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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
September 1, 2016**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, September 1, 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 6:00pm. Committee members present were Mr. Luebke, Vice Chair, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Pietrowski and Ms. Willis. Mr. Metzger was absent. The County Engineer, Mr. Nathan Schwartz and Mr. Wayne Davey, Support Services Manager were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Vice Chair Luebke and seconded by Ms. Willis to approve the minutes of the regular August 4, 2016 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

CHAIR'S COMMENTS: Chairman Gudmunson stated he had nothing to present at this time.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Schwartz provided an update of the transportation improvement progress report. The resurfacing of the streets in Fairdale has been completed thanks to a grant from the Long Term Recovery Corporation. Fairdale continues to look at additional funding sources to aid in their recovery efforts. The Howison Road Bridge timber pile repairs are underway and once repairs are completed pertinent information will be submitted to IDOT in order to remove the posting for that bridge. The earthwork being completed on Plank Road has been delayed due to the recent rains and will begin again once the dirt is dry enough to shape. Shabbona Road resurfacing project has begun and the sidewalk work as well as the placement of the leveling course have been completed as of today. The surface course will begin from US Route 30, working north to Perry Road, than back to US Route 30. While the crews are working north of Perry Road the south part of Shabbona Road will be striped. September 9th is the completion date for this project. The Melms Road Bridge has been removed and the road is scheduled to be re-opened to traffic by November 22, 2016.

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The contract for the Sycamore Forest Preserve Evergreen Village project have been executed and the preconstruction meeting will be held in the near future. Plans are to complete the project this year, but weather might delay a portion of the paving until 2017.

The stream inspection of Somonauk Creek has been completed however, the County still has not received the official report. The County is working on a mitigation plan in anticipation of construction of the bridge and the protection of the endangered species of marine life currently residing in the stream bed. Mr. Schwartz stated he does not expect any further delays with construction because of this situation.

Mr. Schwartz stated he has reviewed concerns about the guardrail at the Coltonville Road Bridge project. He is looking at the cost/benefit of extending the current limits of the guardrail.

Mr. Schwartz indicated he had met with the Town of Cortland this week to go over proposed improvements for Somonauk Road. The consensus is that the Town of Cortland is still in agreement to take over that portion of Somonauk Road that falls within their town limits. The County will need to address some sidewalk repairs as well as some drainage issues before that happens.

The Highway Department is overseeing a project for the County Outreach Building involving placing a concrete curb to protect the grassy area in front of the west side of the building. FMO will be completing the dirt work on this project.

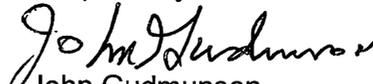
Not much to report on the legislative update. Things should pick up after the elections are over.

The Committee agreed to tour the 2016 construction projects on Tuesday, the 20th of September 2016. The tour will last from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

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 September 1, 2016 meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


John Gudmunson
Chairman