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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
May 7, 2015**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, May 7, 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. Luebke, Vice Chair O'Barski, and Mr. Pietrowski. Mr. Frieders and Mr. Metzger were absent. Mr. Jones, Vice Chair of the County Board, County Engineer, Nathan Schwartz, Support Services Manager, Wayne Davey, Mr. Tice Cole, CMT and Mr. John Ritchie from RS&H were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Vice Chair O'Barski and seconded by Mr. Pietrowski to approve the minutes of the regular April 2, 2015 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Discussion followed concerning the planned executive session and because the Committee had two members absent tonight a request was made by Chairman Gudmunson to delete this item from the agenda and reschedule it for the June Committee meeting. **Vice Chair O'Barski moved and Mr. Pietrowski seconded a motion to strike item 5 from the agenda. Motion passed. Vice Chair O'Barski moved and Mr. Pietrowski seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MFT RESOLUTION #R2015-38: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MFT FUNDS FOR 2015 PAVEMENT MARKING:

Mr. Schwartz informed the Committee that the County will spend Motor Fuel Funds for this year's pavement marking project. In order for the Department to utilize these funds the County Board must authorize the appropriation of these funds. Resolution #2015-38 satisfies that requirement. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of the resolution. **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 #R2015-39: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR SECTION 15-XX000-0X-GM ROAD DISTRICT AGGREGATE PROJECTS:

Mr. Schwartz stated this project is a re-bid of last month's aggregate project for the stockpiling of aggregate for two Road Districts. Due to a miscommunication with the Road Commissioners the first proposal stated this aggregate was to be FOB at a given quarry. What the Road Commissioners had requested was that the aggregate be delivered to their respective Road Districts and stockpiled there for their use later on. Macklin, Inc submitted the low bid meeting specifications for 1950 tons of CA-6 aggregate for Victor Road District in the amount of \$23,478 and Wagner Aggregate, Inc submitted the low bid meeting specifications for 1000 tons of CA-6 aggregate for Squaw Grove Road District in the amount of \$11,820. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of these awards. **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 #R2015-40: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR THE 2015 COUNTY WIDE PAVEMENT MARKING PROJECT:

The County Engineer stated bids were requested for this year's pavement marking for the County, Road Districts and the City of Sycamore. Two bids were received with America's Parking Remarketing, Inc from St. Louis, Missouri submitting the low bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$268,910.72. This project consists of 17.19 miles of striping for the City of Sycamore; 219.97 miles for the various Road Districts; 623.87 miles of striping for the County, for a total of 861.02 miles of centerline dash, solid no passing and solid edge-line markings. America's Parking Remarketing has striped the County for the last few years and they do a satisfactory job. 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 #R2015-41: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR THE 2015 ROAD DISTRICT CRACK ROUTING AND FILL PROJECT

The County continues to perform its own crack routing and fill operations, however the Road District's do not. Several Road Districts requested road cracks be filled this year so the County prepared a proposal including all Road Districts to capitalize on receiving the best price possible for this project. Two bids were received for this project with NuCoat Sealing, LLC from Arnold, Missouri submitting the low bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$244,096.32 for 469,416 feet of crack routing and filling. This Company has done work in DeKalb County, although under a similar but different name, and their performance is satisfactory. Mr. Schwartz recommends 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.**

CHAIR'S COMMENTS: Mr. Gudmunson stated he has noticed the edges of the roads are crumbling and need to be repaired if possible.

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

The Chicago Road resurface project has the pre-construction meeting scheduled for May 8th. At that time we should know a scheduled start time.

Coltonville Road Bridge was let in Springfield on April 24, 2015. Civil Constructors from Freeport, Illinois submitted the low bid in the amount of \$2,318,272.15.

Five Points Road Bridge was opened to traffic on May 1, 2015. There were some comments concerning the sidewalk that was installed on the west side of the bridge. This was included but not intended to be ADA compliant at this time. It was constructed in anticipation of the Village of Kingston constructing a sidewalk from Il Route 72 north at a later date. The sidewalk will be the responsibility of the Village. Mr. Schwartz thanked the Kingston Park District, WalCamp Organization and the Werts' Family for generously donating the additional needed right-of-way for this project.

Keslinger Road Bridge is scheduled for paving on May 8, 2015 with the road being open to traffic shortly after that time. Mr. Schwartz thanked Representative Bob Pritchard for getting involved with the settlement process that allowed this project to move forward to completion.

The South Paw Paw Road Bridges were also let on April 24th in Springfield and Riber Construction, Inc from Dwight, Illinois submitted the low bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$794,109.22. No preconstruction meeting has been schedule for this project as of this date.

The Suydam Road Bridge over Buck Creek has a pre-construction meeting scheduled for May 14th. A progress schedule should be available at that time.

West County Line Road Bridge has had its surface course placed and is now 100% complete. Mr. Schwartz thanked Karl Koehling and Mullins, LLC for their generous donation of additional right-of-way needed for the completion of this project.

Mr. Schwartz informed the Committee of five proposed legislative activities that the County Engineers will be following. They are:

- (1) HB-1052 – Allows for the jurisdiction transfer of private subdivision roads to IDOT jurisdiction.

- (2) HB-2580 – Allows a Road Commissioner to close a road or post a permanent weight on a road provided there has been a public hearing on the matter and the County Engineer agrees with the Road Commissioner's decision to post or close.
- (3) SB-40 – Allows for the abolishment of Townships if they are completely overlapped with a municipality.
- (4) SB-762 – Local Governments are not responsible for damages that are caused by climate related events, flooding, or the design, construction, or improvement of infrastructure intended to mitigate climate-related events or flooding.
- (5) SB-1390 – Allows for maximum length of a truck tractor in combination with a semitrailer may not exceed 65 feet (rather than current 55 feet) on all non-State highways.

IDOT will be holding listening tours throughout the State to get input concerning project priorities from local jurisdictions. They will be in DeKalb on May 18th and the County Engineer will be in attendance emphasizing the importance of creating a long-term, sustainable funding stream for infrastructure.

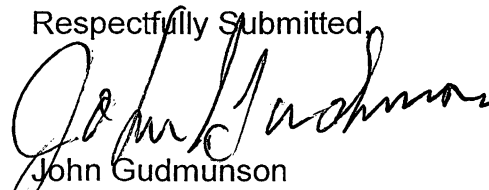
DSATS has completed a draft of their long range (25 years) plan for transportation and public transportation needs. The County Engineer is in the process of reviewing the plan. DSATS is exploring ways to handle more projects in house now that they have employed more staff. The County Engineer will continue to recommend this course of action.

Mr. Schwartz provided a brief update on the Fairdale situation as it pertains to the Highway Department. The Department spent approximately 10 days in the Fairdale area removing debris. A total of 872.5 regular hours and 47 hours of overtime was accumulated over that 10 day period. Mr. Schwartz praised the Maintainers for their commitment to ensuring the job was done efficiently and noted the crew worked through their lunch break and normal breaks to continue the clean-up.

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 Mr. Pietrowski and seconded by Vice-Chair O'Barski and the motion passed unanimously.** The May 7, 2015 meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Gudmunson
Chairman