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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
November 3, 2016**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, November 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 6:08pm. Committee members present were Vice Chair Luebke, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Frieders and Mr. Pietrowski. Mr. Metzger and Ms. Willis were absent. The County Engineer, Mr. Nathan Schwartz, Mr. Wayne Davey, Support Services Manager and Mr. Steven Lawson, NIU journalism student, were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Mr. Pietrowski and seconded by Mr. Bunge to approve the minutes of the regular October 6, 2016 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Lawson introduced himself to the Committee and informed them he was working on a journalism assignment. The Committee welcomed him and thanked Mr. Lawson for attending.

MFT RESOLUTION #2016-76: SECTION 17-00000-00-GM FOR SALARY/EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE SNOW REMOVAL MATERIALS

Mr. Schwartz indicated this resolution is for 2017 general maintenance projects the County has programmed to complete. Prior to MFT funds being expended, the County Board must authorize the expenditure. This resolution satisfies that requirement. In years past separate resolutions have been completed for each of the maintenance projects. IDOT refers to all general maintenance projects completed during a given year as one section number and directed one resolution be prepared and passed for

these projects. Mr. Schwartz stated the Highway Department has programmed \$1,736,000.00 of MFT funds for the following annual general maintenance projects:

Maintenance Project	MFT Funds Programmed
Salaries	\$598,000.00
Equipment Rental	\$400,000.00
Winter Maintenance	\$500,000.00
Seal Coat Operations	\$128,000.00
Pavement Markings	\$110,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,736,000.00

Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this resolution. **A motion was made by Mr. Bunge and seconded by Mr. Frieders to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

CHAIR'S COMMENTS: Chairman Gudmunson reminded the Committee there will be no Committee meeting during the month of December due to the organizational meeting being held after the Committee's regularly scheduled meeting time. On December 5th a new Committee will be seated. Committee members thanked Mr. Gudmunson for his service over the last 14 years and his leadership as Chairman of the Highway Committee since 2011. Mr. Gudmunson stated he has enjoyed his time on the Committee and hoped he had brought about safer roadway conditions throughout the County by pushing for better signage, the installation of rumble stripes and 4-way stops at locations deemed appropriate for such actions.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Schwartz presented Mr. Gudmunson with a Certificate of Appreciation and a small token of thanks for his services over the years and wished him well as he leaves the Committee and the County Board.



The transportation improvement progress report was reviewed with the Committee. The Shabbona Road resurfacing project is completed, however, Highway Department

crews will be working to cleanup some of the shoulders from the safety shoulder improvements. The Melms Road Bridge project is at 80% complete and the road is on schedule to be re-opened to traffic before Thanksgiving. New safety projects are working through the DSATS process for approval for IDOT consideration. On Peace Road at the Freed Road intersection, the north bound right turn lane will be extended and a new right turn lane constructed for south bound traffic is being proposed. Also on Peace Road at the Brickville Road intersection, construction of new north and south bound turn lanes are being proposed. Four foot safety shoulders are being proposed for Peace Road from Bethany Road north to Illinois Route 64 as well as for Barber Greene Road from Peace Road to Somonauk Road.

The difficulty in obtaining right-of-way for the East County Line Road Bridge on the DeKalb County side of this project appears to have been alleviated somewhat. The landowner is now speaking with Kane County and acquisition is moving forward.

Mr. Pietrowski requested an update for a bike trail linking the Town of Cortland to the Peace Road Trail. Mr. Schwartz stated this trail is in the planning stages and will more than likely happen within the couple of years or so, at least the portion from Peace Road to Loves Road. This trail would mostly likely be constructed as an aggregate trail until a grant can be secured to fund the hot-mixed surface placement at a later date. Right-of-way will be needed to complete this trail and hopefully it can be reasonably worked out locally with the current landowners. To accommodate a bike trail on Loves Road, improved road shoulders might be proposed as a viable option.

As a follow-up to a past commitment made during a project completed in the 1970's, the Highway Department will be re-shaping our right-of-way in the vicinity of Chicago and Somonauk Roads to allow the landowner to mow the right-of-way. Currently the ditch is very steep causing difficulty when the landowner attempts to mow that area.

As a legislative update, the veto session is scheduled for November 15th through December 1st.

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. Pietrowski and seconded by Vice Chair Luebke and the motion passed unanimously.** The November 3, 2016 meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Gudmunson
Chairman