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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes  
November 6, 2014**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 6:00pm in the Conference Room of the DeKalb County Highway Department, DeKalb, Illinois.

Chairman Gudmunson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Committee members present were Mr. Deverell, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Jones, Mr. O'Barski and Vice Chairman Pietrowski. County Engineer, Nathan Schwartz, Support Services Manager, Wayne Davey, Kevin Bunge, District 1 Board Member Elect, Carl Schoedel, Kane County Engineer and Ms. Sue Willis, County resident, were also present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion made by Mr. Deverell and seconded by Mr. O'Barski to approve the minutes of the regular October 2, 2014 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. O'Barski seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Chairman Gudmunson welcomed the public. There were no comments from the public.**

**RESOLUTION #R2014-71: DESIGNATION OF EAST COUNTY LINE ROAD AS A TRUCK ROUTE**

Mr. Schwartz indicated that as the East County Line Road resurfacing project is nearing completion, a resolution is required designating that route as an 80,000 pound truck route. The County utilized TARP funding for a portion of this project, thereby mandating such a designation. This road will no longer be posted during spring postings and will remain an 80,000 pound route year around. Mr. Schwartz recommended forwarding the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. **Motion made by Mr.**

**Jones and seconded by Mr. O'Barski to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

**MFT RESOLUTION #R2014-72: 2015 SALARY AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL**

The County Engineer explained that every year the County must pass resolutions authorizing the appropriation of MFT funds prior to their expenditure. This resolution will comply with that requirement. MFT funds will be utilized for a portion of the maintainer's salaries when they are performing work on the County Highways. The County also rents their construction equipment to allow MFT funds to flow into the highway budget for equipment replacement. A total of \$977,400.00 will be authorized; \$577,320.00 for salaries and \$400,000.00 for equipment rental. This resolution is passed every year prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> and Mr. Schwartz recommended approval. **Motion made by Vice Chair Pietrowski and seconded by Mr. Frieders to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

**MFT RESOLUTION #R2014-73: 2015 WINTER MAINTENANCE MATERIAL**

As in years past, the County will utilize MFT funds to cover the cost of the salt the County, Townships, Villages, and educational institutions will be using to keep their respective roadways and parking areas clear during the winter months. The County is reimbursed by these agencies for their salt usage. This year's amount is \$506,403.00 and Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this resolution. **Motion made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Deverell to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION #R2014-74: DEKALB COUNTY SUPPORT FOR A FULL INTERCHANGE ALONG THE JANE ADDAMS TOLLWAY AT ILLINOIS ROUTE 23**

Two years ago the County passed a resolution supporting a full interchange on Interstate 90 at Illinois Route 23. The County has been asked to reaffirm their support. The support will aid efforts to procure funding and lobby for policy support for the project which is expected to cost several million dollars. Mr. Schwartz indicated that the northern part of DeKalb County would benefit from such an exchange and recommended the Committee give favorable consideration to the proposed resolution. **Motion made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. O'Barski to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending the County's support of this interchange. Motion passed unanimously.**

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS:** Chairman Gudmunson stated he had nothing to present at this time.

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:** Mr. Schwartz presented the transportation improvement progress report for October. A slide presentation was provided showing current projects being constructed showing their current status.

East County Line Road stands at 99% complete for the resurfacing and intersection improvements. Only work remaining on this project deals with minor guardrail and a culvert extension along Route 64.

Five Points Road Bridge is 56% complete based on the cost of this project. However, on a time line, this project is well above 56% completed. All steel for the deck is on site and installation of that steel has begun. Approaches have been shaped and will have some temporary seeding in place shortly. Weekly meetings are still being held between the County, IDOT and the Contractor to ensure work continues toward a satisfactory completion.

Keslinger Road Bridge is 29% complete. The contractor is pouring piers and abutments.

Peace Road project is 99% complete, with just some minor traffic signal work remaining.

Perry Road Bridge is completed and open to traffic.

Somonauk Road widening at the Landfill is 15% complete. The entrance is being moved farther to the south and construction of a left turn lane for southbound traffic is underway.

West County Line Road Bridge stands at 80% complete. The structure is complete and they are ready to begin backfilling and paving.

Mr. Schwartz reminded the Committee of the fall veto session being held November 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> this year. At this time there are no updates to brief the Committee on.

**OTHER BUSIUNESS:** None

**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 Vice Chair Pietrowski and seconded by Mr. O'Barski and the motion passed unanimously.** The November 6, 2014 meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Gudmunson  
Chairman