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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
April 4, 2019**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, April 4, 2019, at 6:00pm in the Conference Room of the DeKalb County Highway Department, located at 1826 Barber Greene Road, DeKalb, Illinois 60115.

Chairman Plote called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and called for the roll. Committee members present were Ms. Emmer, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Pietrowski, Mr. West and Vice Chair Willis. The County Engineer, Mr. Nathan Schwartz, Mr. Wayne Davey, Support Services Manager and four other guests were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Ms. Emmer and seconded by Mr. Pietrowski to approve the agenda as presented. Discussion followed to remove "2019 Hot-Mix Patching Project" from item number 6 and to delete item # 9. **The motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. West moved and Mr. Pietrowski seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2019 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

RESOLUTION #R2019-23: APPROVAL OF LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR SECTION 16-00257-00-WR – PEACE ROAD/ILLINOIS ROUTE 64 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Schwartz informed the Committee that this agreement was one of three being presented tonight. Projects that utilize Federal funds require an agreement with the State of Illinois be in place prior to the beginning of construction of the project. This \$2,440,000.00 project is scheduled for letting this month and has \$1,894,500.00 of Federal funds assigned. The County's portion of this project has been estimated at \$544,600.00. The County is waiting on one additional IDNR permit to be signed off on. If the signature is not obtained prior to the scheduled letting, this project will be delayed to the June State letting. Mr. Schwartz recommended the approval of this agreement.

Mr. Luebke moved and Ms. Emmer seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION #R2019-24: APPROVAL OF LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR SECTION 16-00258-00-RS – PLANK ROAD SAFETY PROJECT FROM LINDGREN ROAD TO KANE COUNTY LINE

The County Engineer explained the scope of this project and his persistence in getting Federal funding for this project. This project will consist of an overlay of Plank Road and add turn-outs and safety shoulders plus other incidental work. As explained earlier, when Federal funds are utilized for a project an agreement with the State of Illinois needs to be executed prior to construction. Federal funds in the amount of \$1,873,000.00 have been obligated to this \$2,280,000.00 project. The County's share will be \$407,000.00. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this agreement. **Mr. Luebke moved and Mr. West seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION #R2019-25: APPROVAL OF LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR SECTION 14-06122-00-BR – BASE LINE ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

This project involves the Road Districts of Genoa and Sycamore and will also utilize Federal funds for the construction of this bridge. The project is estimated to cost \$603,000.00 and \$482,000.00 will be Federal funds. The County's portion of this project has been estimated at \$58,000.00, with the Road Districts share estimated to be \$63,000.00. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this resolution. **Ms. Emmer moved and Vice Chair Willis seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION #R2019-26: ANTICIPATION OF TOWNSHIP BRIDGE FUNDS FOR WEST MOTEL ROAD BRIDGE

During the construction of the West Motel Road Bridge, Township Bridge Program funds will be obligated to this project. The County receives an annual allocation of funds to be utilized for the construction of Township (Road District) bridges. The annual allocation is insufficient to cover the entire cost of construction and the County will upfront the remaining funding necessary. As the annual allocations are received by the County from the State of Illinois, the County reimburses itself until the debt is repaid in full. The advancement of funds has been programed to be paid from the County Matching Tax fund and allows Road District bridge construction projects to continue rather than having to wait years for funds to become available. The amount of this indebtedness has been estimated to be \$327,000.00. This resolution documents this indebtedness to the County and Mr. Schwartz recommended approval. **Mr. Osland moved and Mr. Luebke seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION #R2019-27: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF 2019 HOT-MIX RESURFACE PROJECTS

Mr. Schwartz explained to the Committee the Department held a bid letting for 16 County/Road District projects on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. Six hot-mix projects were bid and the County Board will need to award three of these projects. The County Board approves all County projects as well as Road District projects that utilize Road District MFT funds. The remaining three hot-mix projects all involve local Road District funds and do not require Board approval. Those projects will be awarded by the respective Highway Commissioners. Section 19-00000-06-PK is the County's parking lot resurfacing project for the Sycamore Campus. Four bids were received for this project with Curran Contracting Company from Crystal Lake, Illinois submitting the low bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$121,342.19. Curran Contracting Company also submitted the low bid meeting specification for Section 19-17000-02-GM for the hot-mix resurfacing of 1.24 miles of Jericho Road in Squaw Grove Road District. The amount of that bid was \$67,902.80. Peter Baker & Son Company submitted the low bid meeting specifications for Section 19-03000-03-GM the hot-mix resurfacing of 1.46 miles of Airport Road in Cortland Road District. The amount of this bid was \$227,079.66. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this resolution. **Mr. Pietrowski moved and Mr. Luebke seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION #R2019-28: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR THE 2019 SEAL COAT AND REJUVENATOR PROJECTS

Mr. Schwartz informed the Committee that two bids were received for this year's seal coat project and one bid for the rejuvenator project. Steffens 3-D Construction submitted the low bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$939,783.78. This seal coat project will see 14.69 miles of County roads, 68.42 miles of Road District roads and 1.61 miles of Municipalities streets treated. Corrective Asphalt Materials submitted the sole bid in the amount of \$241,508.14 for the application of 219,922 square yards of rejuvenator-reclamite on various roads in DeKalb County, DeKalb Road District and the City of Sycamore. They also will be applying 39,200 square yards of rejuvenator-CRF on Peace Road. Mr. Schwartz stated both Contractors have worked in the County before and both are reliable and perform satisfactorily. Approval of this resolution was recommended by Mr. Schwartz. **Mr. Osland moved and Mr. West seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION #R2019-29: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR THE 2019 ROAD DISTRICT AGGREGATE PROJECTS

Five Road Districts requested aggregate bids for this year. Three will be awarded by the County Board due to the utilization of MFT funds and two will be awarded by the respective Highway Commissioners. Macklin Incorporated, Inc. from Rochelle, Illinois

was the low bid in the amount of \$42,000.00 (when calculated for on road cost) for 7,000 tons of aggregate FOB. Wagner Aggregate, Inc. from DeKalb, Illinois submitted the low bid for 7,060 tons of aggregate in the amount of \$87,332.20. This is to be spread on Council, Howison and Pine Roads in Somonauk Road District. Wagner Aggregate, Inc. also submitted the low bid meeting specifications for 3,000 tons of aggregate in the amount of \$24,180.00. This material will be spread on Barchard and Schafer Roads in South Grove Road District. Mr. Schwartz recommended the resolution be forwarded to the full County Board recommending approval. **Mr. Luebke moved and Vice Chair Willis seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION #R2019-30: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR THE 2019 PAVEMENT MARKING PROJECT

Two bids were received for this year's Pavement Marking project. Every year the County will re-paint the center and edge line markings for all of the County's roads under the Highway Department's jurisdiction. This project also includes Road District and Municipalities roads and streets for those entities that wished to participate with the County. Countryman, Inc. from Rockford, Illinois submitted the low bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$216,529.43. This will be the first time Countryman has been awarded the pavement marking project for the County and we always look forward to working with new Contractors. Mr. Schwartz recommended this resolution be forwarded to the full County Board recommending approval. **Mr. Luebke moved and Ms. Emmer seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

ORDINANCE #O2019-29: ESTABLISHMENT OF ALTERED SPEED ZONES FOR ESMOND ROAD IN SOUTH GROVE ROAD DISTRICT AND EAST SANDWICH ROAD IN SQUAW GROVE ROAD DISTRICT

Mr. Schwartz explained the Department received a request from the Highway Commissioners of South Grove and Squaw Grove Road Districts to review the current speed zones on Esmond Road and East Sandwich Road at certain locations. The Department conducted an engineering study on East Sandwich Road from 1,715 feet northwest of Bastian Road for 3,725 feet south-southwest. During that study, it was determined this portion of roadway does meet the requirements of a residence district. That is, it is at least a quarter of a mile long with residences or residents and buildings in use for businesses spaced no more than 500 feet apart. A study was also completed on Esmond Road from 630 feet north of Main Street for 1,980 feet south. This portion of roadway, likewise meets the requirements of a residence district. As such the local authority may decrease the speed limit. The local authority for all County and Road district roadways lies with the County Board. Mr. Schwartz stated his recommendation was for the speed limit to be reduced to 45 mph for both sections of roadways. This reduction mirrors other requests for reduced speed limits in the County where the County Board has declared other residence districts and set the speed zone at 45 mph.

Mr. Luebke moved and Vice Chair Willis seconded the motion to forward the ordinance to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Chairman Plote stated he had two items.

One – why are there no pavement markings on east bound Barber Greene Road at the intersection of Illinois Route 23. Mr. Schwartz commented that he was not involved with the initial design of that intersection but knows it is a wide portion of roadway. The lack of markings is probably due to the short distance between the intersection with Route 23, the right-in immediately east of the intersection and the right turn lane at County Farm Road. There is a lot of movements in this short section of roadway and adding additional marking would lead to further confusion. Mr. Schwartz stated he would review the accident history for that segment of roadway and see if any additional pavement markings are warranted. The Committee commented that several members travel that section almost daily and have not noticed any problems with it.

Two – Any word on Road Postings: Mr. Schwartz stated he meet with the Highway Commissioners on Tuesday and discussed the situation. No one was in favor of pulling the postings at this time. The Department will continue to probe next week and see how the roads are doing. Several Commissioners stated their seal coats are still bleeding and they have some gravel roads that won't be settled until June. Some of the surrounding counties have removed their postings, however it all depends on individual roads.

Mr. Pietrowski inquired if the sidewalk along Somonauk Road north of Cortland was in the works to be finished this year. Mr. Schwartz stated that project is scheduled for late summer/early fall and hopefully the Department can have it completed by the end of the year.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:

The transportation improvement progress report was reviewed with the Committee.

-Barber Greene Road project is 100% complete. Work will continue on paving the west bound right turn east of Peace Road.

-Johnson Road box culvert is currently posted at 12 Tons. Preliminary Engineering stands at 60% complete and design engineering is at 50% complete. Construction is scheduled for this year.

-McNeal Road Bridge is at 95% complete for the preliminary engineering and 90% for design engineering. Still on track for a 2019 letting with construction to commence during 2020.

-Peace Road/Illinois Route 64 Safety Project is currently being advertised and scheduled for an April letting as discussed earlier tonight.

-Peace Road Safety Study-Phase 5 was presented to the Committee tonight. Phase 5 covered Peace Road from Bethany Road to Barber Greene Road. Not much to be learned from this portion. Only one conflict between these intersections and that being Wirsing Parkway. Almost all accidents occurred at the signalized intersections and can be attributed to driver error. The final Phase 6 will be presented to the

Committee during our August meeting and that will complete this study.

-Pearl Street Bridge is awaiting the announcement of the multi-year funding from the State to see if this project was selected for additional funding to allow for a complete bridge replacement. If this project is selected, construction would be delayed for an additional five years.

-Plank Road safety project is on schedule for construction during 2019. Currently on the April State Letting.

-Waterman Road continues to make progress and the design engineering is at 95% for the reshaping of the shoulders and ditches for all five miles. Still planned for 2019 construction.

As a Legislative update there are a number of bills that would place additional mandates on the Counties with no additional funding provided. One bill would allow municipalities to charge additional MFT for use of their streets. There is optimism that the Governor will present a Capital Bill that will be supported and passed but nothing has been submitted so far from the Governor's Office. On the Federal side the comment period for the Waters of the United States is still open until April 15, 2019. Mr. Schwartz attended a seminar hosted by DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District for the spring sediment and erosion control.

DSATS continues to work to ensure all planning documents prepared by DSATS are useful and useable documents and are not prepared to simply check a box and put on a shelf. Mr. Schwartz said it is very important to have Municipality buy-in of all aspects of what DSATS does and he will continue to ensure that goal is met. It was recently learned that funds may be available to allow the hiring of additional help to begin more studies such as an inventory of sidewalks (slopes/conditions, etc.). ADA requirements state Municipalities have a workable transition plan in place to correct sidewalks and paths that are not currently ADA compliant. This inventory would go a long way in ensuring DeKalb/Sycamore/Cortland would be in compliance and have a workable transition plan.

Mr. Schwartz was not able to make contact with property owners concerning Corson Drive that was discussed last month. It is his plan to accomplish that in the near future. As of tonight, there is no further update on this situation to brief the Committee on. Mr. Pietrowski asked the County Engineer if he could give an approximate time line when/if Corson Drive could be accepted by the Highway Commissioner. If property owners could agree on the actions of an attorney, surveyor and material costs to have the roadway repaired and steps taken to dedicate the road to the Road District, it could happen in the May-June timeframe. This action would not involve the County Board and could be handled by the Highway Commissioner.

OTHER BUSINESS: None Presented.

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. Luebke, passed unanimously,** and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Plote
Chairman