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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
September 3, 2015**

A meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Victor Township Hall, located at 8498 Suydam Road, Leland, Illinois.

Chairman John Gudmunson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Committee members present were Mr. Frieders, Mr. Luebke, Vice Chair O'Barski, and Mr. Pietrowski. Mr. Bunge and Mr. Metzger were absent. The County Engineer, Nathan Schwartz, Support Services Manager, Wayne Davey, Mr. Dan Cribben, District 11 Board Member, Mr. Jerry Davis, Highway Commissioner, Sandwich Road District, Mr. Nate Gudmunson, Highway Commissioner, Victor Road District, Mr. Dean Lundeen, Multi-Township Assessor for Somonauk/Victor Townships, Mr. Barry Smith Trustee, Somonauk Township 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 August 6, 2015 meeting. 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: Mr. Lundeen commented on the Chicago Road paving project, indicating his appreciation for the wider paved shoulders being constructed.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS: Mr. Gudmunson welcomed everyone and held a short round of introductions for everyone present. He stated it is always nice to see everyone come together and work together for the citizens of the County.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS: Mr. Schwartz provided an update of current projects underway throughout the County. These included the Chicago Road repaving project that stands at 99% complete. Striping and placing aggregate around entrances is all that remains to complete this project. The Coltonville Road Bridge project is underway and stands at 10% completed. Piles for the east pier are currently being

driven. The schedule is to have this bridge open to traffic by the end of 2015. The McNeal Road Bridge will be a candidate for Major Bridge Funding and hopefully selected for that funding. IDOT was recently contacted by the Federal Government to see if they had any Federal projects that could be moved up a year due to unobligated Federal funding. The County Engineer offered to move the Shabbona Road resurface project from Illinois Route 38 south to Perry Road up a year to accommodate this request. By doing so this will allow the County to pave all of Shabbona Road from US Route 30 north to Illinois Route 38 as one project during 2016. The South Paw Paw Road bridges stand at 15% complete. Beams are set on the west bridge and beams will be set on the east bridge next Wednesday. Work is progressing well on this project. The Suydam Road Bridge project is wrapping up and will be open prior to the Sandwich Fair. The approaches are scheduled to be paved this coming Friday and Saturday, with the road being opened on Tuesday afternoon after deck grooving and guardrail has been completed.

Mr. Schwartz stated the State is still without a budget and until one is passed it looks like the County as well as the Road Districts will not be receiving any MFT funds as reported last month.

The Committee agreed to hold the annual tour of construction projects during the month of September this year. The County Engineer will pick a date and inform members as to when the tour will be.

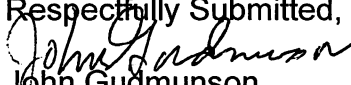
The Peace Road safety study is currently underway with traffic counts being conducted along the Peace/Plank Road corridor the week after Labor Day. These counts will be compared to the ones taken earlier for comparison of traffic patterns, speeds, types of vehicles, etc. The County Engineer hopes to have that study wrapped up in the near future.

OTHER BUSINESS: None presented

At this point of the meeting, attendees boarded vehicles to tour the South Paw Paw Road Bridge project and the Suydam Road Bridge project.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon returning to the Victor Township Hall, Chairman Gudmunson asked if there was any additional items that needed to be presented tonight. Hearing none a motion to adjourn **was made by Vice Chair O'Barski and seconded by Mr. Pietrowski and the motion passed unanimously.** The September 3, 2015 meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Gudmunson
Chairman