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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Special Highway Committee Minutes  
January 19, 2022**

A special public meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 6:30pm. It was held in the Freedom Room of the Legislative Center located at 200 North Main Street, Sycamore, Illinois 60178.

Chairman Plote called the meeting to order at 6:30pm 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, and Ms. Tasha Sims, Executive Assistant were also present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion made by Mr. Osland and seconded by Ms. Willis to approve the agenda as presented. The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

**RESOLUTION #R2022-01: AWARD RESOLUTION FOR ONE NEW 2022 OR NEWER CAB AND CHASSIS**

The County Engineer explained that bids were received for a new cab and chassis to be purchased during 2022. One bid was received that specified a delivery during 2022. That sole bid was submitted by CIT Trucks, Inc. from Rockford, Illinois. That submission was for a 2023 Mack Granite 64BR series tandem cab and chassis. This truck will have a Mack-Volvo engine and a different suspension from that of our current Mack trucks but the Department does not view these differences to be a problem. There are currently four of these vehicles that are unassigned and production will begin in August with a scheduled October/November delivery date. The bid price did come in a bit under what was expected and Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of the proposed purchase. **Vice Chair Luebke 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 shared an email he received from a County resident complimenting the County Engineer and his Operations Division for the way a concern presented to the Department was addressed.

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:** Mr. Schwartz shared with the Committee that the Department has been awarded \$694,000.00 in TARP funding for the upgrade to Suydam Road from Illinois Route 23 to Rollo Road planned for later this summer.

Recent updates on the Federal Highway Trust Fund show it is insolvent. Thirteen states are trying pilot programs that are an alternative to the flat tax per gallon for gas & diesel. All appear to be based on miles driven. The need for an alternative funding mechanism is based on traditional vehicles becoming more fuel efficient as well as hybrid & electric vehicles becoming more popular. These alternatives were presented to the DeKalb Kishwaukee Kiwanis today during their regular meeting and overall the information presented was received well.

**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 Ms. Willis and passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Plote  
Chairman