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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes  
February 5, 2015**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, February 5, 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 and Mr. Pietrowski. Mr. Metzger was absent. Mr. Jones, Vice Chair of the County Board, County Engineer, Nathan Schwartz, Support Services Manager, Wayne Davey, Operations Manager, Jim Quinn and Ms. Sue Willis, County resident, 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 January 21, 2015 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Mr. Luebke moved and Vice Chair O'Barski seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Discussion followed to amend the agenda by deleting item 4 due to no new information being available to present to the Committee at this time. Motion to approve the agenda as amended passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**RESOLUTION #R2015-06: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT:**

Mr. Schwartz informed the Committee that bids were taken on February 3, 2015 to purchase a new all-wheel drive motor grader and one new tandem cab and chassis. Two bids were received for the tandem cab and chassis with JX Peterbilt of Rockford, Illinois submitting the low bid meeting specifications with options, in the amount of \$71,483. Three bids were received for the replacement of the County's motor grader with West Side Tractor of Naperville, Illinois submitting the low bid meeting

specifications with options, in the amount of \$211,906.00. After some discussion **Mr. Pietrowski moved and Vice Chair O'Barski seconded to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **MFT RESOLUTION #R2015-07: 2015 DEKALB COUNTY SEAL COAT PROJECT**

In the near future the County will be requesting bids for the 2015 County Wide Seal Coat Project. This project will include all Road Districts as well as the County's roads to be seal coated this year. The County lets one contract for this project and the County will use MFT funds to pay for a portion of the County's project. In order for the County to expend MFT funds, the County must pass an MFT resolution obligating funds for the project. This resolution accomplishes that requirement. The County is estimating \$150,000.00 in MFT funds will be used to cover the County's portion for this project. The remaining funds will be expended from the Federal Tax Matching Budget. The current percentage of cost for the seal coat project is MFT funds at 55% and Federal Aid Matching at 45%. Roads to be seal coated for the County this year will be North State Road, North First Street and Shabbona Road. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this resolution. **Mr. Luebke moved and Vice Chair O'Barski seconded a motion to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS:** Chairman Gudmunson thanked the Department for their service to the community during the recent snow event. The plow drivers did a great job and the roads are clearing up nicely. Chairman Gudmunson also expressed some safety concerns about the intersection of Illinois Route 23 and Chicago Road. Mr. Schwartz stated he is looking at several intersections for the possibility of applying for safety funds to make improvements to these intersections. Illinois Route 23 and Chicago Road is one of those intersections he is reviewing.

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

Not much has changed since the County Engineer's report to the Committee on January 21<sup>st</sup>. The South Paw Paw Road Bridges stand at 98% completed for their design engineering. An April letting is still on track for this project.

Suydam Road Bridge over Indian Creek had originally been scheduled for replacement during 2018. However, the County Engineer has been informed there is a good possibility that Major Bridge funding could be obtained for this project. If that were the case, this project would be pushed back to 2021 to allow the County use of this funding. The Major Bridge funding is not a normal funding source for the County and these funds will pay for 80% of a project. When the County has an opportunity to receive this additional funding, the County will take full advantage of it. Mr. Schwartz indicated the current bridge is posted for legal loads only and should be able to continue to receive traffic as usual until 2021.

A legislative update was provided on several pieces of legislation that could make its way to the floor in this coming session. Most deal with Townships/Road Districts, prevailing wages and distribution of MFT funds collected by the State. Nothing urgent to report at this time as the new session is just getting underway.

Mr. Schwartz provided an overview of the Department that included, current duties and responsibilities of the Department, budget practices, and the several different funding sources that are available to the County in certain circumstances.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Frieders thanked Mr. Schwartz for agreeing to appear at the next upcoming Farm Bureau meeting to address some of the concerns facing agriculture.

**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. Pietrowski and seconded by Vice Chair O'Barksy and the motion passed unanimously.** The February 5, 2015 meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Gudmunson  
Chairman