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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes  
April 2, 2015**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 6:00pm in the Conference Room of the DeKalb County Highway Department, 1826 Barber Greene Road in DeKalb, Illinois.

Chairman Gudmunson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Committee members present were Mr. Bunge, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Luebke, Vice Chair O'Barski, Mr. Metzger and Mr. Pietrowski. Mr. Jones, Vice Chair of the County Board, County Engineer, Nathan Schwartz, Support Services Manager, Wayne Davey and Mr. Greg Millburg, Manager, Farm Bureau were also present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion made by Mr. Pietrowski and seconded by Vice Chair O'Barski to approve the minutes of the regular March 5, 2015 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Vice Chair O'Barski moved and Mr. Luebke seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**RESOLUTION #R2015-22: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR THE 2015 SEAL COAT PROJECT:**

Mr. Schwartz informed the Committee that bids were requested and opened on April 2, 2015 for the County Seal Coat program for this year. Two bids were received with Civil Constructors, Inc from Freeport, Illinois submitting the low bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$926,198.44. This is the first year this company will be doing seal coating operations for DeKalb County. The County has worked with this Company in the past on other projects and has been satisfied with their performance. The County Engineer recommended approval of this award. **Vice Chair O'Barski moved and Mr. Frieders seconded to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION #R2015-23: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR SECTION 15-XX000-0X-GM HOT MIX ASPHALT PATCHING:**

Mr. Schwartz stated the County is letting a contract for the purpose of patching certain roads in the County and Road Districts. The County will repair the bridge on Peace Road north of Freed Road, the intersection of Barber Greene and Somonauk Roads, and Suydam Road between Baker and Benson Roads. The Road Districts will have the majority of the work under this contract. Two bids were received with Curran Contracting submitting the low bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$98,925.00. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this award. **Mr. Metzger moved and Vice Chair O'Barski seconded a motion to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION #R2015-24: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR THE 2015 DRAINAGE PIPE PROJECT:**

The County Engineer stated bids were requested for drainage pipes (culverts) for the coming year. Several Road Districts requested culverts and one bid was received from Metal Culverts of Jefferson City, Missouri in the amount of \$11,871.10. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this award. **Mr. Pietrowski moved and Vice Chair O'Barski seconded a motion to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION #R2015-25: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR THE 2015 REJUVENATOR PROJECT**

The County has a maintenance program whereby a product called rejuvenator is placed over a recently resurfaced road. This product protects the new roadway and prevents moisture from seeping in and causing accelerated damage to the pavement. Mr. Schwartz informed the Committee that the County will normally apply the rejuvenator the year after a road is resurfaced. This procedure helps to extend the life of the pavement until a seal coat is applied eight to ten years later. Only one bid was received for this project in the amount of \$185,326.45 from Corrective Asphalt Materials of South Roxana, Illinois. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this award. **Mr. Luebke moved and Mr. Frieders seconded a motion to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION #R2015-26: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR SECTION 15-XX000-00-GM 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 and two are being recommended for award. The remaining two projects will be re-bid during May due to a misunderstanding of the delivery of the aggregate. Wagner Aggregate, Inc. from DeKalb, Illinois submitted the low bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$40,625.70 for 5,730 tons of

aggregate surface course SOR to be placed in South Grove Road District; and \$43,143.00 for 3,650 tons of aggregate surface course SOR to be placed in Squaw Grove Road District. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this award. **Vice Chair O'Barski moved and Mr. Luebke seconded a motion to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION #R2015-27: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR SECTION 13-00236-00-RS CHICAGO ROAD RESURFACE PROJECT:**

Two bids were received for the resurfacing of 4.56 miles of Chicago Road from Maplewood Road and Somonauk Road. Builders Paving, LLC submitted the low bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$852,584.00. The County has had several projects now with this Company and their work has been satisfactory. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this award. **Mr. Metzger moved and Vice Chair O'Barski seconded a motion to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION #R2015-28: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR THE 2015 FOREST PRESERVE BIKE PATH PROJECT:**

Four bids were received for the resurfacing of 2.6 miles of the Peace Road Bike Path from Bethany Road to Pleasant Street. Curran Contracting of DeKalb, Illinois submitted the low bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$88,646.15. The Highway Department will oversee this contract for the Forest Preserve and Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this award. **Mr. Pietrowski moved and Mr. Metzger seconded a motion to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION #R2015-29: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR THE 2015 ROAD DISTRICTS HOT MIX RESURFACE PROJECTS:**

Six Road Districts have hot-mix resurfacing projects this year and bids were requested for these projects. Two bids were received for the hot-mix resurfacing of 2 miles of Hinckley Road in Pierce Road District with the low bid meeting specifications submitted by Builders Paving, LLC from Hillside, Illinois in the amount of \$164,178.80; Two bids were received for the hot-mix resurfacing of 4.3 miles of Governor Beveridge Highway in Somonauk Road District with the low bid meeting specifications submitted by Builders Paving, LLC from Hillside, Illinois in the amount of \$174,893.00; Three bids were received for the hot-mix resurfacing of Briel Court and Bianca Lane in Squaw Grove Road District with the low bid meeting specifications submitted by Builders Paving, LLC from Hillside, Illinois in the amount of \$59,406.80; Two bids were received for the hot-mix resurfacing of 2.55 miles of Wesson Road in Victor Road District with the low bid meeting specifications submitted by Builders Paving, LLC from Hillside, Illinois in the amount of \$266,372.50; Four bids were received for the hot-mix resurfacing of 2.65 miles of Mt. Hunger Road in Sycamore Road District with the low bid meeting specifications submitted by Peter Baker & Son Company from Lake Bluff, Illinois in the

amount of \$184,315.76; and four bids were received for the hot-mix resurfacing of 2.51 miles of Bethany Road and Pleasant Street in Cortland Road District with the low bid meeting specifications submitted by Peter Baker & Son Company from Lake Bluff, Illinois in the amount of \$295,514.00. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of all awards for the Road Districts. **Vice Chair O'Barski moved and Mr. Pietrowski seconded a motion to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION #R2015-30: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR SECTION 05-00211-00-BR SUYDAM ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT:**

Mr. Schwartz informed the Committee that the Suydam Road Bridge over the Buck Branch of Somonauk Creek in Somonauk Township is being replaced. Bids were taken for this project on April 2, 2015 and five bids were received. The low bid meeting specifications was submitted by Martin & Company Excavating from Oregon, Illinois in the amount of \$476,883.10. The County has worked with Martin & Company before and has been satisfied with the quality of their work. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this award. **Mr. Metzger moved and Mr. Frieders seconded a motion to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

**MODIFY SALARY RANGES AND SALARIES OF SELECT HAY CODE POSITIONS WITHIN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Schwartz presented information to the Committee requesting the salary ranges of three Highway Department positions be reviewed and adjusted. The Hay Study was conducted approximately 25 years ago and salary ranges do not reflect current hiring or promotion realities for certain non-union positions. After a brief discussion the Committee directed this item be placed on the May agenda as an executive session item. No other action was taken.

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS:** Mr. Gudmunson thanked Vice Chair O'Barski for standing in for him in his absence – it was greatly appreciated.

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:** Mr. Schwartz presented the transportation improvement progress report for April.

The Chicago Road resurface project was presented to the Committee tonight for the recommending of the award.

Coltonville Road Bridge is at 100% of the land acquisition and is scheduled for an April letting in Springfield.

Work continues on Five Points Road Bridge and this project stands at 88% complete.

The Suydam Road Bridge over Buck Creek was presented to the Committee tonight for the recommending of the award.

Mr. Schwartz informed the Committee that Operations has begun probing for frost. Very little has been found and he is scheduled to meet with the Road Commissioners on April 7, 2015 to discuss the possibility of lifting the postings shortly thereafter.

Mr. Schwartz stated not much has changed on the legislative front since last month. The State's Budget remains the main focus in Springfield.

The new TransVac facility will begin to move forward in stages. The City of DeKalb has a three million dollar grant and the County has secured another half million in funding for this project. Rather than sit on these funds until TransVac has all the funding for the entire project a decision was made to go forward in stages as funds become available.

Mr. Schwartz informed the Committee he will be working with the Town of Cortland to see if the subdivision bond secured for the purpose of road improvement on Somonauk Road at Richland Trails in conjunction with DRH Cambridge Homes, Inc can be cashed in and the improvements made. The longer the Town of Cortland waits the cost of the needed improvements increase and the value of the bond remains at \$456,996.54.

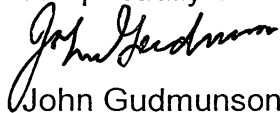
The Farm Bureau hosted Mr. Schwartz at their Board Meeting on Monday where information was presented concerning the roads and bridges and why the Highway Department does certain things that limit weights on certain roads. It was well received and Mr. Schwartz was grateful for the opportunity to present information directly to the users of the County roadway system.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None presented.

**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 O'Barski and seconded by Mr. Pietrowski and the motion passed unanimously.** The April 2, 2015 meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Gudmunson  
Chairman