will become more of a concern later this year when Melms Road will be closed for a bridge replacement placing an increase in traffic along this road. The Department conducted a traffic and engineering study of this portion of roadway and determined this section meets the definition of a residence section. Therefore, the County Board has the authority to establish an altered speed zone. Mr. Schwartz recommended a 30 mph speed limit be established for the .39 mile of road. **Mr. Metzger moved and Ms. Willis seconded the motion to forward the ordinance to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION #R2016-41: MFT RESOLUTION FOR WATERMAN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Mr. Schwartz informed the Committee that the Waterman Road Proposal would be ready for bid during August of this year. Prior to that project being sent to IDOT for approval any MFT funds scheduled to be spent on the project need to be authorized by the County Board. This resolution will satisfy that requirement. This project is for two miles of Waterman Road from Perry Road to McGirr Road. **Ms. Willis moved and Vice Chair Luebke seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

CHAIR'S COMMENTS: Chairman Gudmunson inquired if the Committee will need to meet during July if the County Board does not. It was the consensus of the Committee to cancel the July Highway Committee Meeting.

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 stands at 85% completed. Work on the approaches continue as the bridge was raised three feet. Weather is still a big factor as Mr. Schwartz pointed out that a month has been lost due to the rain during April and May. Completion of the project is being projected for the end of June. The Glidden Road paving project is completed. McNeal Road Bridge was not selected for Federal funding this year. The County will apply again next year and hope for better results. The Suydam Road Bridge at Stone House Park was, however, selected for Federal Funding. That would put that bridge in line for a 2021 replacement. The Melms Road Bridge letting is scheduled for June 10, 2016 and is to be opened to traffic by Thanksgiving. Plank Road paving project should begin during July after the Contractor completes the safety shoulders on Illinois Route 64. The Shabbona Road paving project preconstruction meeting was postponed until June 14th so no start date has been identified as of this meeting. Stone Quarry Road paving project should begin in the near future. The contract is being administered by Boone County and they will also pave DeKalb County's portion of this road. An update was provided showing County crews placing a culvert and reshaping the ditches on Plank Road at Moose Range Road to improve drainage in that area. This procedure was done under traffic on this very busy road.

Mr. Schwartz stated there will be a constitutional amendment on the ballot for the upcoming general election that would require all highway user fees collected to go toward transportation related costs.

The Storm Water Management Committee which Mr. Schwartz is a member, is working on addressing wetland mitigation in a change to the ordinance. That issue is not addressed in the current ordinance.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

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. Metzger and seconded by Ms. Willis and the motion passed unanimously. The June 2, 2016 meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Gudmunson
Chairman