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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
March 5, 2015**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, March 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, Mr. Metzger and Mr. Pietrowski. Mr. Jones, Vice Chair of the County Board, Paul Miller, Deputy County Administrator of Operations, County Engineer, Nathan Schwartz, Support Services Manager, Wayne Davey and, Operations Manager, Jim Quinn were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

RESOLUTION #R2015-13: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR THE 2015 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. Frieders moved and Vice Chair O'Barski seconded to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION #R2015-14: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR SECTION 15-00247-00-BR – REMOVE AND REPLACE A PIPE CULVERT ON CHICAGO ROAD

Mr. Schwartz stated the County will be resurfacing Chicago Road this year and prior to that a 36 inch cross road pipe needs to be replaced 100 feet east of the intersection with Governor Beveridge Highway (North). This is normally an in-house project but due to the depth of the pipe, and lack of proper safety equipment, the County Engineer feels it best to contract this project out. Bids were requested and three bids received with CDS Environmental Services, Inc. from Springfield, Illinois submitting the low bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$18,551.45. Although the County has not worked with this Company in the past, they are pre-qualified by IDOT and Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this resolution. **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 #R2015-15: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SNOW PLOW, FRAME, HYDRAULIC SYSTEM, DUMP BODY, WING, SPREADER AND PRE-WET TANK SYSTEM:

The County Engineer stated these bids were for equipping the new Peterbilt Model 348 cab and chassis approved by the County Board during February. Two bids were received from our normal vendors who do this work. Monroe Truck Sales from Monroe, Wisconsin submitted the low bid meeting specifications. This vendor has supplied this equipment for the County for over the last ten years and the County has been satisfied with their performance. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this \$89,804.00 bid. **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 #R2015-16: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE NEW UTILITY TRACTOR

Bids were taken for the replacement of one utility tractor. This piece of equipment is utilized for the control of vegetation along the County’s right-of way and other tasks such as disking and spreading fertilizer and ground cover seed. Five bids were received with Johnson Tractor from Rochelle, Illinois submitting the low bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$37,400.00. The trade of a 2004 Case IH JX95 tractor will bring \$8,000.00 for a total purchase price of \$29,400.00. The tractor quoted is a Kubota M9960 and currently the County maintains two other Kubota’s with no problems being reported. 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.**

MFT RESOLUTION #R2015-20: APPROPRIATING MFT FUNDS FOR SECTION 13-00236-00-RS – CHICAGO ROAD RESURFACE PROJECT

The County will be letting the Chicago Road resurfacing project from 250 feet east of Maplewood Road, north and east to Somonauk Road, a distance of 4.56 miles. Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the amount of \$687,500.00 as well as County Matching Funds will be utilized to cover the cost of this project. In order for the County to use MFT funds the County Board must

authorize the appropriation of these funds. This resolution satisfies that requirement. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this resolution. **Vice Chair O'Barski moved and Mr. Frieders seconded a motion to forward this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

Vice Chair O'Barski moved and Mr. Pietrowski seconded that the Committee enter executive session per Chapter 5 ILCS Act 120 Section 2(c)(2), Collective negotiating matters between DeKalb County and its employees. Roll call vote was taken resulting in seven (7) yes votes and zero (0) no votes. The Committee entered into executive session at 6:26pm.

Mr. Pietrowski moved and Vice Chair O'Barski seconded that the Committee return to open session. Roll call vote was taken resulting in seven (7) yes votes and zero (0) no votes. The Committee returned to open session at 6:50pm.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS: Mr. Gudmunson stated a lot of accidents occurred on Somonauk Road recently due to poor weather road conditions. He also commented on the dip in Suydam Road east of Benson Road and west of Baker Road. Mr. Schwartz stated the County is aware of this situation and is currently in the process of preparing a proposal for bid to correct this situation. The proposal will be for other roads in the County that have the same problem as well as certain bridge approaches that need attention.

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

The design engineering for Chicago Road resurface project is 90% complete and on schedule for an April letting. Coltonville Road Bridge is 100% through the engineering stages and stands at 75% of the land acquisition. No problems are being anticipated to complete that stage in the near future. East County Line Road Bridge, (Kane County project), is nearing completion of the engineering stages and land acquisition is underway. Construction is estimated to begin during 2016. Work continues on Five Points Road Bridge. The weather should be warm enough next week to resume pouring concrete and this project stands at 83% complete. The South Paw Paw Road Bridges stand at 100% complete for their engineering stages and scheduled for an April letting. The Suydam Road Bridge over Buck Creek has the design engineering 98% complete and will be let this year as well.

Mr. Schwartz informed the Committee that his latest review of the weather for the next fifteen days would indicate spring road postings are near. He has directed Operations to install signs by Friday, March 13th with enforcement to begin on Monday March 16th. He will continue to monitor the situation with surrounding Counties to ensure a uniform as possible posting schedule.

During 2009 when the Legislature made all roads in Illinois 80,000 pounds, but provided no funding for those roads not built to handle 80,000 pounds, they gave local jurisdictions the authority to post roads at different weights depending on their structure. Prior to 2009 the IDOT specification/design book contained pavement designs for 73,280 and 80,000 pound roads. The current edition of the design book only contains designs for 80,000 pound roads. However, when the County utilizes that design it would not automatically make a road 80,000 pounds. Mr. Schwartz stated he is reviewing all roads and evaluating them based on their sub-base, base

and thickness of current hot-mix to determine their structure limits. After those limits are determined he will run that calculation with traffic volumes, to include truck traffic, and determine if a current 73,280 pound road meets the specifications for classification as an all-weather road. If that is the case, that segment of roadway could be so designated, allowing 73,280 pound loads to travel all year with no interruption for spring postings. Routes will be so designated with the understanding that an all-weather road must connect with an adjoining all weather road or with a designated truck route. This should provide some relief during future spring posting periods.

The Committee was informed of a recent FOIA request received by the Department. A request was made for an entire year of certified payrolls for the Five Points Road Bridge project. This request entailed approximately 8 hours of collecting, redacting and coping over 400 documents. The allowable charge for this service was \$46.95.

Mr. Schwartz provided an update on some legislation that has been introduced that he will be following which might be of concern to the County and Road Districts.


- Allowing for additional local funds for the Townships but that amount can be no higher than their current MFT allotment. This would put a cap on property taxes.
- The requirement to further breakdown the cost of a project. Currently if you have a project that involves installing a pipe, the pipe is quoted at one price. This legislation would require the cost of material and the cost of transporting that material to a job site to be listed separately.
- If Federal and State funding is used on a project than alternative means of transportation must be included with the project, i.e. (bike paths and sidewalks) where practical.
- The elimination of Township Government.
- Flood immunity for local governments who show they are trying to mitigate flooding problems in their communities.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Pietrowski informed the Committee that Governor Rauner will be in DeKalb on Friday, March 6th from 3:00pm to 3:45pm at the Hopkins Park Terrace Room. He encouraged as many of the Committee members to attend that their schedules allowed.

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 Mr. Frieders and the motion passed unanimously.** The March 5, 2015 meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


John Gudmunson
Chairman