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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
August 6, 2015**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, August 6, 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 6:05pm. Committee members present were Mr. Bunge, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Vice Chair O'Barski, and Mr. Pietrowski. The County Board Vice Chairman, Tracy Jones, County Engineer, Nathan Schwartz, Support Services Manager, Wayne Davey and Ms. Sue Willis, County resident were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Mr. Metzger and seconded by Mr. Pietrowski to approve the minutes of the regular June 4, 2015 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

2016 BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Mr. Schwartz provided an extensive overview of the Department's 2016 Budget submission. All aspects of the budgets were discussed to include expected revenues, expected expenditures and final estimated fund balances for the five Highway Department Budgets that are run through the County's budget process. High expenditures were explained and justified. Mr. Schwartz explained all highway projects planned for the 2016 budget year and how these projects would be funded. The Committee inquired if the different highway funding carries forward from year to year or if it gets reallocated. Mr. Schwartz stated only a few of his funding streams get reallocated after two years if they are not programmed for a future project. DeKalb County is very diligent to ensure all available funding is properly allocated to future projects to ensure no funding is lost. At the conclusion of the presentation Mr. Schwartz

encouraged any Committee member with questions they might have after their further review of the budgets to feel free to contact him or Wayne.

RESOLUTION #R2015-64 – ANTICIPATION OF TBP FUNDS FOR SECTION 13-11109-01-BR (SOUTH PAW PAW ROAD BRIDGES)

Mr. Schwartz informed the Committee that the South Paw Paw Road bridges will begin construction on Friday, August 7, 2015. In addition to Federal funding secured for this project, there is also Township Bridge Project (TBP) funds scheduled to be utilized. The current balance in the Township Bridge Fund will not cover anticipated expenses. When this happens the County will pay the current expenses from the County's Bridge Fund and repay those funds when the annual allocation of TBP funds are received from the State. This allows projects to get completed when needed. Mr. Schwartz is anticipating an indebtedness in the Township Bridge Fund for Paw Paw Road District in the amount of \$135,917.81 and he recommends approval of the resolution as presented. **Motion made by Mr. Pietrowski and seconded by Mr. Frieders to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. The motion passed unanimously.**

CHAIR'S COMMENTS: Mr. Gudmunson stated the projects he has observed in the south part of the County look really nice. Mr. Gudmunson also suggested the next Highway Committee meeting be held at the Victor Township Hall so the Committee could look over these projects themselves. The Committee was in agreement and proper arrangements will be made for the September meeting.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS: Mr. Schwartz provided a brief pictorial overview of current projects throughout the County that the Department is involved in.

Mr. Schwartz informed the Committee that the major legislative issue at the State level is currently passing a budget. All County and Road District MFT monthly allocations are being withheld until a budget is passed. IDOT has no authority to pass these funds through to the County and Road Districts without a budget. The funds are still being collected and they will be sent eventually, but currently the County is not receiving these funds.

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 August 6, 2015 meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Gudmunson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

John Gudmunson
Chairman