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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
September 2, 2021**

A public meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 6:00pm.

Chairman Plote called the meeting to order at 6:12pm and called for the roll. Committee members present were Ms. Emmer, Ms. Jones, Vice Chair Luebke, Mr. Osland and Ms. Willis. Mr. Deutsch was absent. The County Engineer, Mr. Nathan Schwartz and Mr. Wayne Davey, Support Services Manager and three other guests were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Ms. Willis to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Emmer seconded that motion. The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Osland moved and Vice Chair Luebke seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular August 5, 2021 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

RESOLUTION #R2021-55: RESOLUTION FOR ANTICIPATION OF TOWNSHIP BRIDGE FUNDS FOR SECTION 15-12119-01-BR, MCGIRR ROAD BRIDGE

Mr. Schwartz explained to the Committee, every year the County receives an allotment of approximately \$160,000.00 for use with the construction and engineering of township bridges in the County. When a township bridge is selected for the township bridge funding the County builds the bridge and covers the expense with available funding sources. As the County receives the township bridge funds from the State of Illinois it then reimburses itself for the county funds spent on township projects. As more township bridges are built the longer the payback period is. When the County anticipates utilizing this funding source on bridge projects it must anticipate such use and create an indebtedness in the Township Bridge fund. This resolution satisfies that requirement. As a matter of record, the County does this type of resolution on almost

every township bridge scheduled for construction. Mr. Schwartz recommends forwarding this resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. **Ms. Emmer moved and Ms. Willis seconded a motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:

The transportation improvement progress report was reviewed with the Committee.

- Chicago Road paving project is underway and is 95% complete. The edge line striping is all that remains to be completed for this project.
- McGirr Road Bridge stands at 70% complete and is on schedule to be completed before harvest.
- Motel Road Bridge is now 100% complete.
- New Lebanon Road Bridge has been moved to the 2022 construction year due to material supply issues.
- Peace Road Bridge widening engineering is moving ahead and is at 12% complete.
- Perry Road resurfacing is being done in conjunction with the South First Street and Waterman Road project – Perry Road is 90% complete.
- Plank Road Study is moving ahead slowly with environmental requirements and still stands at 20% complete.
- South First Street resurfacing project is also at 90% complete.
- Suydam Road resurfacing project is now complete.
- Suydam Road Bridge replacement stands at 60% complete. Work is beginning to form up the deck.
- Twombly Road upgrade has begun with the manhole materials finally arriving. This project stands at 15% complete.
- Waterman Road box culvert extension is complete. Resurfacing is at 10% with the placement of binder course currently underway.

A visual update of the highlighted projects was shared with the committee.

Mr. Schwartz informed the Committee that our salt contract for the coming winter season is being rebid by the State of Illinois. Due to Cargill closing their salt mine located at Avery Island earlier than expected (which was scheduled to close at the end of 2021) they informed the State, that Cargill would be unable to meet its obligations. In light of this turn of events the County can expect considerably higher salt prices for the coming season than we anticipated and budgeted for. Our new price was scheduled to be known on August 23, 2021 but as of this meeting we have heard nothing.

Our old salt shed was in need of repairs as a timber support beam cracked and caused the west wall to lose strength. The beam was repaired by the contractor who constructed our new salt shed and County forces repaired all the broken trusses inside

the shed. A portion of the floor was removed due to critters burrowing under the floor and causing sink holes to appear and probably had something to do with the beam failure. Once the floor is resurfaced the shed will be ready to resume salt storage.

For a legislative update, not much for highway interest is going on in Springfield. At the Federal level, work continues on the infrastructure funding. Negotiations continue.

DSATS is working with IMO to provide updated google views for the entire County. Grant funding is available that would cover 80% of the expense for such a project. DSATS will be the lead in this endeavor and work with IMO and other agencies in the area that would be interested.

Discussion was held concerning the Committee's annual tour of highway projects completed during 2021 and those planned for 2022. A date of September 30, 2021 was the consensus, with September 27, 2021 being a back-up date. More to follow as plans are finalized. The tour will be scheduled from 9:00am to 2:00pm with lunch being provided.

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 Mr. Osland, seconded by Ms. Emmer and passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Plote
Chairman