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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
June 7, 2018**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, June 7, 2018, at 6:00pm in the Conference Room of the DeKalb County Highway Department, located at 1826 Barber Greene Road, DeKalb, Illinois 60115.

Chairman Roy Plote called the meeting to order at 6:08pm and called for the roll. Committee members present were Mr. Bunge, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Osland, Mr. Stoddard and Vice Chair Willis. Ms. Polanco 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 Willis and seconded by Mr. Bunge to approve the minutes of the regular May 3, 2018 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Chairman Plote stated he had attended the public hearing on the proposed 13.7 acre solar garden on Elva Road in Milan Township. No one in attendance spoke in opposition to the garden and the County Public Hearing Officer stated he would recommend approval of this project.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:

The transportation improvement progress report was reviewed with the Committee. Mr. Schwartz provided the Committee a copy of the Contract Proposal for the new storage building. The formal request for bids will go out next week and bids returned in time for the Committee to act during their August meeting. This is with the assumption that no July meeting will be held.

The Barber Greene Road widening and resurfacing project is scheduled to begin June 16th. The preconstruction meeting was held on May 21, 2018 in Ottawa. Coltonville,

Rich, Bethany Roads and North First Street project will begin with Bethany Road next Monday and the Bethany Road portion will be completed in one week with the rest of this project completed by the end of the month depending on weather. The preconstruction meeting was also held on May 21st in conjunction with the Barber Greene Road project meeting.

The East County Line Road Bridge being constructed under the supervision of Kane County stands at 11% complete. This bridge is to be completed by fall.

The Qualification Based Selection process will begin this month for the McNeal Road Bridge scheduled for construction during 2020 as well as the Pearl Street Bridge in the Village of Kirkland. The Pearl Street Bridge will be for Phase I Engineering Services only as the Village proceeds with their application for Major Bridge Funding.

The Peace Road intersection with State Route 64 preliminary engineering is moving forward and stands at approximately 5% complete. Mr. Schwartz met with IDOT on June 6, 2018 to ensure the work on Route 64 is in accordance with IDOT's requirements.

The preliminary engineering for Plank Road Safety project stands at 6% complete.

The Somonauk Road Bridge south of US Route 30 at Hinckley is 15% complete. The old structure has been removed and pilings are scheduled to be driven on Monday of next week. Somonauk Road culvert replacement at Union Ditch #1 (Gurler Road) is still awaiting on the scheduling of the preconstruction meeting. Somonauk Road will not be closed during the Sandwich Fair for either of these projects.

The Department receives weekly updates from the construction manager in charge of the Tollway construction project. It contains projected road closure dates and scheduled reopenings. Going through DeKalb County - Tower Road, Shabbona Road, Peace Road, and Hinckley Road are scheduled for construction activities during early July. Willrett Road and University Road are scheduled for early August. The less traveled roads will be closed to all traffic – the more heavily traveled roads will be down to one lane. Mr. Plote inquired if the Farm Bureau could get a copy of the updates and Mr. Schwartz stated he would contact the appropriate people to see if that can happen. Committee inquired if Mr. Schwartz knew why the Tollway was working on I-88 as the road itself appears to be in fine condition. Mr. Schwartz speculated the Tollway was looking at historical data and those places that needed emergency patching during prior winter months were now receiving attention to bring those portions of the roadway up to the current standards. The Tollway is also addressing tile issues, resurfacing and widening shoulders and making the roadway safer for the traveling public.

As a legislative update, the State does have a budget for next year. HB 5057 allows the State Police to authorize any civilian employee of the Department not a State policeman to be a truck weighing inspector with the power of enforcing certain provisions of the

Illinois Vehicle Code. This Bill has passed both Houses.

HB 5749 authorized special overweight permits for divisible agricultural commodities from September 1 through December 31 for a vehicle that exceeds the maximum axle weight and gross weight by no more than 10%. This Bill has passed both Houses. SB2328 increases the estimated cost of an emergency project from \$25,000 to \$40,000 before we have to invoke the QBS process. This Bill has also passed both Houses. SB 2591 deals with the Wind Energy Facilities Agricultural Impact Mitigation Act and basically changes references in the Act from "commercial wind energy facility" to "commercial renewable energy facility". This Act will now cover both wind and solar facilities and has passed both Houses.

For DSATS, preparations are continuing to have DSATS functions transferred to the County from the City of DeKalb by reviewing the Bylaws and the Intergovernmental Agreement. DSATS is also reviewing all bus shelters and making recommendations to upgrade these sites to include electricity to allow for lighted bus stops. This would make the bus stops safer during the hours of darkness that busses operate.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Schwartz presented the Committee with the Five Year Transportation Improvement Program and the Five Year Equipment Replacement Schedule for their information and review. These documents will be utilized in the preparation of the Department's 2019 budget. With no meeting planned for July, chances are the Budget will be due to County Administration before the Committee meets again. This will give the Committee a chance to review the projects and equipment needs and ask any questions that might arise.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Plote 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 Vice Chair Willis and the motion passed unanimously.** The June 7, 2018 meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Roy Plote
Chairman