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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
April 1, 2021**

A Zoom public meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 6:00pm.

Chairman Plote called the meeting to order at 6:06pm and called for the roll. Committee members present were Mr. Deutsch, Ms. Jones, Vice Chair Luebke and Ms. Willis. Mr. Osland joined the meeting at 6:16pm. Ms. Emmer was absent. The County Engineer, Mr. Nathan Schwartz, Mr. Wayne Davey, Support Services Manager, County Board Member Kathy Lampkins and one other guest were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Vice Chair Luebke and seconded by Mr. Deutsch to approve the agenda but amend it by removing #R2021-27: Award Resolution for 2021 County Hot-Mix Resurface Projects listed under item 3. These County projects were selected for TARP funding and will be presented at a later date. The motion to approve the agenda as amended passed with five yes votes, zero no votes with a roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Willis moved and Vice Chair Luebke seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2021 regular meeting. The motion passed with five yes votes and zero no votes, with a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

RESOLUTION #R2021-24: APPROPRIATION OF MFT FUNDS FOR CHICAGO ROAD, SOUTH FIRST STREET, PERRY ROAD AND WATERMAN ROAD PAVING 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 are budgeted for certain projects throughout the year. 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. South First Street from Perry Road to the City of DeKalb

limits, Perry Road from South First Street to Illinois Route 23 and Waterman Road from Duffy Road to Perry Road (10.78 miles total) will be resurfaced under section 17-00266-00-RS. The estimated cost of this project is \$3,322,644.00, with \$2,717,501.00 in MFT funds programmed for this expenditure. Chicago Road, from Shabbona Road to Illinois Route 23 will be resurfaced under section 13-00066-01-RS with an estimated cost of \$1,350,000.00. An estimated \$675,000.00 in MFT funds has been programmed for this project. Of the total \$3,392,501.00 MFT Funds appropriated, \$2,303,622.00 will be Rebuild Illinois Funds. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of this resolution. **Mr. Deutsch moved and Ms. Jones seconded a motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with five yes votes and zero no votes.**

RESOLUTION #R2021-25: LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MCGIRR ROAD BRIDGE IN PIERCE ROAD DISTRICT

When the County is awarded Federal and/or State funding for a particular project, the County must enter into an agreement with the State in order to spend said funds. The State (IDOT) holds the funds and writes the checks during the construction of these projects while billing the County for our share of the cost. This agreement is for the McGirr Road Bridge in Pierce Road District. The total estimated cost of construction for this project is \$740,000.00 and the County's share is estimated to be \$14,800.00. Mr. Schwartz recommended the County enter into this agreement. **Mr. Deutsch moved and Ms. Willis seconded a motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. The motion passed with six yes votes and zero no votes during a roll call vote.**

AWARD RESOLUTIONS #R2021-26: 2021 ROAD DISTRICT HOT-MIX RESURFACING PROJECTS; #R2021-28: 2021 COUNTY WIDE SEAL COAT AND REJUVENATOR PROJECTS; #R2021-29: BRIDGE/BOX CULVERT REPLACEMENT AND CULVERT PIPE REPLACEMENTS ON SUYDAM, SOUTH FIRST STREET AND WATERMAN ROADS; #R2021-30: RUSSELL WOODS FOREST PRESERVE HOT-MIX PROJECT; AND #R2021-31: 2021 COUNTY WIDE PAVEMENT MARKING PROJECT

Mr. Schwartz stated bids were received and opened for a variety of upcoming County, Road District and Forest Preserve District projects on March 31st. For Resolution #R2021-26, the Road Districts had 10 hot-mix projects that will be utilizing MFT or Rebuild Illinois (RBI) funds. Because of these funding sources, the County Board is required to award these projects. Curran Contracting Company from Crystal Lake, Illinois submitted the low bid meeting specifications in eight of these projects. They are: resurfacing of 1.56 miles of Leland Road under Section 21-02000-02-GM in Clinton Road District for \$158,080.57; resurfacing of 1.94 miles of Airport Road and 0.24 miles of Pritchard Road, under Section 21-03000-01-GM in Cortland Road District for \$225,159.65; resurfacing of 1.18 miles of Webster Road and 0.76 miles of Donny Brook

Lane, Virginia Road and Pioneer Terrace, under Section 21-04000-03-GM in DeKalb Road District for \$260,831.14; resurfacing of 0.34 miles of Kingston Road, under Section 21-07000-03-GM in Kingston Road District for \$42,859.87; resurfacing of 1.02 miles of Keslinger Road, under Section 21-12000-02-GM in Pierce Road District for \$75,260.15; resurfacing of 0.63 miles of Preserve Road, under Section 21-14000-01-GM in Shabbona Road District for \$102,031.13; resurfacing of 1.07 miles of Scott Road/County Line Road and 0.73 miles of Phillips Road, under Section 21-17000-01-GM in Squaw Grove Road District for \$156,848.85 and resurfacing of 2.97 miles of Swanson Road, Boise Place, Tesla Court, Freed Road, Hickory Circle, and Reynolds Road, under Section 21-18000-02-GM in Sycamore Road District for \$231,617.67. Martin & Company Excavating from Oregon, Illinois submitted the low bid meeting specifications in two of these projects. They are: resurfacing of 817 feet of Motel Road, under Section 21-09000-02-GM in Mayfield Road District for \$27,956.00 and resurfacing of 1.03 miles of Keslinger Road, under Section 21-10000-03-GM in Milan Road District for \$57,635.25.

For Resolution #R2021-28, Corrective Asphalt Materials of South Roxana, Illinois submitted the low bid meeting specifications for the application of an estimated 128,071 square yards of rejuvenator-reclamite on various roads in DeKalb County, Genoa Township, DeKalb Township and the City of Sandwich and the City of Sycamore for \$134,500.42. Steffens 3-D Construction of Toluca, Illinois submitted the low bid meeting specifications for seal coating an estimated 9.7 miles of County roadways; an estimated 36.4 miles of Road District roadways and an estimated 3.34 miles of Municipality streets in the amount of \$954,945.77.

For Resolution #R2021-29, Elliott and Wood, Inc. of DeKalb, Illinois and Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon, Illinois, have submitted the low bids meeting specifications. Elliott and Wood, Inc. will be removing and replacing a bridge/box culvert on Suydam Road just west of Somonauk Road and removing and replacing several culverts along South First Street from Perry Road north to the DeKalb City limits in the amount of \$198,000.00. Martin and Company Excavating will be extending the existing 11 x 5 box culvert along Waterman Road over a branch of Somonauk Creek north of Waterman in the amount of \$49,726.00.

For Resolution #R2021-30, Peter Baker and Son Company of Lake Bluff, Illinois submitted the low bid meeting specifications for the placement of a 1.75" lift and a 1.25" lift of hot-mix asphalt surface course and other incidental work on the Russell Woods Forest Preserve Entrance in the amount of \$46,426.14.

For Resolution #R2021-31, America's Parking Remarketing of St. Louis, Missouri submitted the low bid meeting specifications for the edge line and center line pavement markings on all County Roads, various Road District Roads and various Municipals Streets for 192 miles of centerline dash; 138 miles of centerline solid and 290 miles of edge line, in the amount of \$183,048.42.

Mr. Schwartz stated the County has worked with all of these contractors in the past, they have performed well and recommends approval of the recommended award resolutions. **Vice Chair Luebke moved and Mr. Osland seconded a motion to forward the resolutions to the full County Board recommending approval. The motion passed with six yes votes and zero no votes during a roll call vote.**

ORDINANCE #02021-04: ALTERED SPEED LIMIT FOR PEACE ROAD FROM GURLER ROAD NORTH TO CITY OF DEKALB LIMITS

The County Engineer informed the Committee that the Highway Commissioner for DeKalb Road District had requested an engineering study for the purpose of reducing the current 55 MPH speed limit of his portion of Peace Road to 35 MPH. With the construction of the new Facebook Data Center, along with Ferrara Candy Company Distribution Center being relocated to Gurler Road, the City of DeKalb has lowered the existing speed limit on Gurler Road from Illinois Route 23 to east of the existing round-a-bout to 35 MPH. In addition, the City has lowered the speed limit to 35 mph on their portion of Peace Road south of the I-88 Tollway ramps. In order to have a unified speed limit entering into the round-a-bout from all directions, and to have a consistent speed along Peace Road, it has been determined that an altered speed limit of 35 MPH is appropriate in this set of circumstances. Mr. Schwartz recommended the Committee forward the recommended Ordinance to the full County Board recommending approval. **Vice Chair Luebke moved and Ms. Willis seconded a motion to forward the ordinance to the full County Board recommending approval. The motion passed with six yes votes and zero no votes during a roll call vote.**

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Chairman Plote commented on what an honor it was for DeKalb County to be chosen by Governor Pritzker for his first visit out of Springfield when he came to Waterman to announce the next round of Rebuild Illinois Funds to be released by the State. Chairman Plote thanked Mr. Schwartz for his role in making that happen.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:

The transportation improvement progress report was reviewed with the Committee.

- Chicago Road paving project stands at 25% of the preliminary engineering. This project will be let in June and on the June agenda for the Committee's approval.
- McGirr Road Bridge has both the preliminary engineering and the design engineering at 100% complete. This project is scheduled for letting on April 23, 2021 in Springfield.
- New Lebanon Road Bridge, which is on the fast track to be built later this year due to the closure of the bridge by IDOT, stands at 80% complete for the preliminary engineering and 50% complete for the design engineering.
- Plank Road Study remains at 10% complete. IDOT is providing encouraging feedback on the County's plan of action.

- South First Street resurfacing project is being handled in-house. The preliminary engineering is currently at 25%. This project will be let during June and will be on the June agenda for the Committee's approval.

- Suydam Road Bridge is through the preliminary and design engineering stages and the temporary right-of-way acquisition is 100% completed.

- Suydam Road resurfacing from Illinois Route 23 east to Gletty Road is 100% completed for both the preliminary and design engineering phases. This project is scheduled for an April 23, 2021 letting in Springfield.

- Twombly Road upgrade project is in stage two and will be resurfaced this year. Preliminary Engineering stands at 35% and this project is scheduled for a June letting.

- Waterman Road, Phase 3B and 4, will continue with the extension of the box culvert south of McGirr Road. This project was let on March 31, 2021 and the Committee recommended approval of the award to Martin & Company Excavating from Oregon, Illinois earlier. The road resurfacing project will be let during June and on the June agenda for the Committee's approval.

For a legislative update, Springfield has reviewed several proposed bills but very few having any impact on transportation/funding issues have made it out of committee. The County Engineer's Association, through their Legislative Committee which Mr. Schwartz is a member, is tracking a few bills to make sure they provide the best possible benefit to the people if/when passed and become law. In Washington, movement is still being made to get an infrastructure plan in place by September of this year.

DSATS is working on updating the Five Year Transportation Improvement Plan. The public comment period opens on April 2, 2021 and will be open for comments through May 2, 2021. DSATS remains very active in addressing items that have only been dreamed about in the past.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Plote 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 Vice Chair Luebke, seconded by Mr. Osland and passed by a roll call vote with six yes votes and zero no votes.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Plote
Chairman