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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes  
Special Meeting - November 18, 2015**

A special meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, November 18, 2015 at 7:00pm in the Freedom Room of the Legislative Center, located at 200 N. Main Street, Sycamore, Illinois 60178.

Chairman John Gudmunson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Committee members present were Mr. Bunge, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Mr. O'Barski and Mr. Pietrowski. The County Engineer, Nathan Schwartz, Support Services Manager, Wayne Davey, County Administrator, Gary Hanson, County Board Vice Chairman, Tracy Jones, DeKalb County Board members Tim Bagby, John Emerson, Misty Hagji-Sheikh, Jeff Whelan, and member of the public Steve Frerichs were also present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

**RESOLUTION #R2015-104: APPROVING ENGINEERING AGREEMENTS FOR SECTIONS 13-06121-00-BR (MELMS ROAD); 15-00093-02-BR (SOMONAUK ROAD ½ MILE SOUTH OF CHICAGO ROAD); AND 15-00254-00-BR (SOUTH OF BARBER GREENE ROAD)**

Mr. Schwartz explained to the Committee that the three agreements before them tonight are for projects scheduled for construction during 2016. The engineering agreements will allow for the preliminary engineering to begin as early as possible to include surveying prior to the ground becoming covered in snow. The Committee inquired if these agreements were put out for bids and Mr. Schwartz explained professional services are not required to be bid nor are they allowed to be bid. Professional services are awarded on qualification based selection procedures that allows the County to locate a qualified firm that meets the needs of the County for a particular project. The final cost is negotiated between the most qualified firm and the County Engineer. This process has served the County well. Mr. Schwartz recommended Wendler Engineering Services for the Melms Road Bridge at a cost of \$54,500; Chastain & Associates for the bridge replacement on Somonauk Road at a cost of \$71,860; and Willett, Hofmann &

Associates for the box culvert extension on Somonauk Road at a cost of \$29,422.06.

**A motion was made by Mr. Metzger and seconded by Mr. O'Barski to forward the Resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. The motion passed unanimously.**

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS:** Chairman Gudmunson inquired if the County Engineer had had a chance to speak to the Village of Somonauk in regards to Governor Beveridge Road and their bridge. Mr. Schwartz indicated he had not but would do so in the near future.

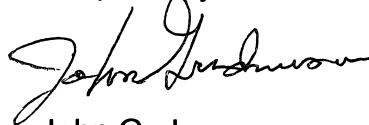
**COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:** Mr. Schwartz stated that Suydam Road approaches at the bridge west of Governor Beveridge has been repaved and the ride is much better. The Coltonville Road Bridge project has been slowed by the recent rains and although progress is continuing, it is looking like the bridge will not be open by the end of the year as hoped.

The House Majority Leader has placed a parliamentary block on legislation in the House to release MFT funds. With that in place it would appear no movement on the release of MFT funds to the County and Road Districts will be accomplished during 2015.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**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. O'Barski and the motion passed unanimously.** The November 18, 2015 meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Gudmunson  
Chairman