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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
April 6, 2017**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, April 6, 2017, 6:00pm in the Conference Room of the DeKalb County Highway Department, located at 1826 Barber Greene Road, DeKalb, Illinois 60115.

Chairman John Frieders called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Roll call was held and Committee members present were Mr. Bunge, Mr. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco and Mr. Stoddard. Vice Chair Willis was absent. The County Engineer, Mr. Nathan Schwartz and Mr. Wayne Davey, Support Services Manager were also present as well as other citizens. County Administrator, Gary Hanson, joined the meeting at 6:25pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Ms. Polanco and seconded by Mr. Plote to approve the minutes of the regular March 2, 2017 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Motion made by Mr. Bunge and seconded by Ms. Polanco to approve the minutes of the special March 15, 2017 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON REQUEST TO RENAME RAE DRIVE TO LOUISE LANE

Chairman Frieders called the public hearing to order at 6:02pm to receive comments and any concerns about the request to rename Rae Drive to Louise Lane in Sycamore Road District.

Mr. Schwartz stated he had no issues for or against this request. Rae Drive is a platted only roadway off of Freed Road in Sycamore Road District. Changing the name of this road would not affect any private addresses or the 911 emergency system. The current land owner owns the 12 acre parcel that Rae Drive gives access to. If the property were to be sold and developed at a later date, the developer could request a name

change of this road as well, unless it was agreed to otherwise during the sale process. The current address of this parcel would have a Freed Road address until such time as a public road was built and accepted by Sycamore Road District. There are no plans currently suggesting this road will be built in the foreseeable future.

Mr. Ryan Cardinali, the property owner and the person requesting the name change of this platted road, was present. Mr. Cardinali informed the Committee that the current drive leads to a machine shed that houses some farming equipment. He does plan on farming this parcel of land and has no plans to sell the property. The original land owners have moved away and Mr. Cardinali thought it would be an appropriate way to honor the 7th generation family name of Louise. They hope to build on this land at a future date. No signage is being requested for this road.

The Sycamore Road District Highway Commissioner was present and stated he had no objections to the requested name change.

Chairman Frieders asked if there was any additional persons who wished to speak or if there was any additional information to be presented on this matter. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed at 6:20pm.

Chairman Frieders thanked everyone for their participation in the public hearing.

Chairman Frieders asked the Committee for their thoughts concerning this request. The Committee, as a consensus, had no objections to forwarding the request to the full County Board recommending the requested name change. Chairman Frieders would present this request to the Executive Committee for their information and the Highway Committee will formally act on this request at the special Highway Committee meeting scheduled for April 19, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Freedom Room of the Legislative Center, in Sycamore, Illinois.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS: Chairman Frieders stated a meeting was held with the stakeholders for the new county storage building to be built at the Highway Department complex. Good ideas were shared and the County Engineer will be briefing the Committee on the status.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:

The transportation improvement progress report was reviewed with the Committee. The recently added Highway Department Complex Storage Facility is 45% through the preliminary engineering stage. At the stakeholders meeting held today information was provided as to the size of the building and the general layout. It is to be built to the west of the main Highway building and will be 215 x 60 feet (12,900 square feet of storage space). The building will be shared with Facilities Management (40 x 60 feet - to store materials and equipment); the Sheriff's Department (100 x 60 feet – to store vehicles and evidence), County Highway (60 x 60 feet – to store equipment) and IMO (15 x 60

feet to store electronics waiting for recycling). Additional planning will be needed depending on the needs of the Sheriff's Department for the storage of evidence. At the present time, a metal building is being looked at with seven, overhead doors facing to the east and corresponding to three entrances to the building along the west entrance road of the Highway Department.

The Barber Greene Road resurfacing/widening project is half way through the preliminary engineering stage. This project will utilize 80% funding from DSATS. The Somonauk Road Bridge project is scheduled for an April 19th local letting and the Committee will recommend an award at a special Highway Committee meeting on April 19th at 7:00pm before the regular County Board meeting. The Somonauk Road paving project from North Street to Bethany Road stands at 30% of the preliminary engineering being completed. Once done, this section of roadway will be an all-weather 80,000 pound truck route and the County Engineer will be recommending that portion of roadway be turned over to the Town of Cortland to maintain. The letting is scheduled for June 1, 2017. Waterman Road reconstruction is scheduled for a May letting at this time. The Somonauk Road culvert installation at Union Ditch # 1 has the preliminary engineering at 25% completed.

Shabbona Road, from Preserve Road north to the Village limits, is being discussed with the Village of Shabbona for possible transfer to the Village. The County Engineer is speaking with the Village to explore that possibility. The County deals with rural areas and roads that go through Towns and Villages should be under the control of those governmental entities for appropriate services to their citizens.

As a legislative update, for the most part both chambers are out on Easter break for the next two weeks. HB-607 has made its way out of Committee with very little opposition. This Bill would allow the abolishment of any road district by referendum and have the township take over all road district responsibilities. Both the House and the Senate have introduced bills to extend the legal length of semis to 65 feet from 55 feet. The Senate bill is currently on its third reading. Other bills include dissolving drainage districts if less than 126 square miles. Some bills would not go into effect unless other bills are also passed – several bills are tied and dependent on one another.

There will be a meeting of the Joint Review Board to review the 2016 Annual Report for the Central Area TIF Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area on April 13, 2017 at 8:30am at the City of DeKalb, City Hall, 200 South Fourth Street in DeKalb if anyone is interested in attending.

DISCUSSION OF RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER FOR A SIX YEAR TERM

A motion was made by Mr. Osland and seconded by Mr. Stoddard to enter into executive session per Chapter 5 ILCS Act 120 Section 2(c)(1), the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific

employee of the public body. Roll call vote was taken with six yes votes and zero no votes. The committee entered executive session at 7:01pm.

The Committee returned to regular session at 7:37pm and no further action was taken on this item.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Frieders 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. Osland and seconded by Ms. Polanco and the motion passed unanimously.** The April 6, 2017 meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Frieders". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

John Frieders
Chairman