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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Highway Committee Minutes
September 1, 2022**

A public meeting of the Highway Committee of the DeKalb County Board was held on Thursday, September 1, 2022, at 6:00pm.

Chairman Plote called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and called for the roll. Committee members present were Mr. Deutsch, Ms. Emmer, Vice Chair Luebke, Mr. Osland, Mr. Reid and Ms. Willis. The County Engineer, Mr. Nathan Schwartz and Ms. Stacy Richardson, Support Services Manager were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Luebke moved and Mr. Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular August 4, 2022 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

RESOLUTION #R2022-212: SOMONAUK ROAD JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER TO TOWN OF CORTLAND FROM NORTH STREET TO BARBER GREENE ROAD

Mr. Schwartz explained that previous Highway Department administration had agreed with the Town to transfer this section of road to the Town of Cortland as subdivision development expanded north. Two years ago, the County executed their portion of the paperwork but the town did not. The Town is now ready to accept the road. As a part of the approval process by IDOT, they would prefer the County's paperwork to be current. Therefore, this is being brought to the County Board again in 2022. This transfer would give the Town of Cortland the control over entrance access points, speed zones, signage, snow plowing and other road maintenance. Mr. Schwartz recommended approval of award. **Mr. Luebke moved and Ms. Emmer seconded a motion to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending approval, motion passed unanimously.**

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Chairman Plote reported the progress on Suydam Road paving with shoulders looks good, noticed the asphalt emulsion sprayed on Leland Road which Mr. Schwartz explained that process to the committee. He mentioned the article that Chicago Road will be closed at the intersection with Gov. Beveridge Highway

to pave the patch where the tile replacement repair occurred earlier this summer. Chairman Plote also brought up recent crashes at Chicago Road & Route 23 and verified that all safety measures we can do are being met.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S COMMENTS:

The Transportation Improvement Progress Report was reviewed with the Committee.

- Peace Road bridge and road widening Phase I with permitting process is moving along
- Pearl Street Bridge is a Village of Kirkland project, no County dollars involved
- Perry Road Bridge is about 50% in preliminary design for next year
- Plank Road Comprehensive Study will be one month or so before ready to reach out for public comment which may include a public meeting as well as a short survey. The committee was informed that some money is being budgeted for 2023 if able to do some spot improvements and possibly start the design work
- Rollo Road culverts are moving forward for 2023 construction
- Suydam Road paving is finishing soon, North 1st Street paving will begin shortly, the fog seal over the seal coat will be applied on Malta Road this week, and the DeKalb Road District paving project will be completed next week

Legislative Update – Nothing to report

DSATS – Still in search of employee

Mr. Schwartz reported he recently attended a national APWA conference where the Sycamore Park District was given a national award for their Great Western Trail Extension Project. The Park District has been awarded the Chicago Chapter APWA Construction Award for a project less than \$5 million for this same project which Mr. Schwartz was part of the land acquisition. Mr. Schwartz shared the future phase plans of an extension to continue from Page Street.

Mr. Schwartz asked the committee for a date to set up the annual Highway Tour which will be opened up for others beyond the Highway Committee members. Wednesday, September 28th was set.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no other business Chairman Plote asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Osland made an adjournment motion that was seconded by Mr. Deutsch, motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Plote
Chairman