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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
February 4, 2016**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, February 4, 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 6:05pm. Committee members present were Mr. Bunge, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Metzger, Mr. Luebke and Mr. Pietrowski. Vice Chair O'Barski was absent. The County Engineer, Mr. Nathan Schwartz, Support Services Manager, Mr. Wayne Davey, Operations Manager, Mr. Jim Quinn, Mr. Tracy Jones, Vice Chair, DeKalb County Board, Mr. Greg Millburg, Farm Bureau and Mr. Charles Cole, Aurora, Illinois were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Mr. Frieders and seconded by Mr. Luebke to approve the minutes of the regular January 7, 2016 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

MFT RESOLUTION #R2016-06: GLIDDEN ROAD RESURFACE PROJECT

Mr. Schwartz stated the County will be resurfacing 2.4 miles of Glidden Road during the 2016 construction season at an estimated cost of \$555,000.00. Motor Fuel Tax Funds will be used to pay for 55% of this project. In order for the County to spend MFT funds the County Board needs to authorize that expenditure. This resolution provides that authorization to spend \$305,000.00 in MFT funds and Mr. Schwartz recommended its approval. **Mr. Frieders moved and Mr. Metzger seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

MFT RESOLUTION #R2016-07: 2016 COUNTY SEAL COAT PROJECT

Mr. Schwartz explained the County will use MFT funds during 2016 for seal coat projects. The County will seal coat Lindenwood, Esmond, Old State and Malta Roads this year. Mr. Schwartz estimates \$118,003.00 will be spent from MFT funds for this project and recommended approval of this resolution to authorize the expenditure of funds. **Mr. Pietrowski moved and Mr. Luebke seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

MFT RESOLUTION #R2016-08: STONE QUARRY ROAD RESURFACE PROJECT

Boone County will be resurfacing their portion of Stone Quarry Road this year and the County will partner with Boone County to have our .4 mile of Stone Quarry Road resurfaced at the same time. Prices should be better if we are included in this larger project than if the County were to bid just a .4 mile section independently. Boone County will oversee the project and our cost has been estimated at \$51,000.00. MFT funds will be utilized to cover that cost. Mr. Schwartz recommends approval of this resolution to authorize the expenditure of requested MFT funds. **Mr. Bunge moved and Mr. Luebke seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

AWARD RESOLUTION #R2016-09: ONE NEW 2016 UTILITY TRACTOR

Bids were received and opened on February 4, 2016 for the purchase of one new utility tractor for the Department. These tractors are primarily utilized for vegetation control along the County's right-of-way. Six bids were received with five of them bidding on a new tractor and one bidding on the trade-in only. The low bid meeting specifications was submitted by Johnson Tractor, Inc. from Rochelle, Illinois in the amount of \$45,300.00, with a trade-in allowance of \$9,700 for our 1996 John Deere 5500. Mr. Schwartz recommended award to Johnson Tractor for the net cost of \$35,600.00. **Mr. Pietrowski moved and Mr. Frieders seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

AWARD RESOLUTION #R2016-10: 2016 GENERAL COUNTY LETTING

Mr. Schwartz informed the Committee that bids are requested every year for maintenance materials utilized by the County and Road Districts. These bids cover aggregate, patching material and hot-mix, and liquid calcium chloride. By accepting these bids, prices are set for the year and will not increase. All bids are awarded and the lowest cost is calculated by taking the bid price of a product and adding in the cost of travel from the quarry to the job site. The County Engineer recommended approval of this resolution. **Mr. Bunge moved and Mr. Frieders seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

AWARD RESOLUTION #R2016-11: 2016 ROAD DISTRICT AGGREGATE PROJECTS

The County received three bids for aggregate projects requested by the Road Districts for the upcoming year. Four projects were bid with Macklin, Inc. from Rochelle, Illinois submitting the low bid meeting specification for three projects and Wagner Aggregate, Inc. submitting the low bid for one project. The Macklin projects are: Afton Road District for 5,000 tons of aggregate, spread on road (SOR), in the amount of \$48,950.00; Paw Paw Road District for 3,000 tons of aggregate SOR, in the amount of \$33,120.00; Squaw Grove Road District for 3,500 tons of aggregate SOR for \$43,155.00. The Wagner project is for South Grove Road District for 7,100 tons of aggregate SOR, in the amount of \$58,859.00. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of these awards. **Mr. Pietrowski moved and Mr. Metzger seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

AWARD RESOLUTION #R2016-12: 2016 DRAINAGE PIPES

The County Engineer stated bids were requested for drainage pipes (culverts) for the coming year. Two Road Districts in addition to the County were included in the bid request. Bids were received from the two major suppliers of metal pipe culverts in this area and the final bid amounts were separated by only \$56.30. Contech Engineering Solutions, LLC from Metamora, Illinois submitted the low bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$17,472.00. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this award. **Mr. Pietrowski moved and Mr. Luebke seconded the motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

CHAIR'S COMMENTS: Chairman Gudmunson inquired about the hot-mix under the guard rail on the Suydam Road Bridge completed last year. He stated it looked like the contractor did not match the paved shoulder in an area when they repaved the mainline. Mr. Schwartz stated he would look at it. Chairman Gudmunson asked if the County had a chance to speak with the Village of Somonauk concerning Governor Beveridge Highway. Mr. Schwartz stated he has looked over the road and will be discussing with Somonauk in the near future the options to address the road concerns.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS: Mr. Schwartz provided an update of current projects underway throughout the County since last month's report. The Melms Road Bridge and the Somonauk Road Bridge projects are progressing through the preliminary engineering and design engineering stages as anticipated. The Plank Road and Shabbona Road Federal repaving projects have been reviewed by IDOT and Mr. Schwartz will be returning the final plans to IDOT on Friday.

Mr. Schwartz stated the Executive Committee did endorse the recommendation to seek the authority from the State Legislature for the County to be able to charge up to a four cent Motor Fuel Tax on fuel purchased in DeKalb County. Conversation with Mr. Pritchard indicated he would have no problem with including DeKalb County with Boone County's request for the same authority. No word if that has been accomplished as of this meeting.

Correspondence was shared with the Committee from a concerned citizen who travels county roads from Loves Park to the City of Genoa on a regular basis. The citizen voiced some concerns over the conditions of the county roads and in particular the lack of sand/gravel being applied on icy roads. Mr. Schwartz stated both letters were answered and our procedures explained to provide a better understanding of how we clear our roads during a snow event.

Mr. Schwartz provided the Committee with the Department's 2015 annual report. He will leave it up to the Executive Committee if they want him to present it at the February or March full County Board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: None discussed

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. Metzger and seconded by Mr. Pietrowski and the motion passed unanimously.** The February 4, 2016 meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Gudmunson
Chairman