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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes  
January 4, 2018**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, January 4, 2018, 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. Osland, Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco and Mr. Stoddard. Mr. Bunge and Vice Chair Willis were absent. The County Engineer, Mr. Nathan Schwartz and Mr. Wayne Davey, Support Services Manager were also present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion made by Mr. Plote and seconded by Mr. Stoddard to approve the minutes of the regular December 7, 2017 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS:** Chairman Frieders had no comments at this time.

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:**

The transportation improvement progress report was reviewed with the Committee. Mr. Schwartz stated a meeting was held with Chairman Frieders and County Administrator Gary Hanson on January 3<sup>rd</sup> to go over the new storage building details. After that meeting he has contacted the other stake holders involved and updated them on the progress and requested any feedback concerning the current progress. The proposed plans will be presented to the Highway Committee during their February meeting prior to posting the proposal for a February 28th bid opening.

The Barber Greene Road widening and resurfacing plans have been submitted to IDOT and the project is scheduled for a March 2018 letting in Springfield. This project currently involves obtaining construction easements to allow for paving off of the right-of-way for the shopping center entrances along Barber Greene Road. This will enable a smooth transition over the bike path across the entrances. If the landowner does not agree to the easements, the plans may be revised to stop the paving at the County's right-of-way. The transition will not be as smooth but it would be acceptable. Mr. Schwartz is not anticipating any problems obtaining the temporary easements from the landowner.

The final plans for the resurfacing of Rich/Coltonville Road, along with a portion of North First Street and Bethany Road have been delivered to IDOT and a March 9, 2018 letting has been scheduled for this project. In preparation for this project two 72" cross road pipes needed to be replaced on Rich Road. The Highway Department requested quotes for this work and the price was more than the Department anticipated. The Department completed this project with our in-house crew and renting the bigger equipment needed. The savings was approximately \$20,000.00 by keeping this project in-house and it was completed in less than a week.

The East County Line Road Bridge has been let and D. Construction Inc. from Coal City, Illinois submitted the low bid meeting specifications. Their bid was \$1,563,000.00. This is a joint project with Kane County and Kane County has the lead on this project. The County's cost for this bridge is estimated to be \$56,268.00. Kane County will fund the majority of the cost utilizing funds from Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and county funds based on percentages of equalized assessed value (EAV).

The QBS process for the two safety projects involving the Plank Road safety shoulders and the Peace Road intersection with Illinois Route 64 will be underway shortly. This will be the beginning of the preliminary engineering process.

The Somonauk Road Bridge south of US Route 30 at Hinckley is in the preliminary engineering stage and is at 15% completed. The goal is to reduce the current three-span bridge to a single span. The Committee inquired if there were any plans to straighten this road now that the bridge is being replaced. Mr. Schwartz stated there was not. The curve is south of the bridge and any attempts to straighten the road would involve relocating the railroad crossing and putting in an "S" curve south of the bridge. This bridge will be built to today's standards thereby being able to handle super loads should the need arise from time to time. Should Somonauk Road be classified as a truck route in the future this bridge will be able to handle the additional upgrade in weight.

The Committee commented that the Glidden Road shoulder project has been on the report for some time. Mr. Schwartz stated that project was started prior to his arrival and the plan was to complete that project with in-house forces. Due to the complexity and time it would take county personnel to complete this project Mr. Schwartz has determined that project will be contracted out. The County will proceed with this project once favorable funding has been identified.

As a legislative update, there is nothing to report from the State of Illinois. The Federal Government is still working on a new transportation bill and how that bill would be funded.

DSATS held no meetings this week so there is little to report. Meetings will resume next week.

Mr. Schwartz shared a short video with the Committee produced by the APWA Chicago Metro Chapter thanking all public works professionals for their hard work. If you have small children you might recognize the popular Disney song from which this is created. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLNnSI8EwWs>

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None presented

**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. Stoddard and seconded by Mr. Osland and the motion passed unanimously.** The January 4, 2018 meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Frieders  
Chairman