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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
November 5, 2020**

A hybrid public meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 6:00pm.

Chairman Plote, via Zoom, called the meeting to order at 6:03pm and called for the roll. Committee members present were, Ms. Emmer (by Zoom), Mr. Luebke (by Zoom), Mr. Osland (by Zoom), Mr. Pietrowski (by Zoom), Mr. West in (person) and Vice Chair Willis (by Zoom). The County Engineer, Mr. Nathan Schwartz and Mr. Wayne Davey, Support Services Manager were present and Mr. Pete Stefan, Finance Director and two guests were present by video.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Ms. Emmer and seconded by Mr. Luebke to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with seven yes votes and zero no votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Pietrowski moved and Vice Chair Willis seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2020 regular meeting. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with seven yes votes and zero no votes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

RESOLUTION: #R2020-64: MFT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDS FOR 2021 GENERAL MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Mr. Schwartz stated each year the County expends Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds received through the State's distribution formula that are collected when fuel is sold at the pumps. These funds will be utilized for scheduled maintenance projects during 2021. In order for the Department to spend any MFT funds, the County must appropriate said funds and the State of Illinois, through IDOT, must authorize the expenditure. This resolution satisfies that requirement. The County will be using MFT funds for a portion of the salary paid to the maintainers while they are performing maintenance functions on the road. When not working on the road, their salary is paid with local highway tax dollars. MFT funds cannot be utilized for administration or

engineering staff as they do not perform maintenance functions per IDOT's definitions on the County's roadways. MFT funds will also be used for winter maintenance materials (salt), equipment rental, seal coat operations and pavement striping for the coming year. The total funds requesting to be appropriated is \$1,819,900.00, broken out as salary \$676,900; equipment rental \$500,000; winter maintenance \$400,000; seal coat operations \$143,000; and pavement striping \$100,000. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this resolution. **Vice Chair Willis moved and Mr. Osland seconded a motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with seven yes votes and zero no votes.**

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Chairman Plote had no comments at this time.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS: Monthly updates on projects that have made progress since our last report were shared with the Committee.

The McGirr Road Bridge, scheduled to be built during 2021, stands at 90% of the preliminary and 80% of the design engineering complete.

Construction of McNeal Road Bridge is underway and it is 75% complete. Drone pictures were shared highlighting the deck pour for this project. The completion date has been rescheduled for an opening later this year.

Motel Road Bridge construction is underway and the old structure has been removed and cofferdams constructed. Construction completed stands at 5%. The road will be closed for the winter and hopefully be back open by late spring of 2021.

The Suydam Road Bridge stands at 85% complete for the preliminary engineering and 60% complete for design engineering.

Waterman Road project, 3B – drainage improvements near Somonauk Creek, currently stands at 90% preliminary engineering and 85% of the design engineering complete.

Nothing to report for legislative updates from Springfield or Washington due to the elections.

DSATS has offered a position to Brandon Gerber and he is scheduled to begin with the County on Monday, November 9th.

The bike trail along Barber Greene Road is still waiting on right-of-way acquisition and there has been no movement since our last meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Plote stated there was nothing further on the agenda and asked for a motion to adjourn. **A motion was made by Mr. Luebke seconded by Mr. Osland. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with seven yes votes.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Plote
Chairman