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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
October 1, 2015**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 6:00pm in the Conference Room of the DeKalb County Highway Department, located at 1826 Barber Greene Road, DeKalb, Illinois 60115.

Chairman John Gudmunson called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. Committee members present were Mr. Bunge, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Metzger, Vice Chair O'Barski, and Mr. Pietrowski. The County Engineer, Nathan Schwartz, Support Services Manager, Wayne Davey, and Mr. Greg Millburg, Manager, Farm Bureau were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Vice Chair O'Barski and seconded by Mr. Metzger to approve the minutes of the regular September 3, 2015 and special September 30, 2015 meetings. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

ORDINANCE #O2015-09 – ALTERED SPEED ZONES FOR VIRGINIA ROAD AND PIONEER TERRACE LOCATED IN DEKALB TOWNSHIP

Mr. Schwartz indicated the DeKalb Road District Highway Commissioner had requested the speed limit be reduced from 30 MPH to 25 MPH on two of his subdivision roads. An engineering study was conducted and the information collected determined these roads would qualify for a speed reduction. This reduction is based on the authority of local jurisdictions to reduce speed limits within a residence district to not lower than 25 MPH. Due to the length of these roads and the placements of entrances being less than 500 feet apart for the required one quarter mile length, these roads do qualify as residence districts. As such the County Board does have the authority to reduce the speed limit to 25 MPH and Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of the proposed Ordinance. **A motion was made by Mr. Pietrowski and seconded by Mr. Frieders to forward the Ordinance to the full County Board recommending approval. The motion passed unanimously.**

ACTION ON 2016 BUDGET APPEALS: Mr. Schwartz informed the Committee that the Highway Department had no appeals submitted for their consideration.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS: Chairman Gudmunson thanked the County Engineer and his staff for the annual tour of construction projects being completed throughout the County for the County and Road Districts. The tour went to all corners of the County, was very informative and showed the County is making very good progress in keeping the roads and bridges safe for the traveling public.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS: Mr. Schwartz provided an update of current projects underway throughout the County. Chicago Road repaving project still stands at 99% complete. This is due to the south leg of the intersection at Governor Beveridge Highway has not been completed as of yet. This will be done when the contractor completes the resurfacing of that road in the near future. The Coltonville Road Bridge project is progressing well and stands at 20% completed. The piling is complete and work is now focused on the pier and abutment caps. The County remains optimistic that this bridge will be open to traffic by the end of 2015. The County will find out in the spring if the McNeal Road Bridge gets selected for Major Bridge Funding. The South Paw Paw Road bridges stand at 85% complete. Work continues on the earthwork and the approaches should be paved in a couple of weeks with the bridges being opened to traffic in three weeks. The Suydam Road Bridge over Buck Creek is having the approaches repaved to eliminate the current dip. This should be completed in the next week or so. The County has applied for Major Bridge Funding for the Suydam Road Bridge over Indian Creek as well. Selections are made by IDOT in the spring.

Mr. Schwartz stated the legislature is going back into session to work on passing a budget so nothing is new on the budget front. The Federal Transportation Bill has been extended for an additional three months at current funding levels.

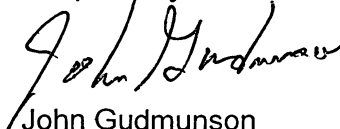
Mr. Schwartz thanked Mr. Gudmunson for his hospitality during the last Committee meeting held in Victor Township during September. Mr. Gudmunson provided refreshments and home grown culinary delights after the meeting for all attendees.

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 October 1, 2015 meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Gudmunson
Chairman