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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
October 7, 2021**

A public meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 6:00pm.

Chairman Plote called the meeting to order at 6:09pm and called for the roll. Committee members present were Mr. Deutsch, Vice Chair Luebke, Mr. Osland and Ms. Willis. Ms. Emmer and Ms. Jones were absent. The County Engineer, Mr. Nathan Schwartz attended by Zoom, and Mr. Wayne Davey, Support Services Manager was also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Osland moved and Ms. Willis seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular September 2, 2021 meeting and the special September 30, 2021 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ORDINANCE #O2021-10: ORDINANCE REDUCING SPEED LIMIT ON EAST COUNTY LINE ROAD IN THE VILLAGE OF MAPLE PARK FROM ILLINOIS ROUTE 38 NORTH FOR 1,600 FEET

Mr. Schwartz explained to the Committee that the Village of Maple Park had contacted his Office to see if the current 45mph speed zone on East County Line Road north of Route 38 could be lowered. Mr. Schwartz explained the steps needed to be taken and the data needed to be collected in order to support such a request. A speed study was conducted and crash data, pedestrian traffic and conflicts were reviewed for this area. After reviewing the information an engineering study supported the lowering of the current speed zone to 40mph. The Village of Maple Park has requested that the County Engineer proceed with requesting the lower speed limit. Mr. Schwartz recommended the Committee forward this Ordinance to the full County Board recommending approval. **Mr. Osland moved and Vice Chair Luebke seconded a motion to forward this**

Ordinance to the County Board recommending approval. The motion passed unanimously

RESOLUTION #R2021-61: ENCUMBERING REBUILD ILLINOIS FUNDING FOR 2023

Mr. Schwartz explained to the Committee that Springfield was once again requesting an update and official status of Rebuild Illinois Funds being distributed through IDOT. The concern is that after agencies had indicated they needed these extra funds to rebuild critical capital bondable projects, that these needed projects are actually being built. DeKalb County passed an earlier resolution during January of this year encumbering the first four distributions to Chicago Road, Perry Road, Waterman Road and South First Street and those projects have been completed. The final two distributions will be encumbered to the Peace Road bridge widening project scheduled for construction during 2023. The recommended resolution satisfies IDOT's request and Mr. Schwartz recommended the Committee forward this resolution recommending approval. **Ms. Willis moved and Mr. Osland seconded a motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Chairman Plote stated he enjoyed the Annual Highway Tour conducted on September 30th. Good information was provided. Chairman Plote also stated he had just come from a meeting with Representative Keicher and shared this with the Committee. Representative Keicher stated that no matter how bad things look from time to time in the State or the Country remember the United States of America is the wealthiest nation on this planet and please be thankful for what we have.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:

The transportation improvement progress report was reviewed with the Committee.

- Chicago Road paving project is now 100% complete.
 - McGirr Road Bridge is also 100% complete and the road was opened to traffic on September 30th. This project was completed ahead of schedule.
 - Peace Road Bridge widening engineering is moving ahead and still stands at 12% complete.
 - Perry Road and South First Street resurfacing is now 100% complete.
- Waterman Road is sitting at 95% complete as the contractor waits on supply issues concerning the thermoplastic paint needed for the edge line. Centerline has been applied. Some minor curb repair is needed on South First Street due to the paver cracking it when it ran on top of the gutter. This should be corrected shortly.
- Plank Road Study is moving ahead slowly with environmental requirements and still stands at 20% complete.
 - Suydam Road Bridge replacement stands at 65% complete. The deck pour is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, October 12th.

- Twombly Road upgrade is progressing with curb and gutter and sidewalk installation/construction. Once that is completed paving will begin which involves the remaining 45% of this project. This project should be wrapped up shortly.

For a legislative update, not much in way of transportation issues going on in Springfield and not much expected during the upcoming veto session. At the Federal level, work continues on the infrastructure funding. Negotiations continue.

DSATS will be looking to fill the Coordinator position as Mr. Geber has taken a position with IDOT due to his family relocation to Peoria. Mr. Geber did a yeoman's job for the County and will be missed and we wish him all the best. His last day with the County will be October 29th.

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 unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Plote
Chairman