

**Highway Committee**  
**March 2, 2023**  
**6:30 PM**  
**DeKalb County Highway Department**  
**1826 Barber Greene Road, DeKalb, Illinois 60115**

**Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Mr. Deutsch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and Ms. Richardson called the roll. Committee members present were Chairman Mr. Deutsch, Ms. Emmer, Mr. Haier, Ms. Ilenikhena, Vice Chairman Mr. Luebke, and Ms. Willis. The County Engineer Mr. Schwartz, Support Services Manager Ms. Richardson, and three guests were also in attendance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the March 3, 2023 Agenda made by Emmer; seconded by Willis; Motion approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Regular Meeting – February 2, 2023**

Motion to approve the February 2, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes made by Willis; seconded by Haier; Motion approved unanimously

**\*Public Comments**

Michael Villalta, resident of Sycamore addressed the committee to inquire on an update of the Plank Road Corridor Study, when the QR code or emails will be sent out for public to respond. He spoke with Sycamore City Manager to confirm that there is money available to maybe tap into with intersection improvement costs. Thank you for trying to push through and supporting the cameras & license plate reader installations in City of Sycamore.

**Resolution #R2023-024: Award Resolution for 2023 General County Letting**

For the bid opening on March 1, 2023, Resolution #R2023-024 involves the establishment of prices for calendar year 2023 for aggregate, patching material, hot-mix asphalt, and liquid calcium chloride. All bids are awarded and the lowest cost for each project is calculated by taking the bid price of a product and adding in the cost of travel from the quarry/plant to the job site. The estimate of cost for the County's portion was \$175,000 and the Road Districts' portion was \$142,000.

**Committee Action: Moved by Willis, Seconded by Ilenikhena and approved unanimously.**

**Resolution #R2023-025: Award Resolution for 2023 Afton Road District Aggregate Project in the amount of \$2,001.00 to Wagner Aggregate Inc. of DeKalb, IL.**

For the bid opening held on March 1, 2023, Resolution #R2023-025 involves the aggregate spread on road for the 2023 project in Afton Road District and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of two bidders in the amount of \$2,001.00 to Wagner Aggregate Inc. of DeKalb, IL. The estimate of cost for the Road District was \$2,100. Mr. Schwartz informed the committee that the County Board needs to approve the use of MFT funds from Road Districts. This applies to the following agenda items also.

**Committee Action: Moved by Haier, Seconded by Emmer and approved unanimously.**

**Resolution #R2023-026: Award Resolution for 2023 Malta Road District Aggregate Project in the amount of \$109,500.00 to Wagner Aggregate Inc. of DeKalb, IL.**

For the bid opening held on March 1, 2023, Resolution #R2023-026 involves the aggregate spread on road for the 2023 project in Malta Road District and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of two bidders in the amount of \$109,500.00 to Wagner Aggregate Inc. of DeKalb, IL. The estimate of cost for the Road District was \$120,000.

**Committee Action: Moved by Luebke, Seconded by Willis and approved unanimously.**

**Resolution #R2023-027: Award Resolution for 2023 Paw Paw Road District Aggregate Project in the amount of \$59,800.00 to Macklin Inc. of Rochelle, IL.**

For the bid opening held on March 1, 2023, Resolution #R2023-027 involves the aggregate spread on road for the 2023 project in Paw Paw Road District and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of two bidders in the amount of \$59,800.00 to Macklin Inc. of Rochelle, IL. The estimate of cost for the Road District was \$62,000.

**Committee Action: Moved by Haier, Seconded by Willis and approved unanimously.**

**Resolution #R2023-028: Award Resolution for 2023 Shabbona Road District Aggregate Project in the amount of \$20,175.00 to Macklin Inc. of Rochelle, IL.**

For the bid opening held on March 1, 2023, Resolution #R2023-028 involves the aggregate spread on road for the 2023 project in Shabbona Road District and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of two bidders in the amount of \$20,175.00 to Macklin Inc. of Rochelle, IL. The estimate of cost for the Road District was \$21,000.

**Committee Action: Moved by Ilenikhena, Seconded by Willis and approved unanimously.**

**Resolution #R2023-029: Award Resolution for 2023 South Grove Road District Aggregate Project in the amount of \$25,125.00 to Wagner Aggregate Inc. of DeKalb, IL.**

For the bid opening held on March 1, 2023, Resolution #R2023-029 involves the aggregate spread on road for the 2023 project in South Grove Road District and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of two bidders in the amount of \$25,125.00 to Wagner Aggregate Inc. of DeKalb, IL. The estimate of cost for the Road District was \$27,500.

**Committee Action: Moved by Emmer, Seconded by Ilenikhena and approved unanimously.**

**Resolution #R2023-030: Award Resolution for 2023 Squaw Grove Road District Aggregate Project in the amount of \$113,750.00 to Macklin Inc. of Rochelle, IL.**

For the bid opening held on March 1, 2023, Resolution #R2023-030 involves the aggregate spread on road for the 2023 project in Squaw Grove Road District and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of two bidders in the amount of \$113,750.00 to Macklin Inc. of Rochelle, IL. The estimate of cost for the Road District was \$98,000.

**Committee Action: Moved by Luebke, Seconded by Willis and approved unanimously.**

**Resolution #R2023-031: Award Resolution for 2023 Victor Road District Aggregate Project in the amount of \$19,435.00 to Macklin Inc. of Rochelle, IL.**

For the bid opening held on March 1, 2023, Resolution #R2023-031 involves the aggregate spread on road for the 2023 project in Victor Road District and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of one bidder in the amount of \$19,435.00 to Macklin Inc. of Rochelle, IL. The estimate of cost for the Road District was \$17,825.

**Committee Action: Moved by Ilenikhena, Seconded by Willis and approved unanimously.**

**Resolution #R2023-032: Award Resolution for 2023 County/Road Districts Drainage Pipe Projects in the amount of \$82,497.06 to Contech Engineering Solutions, LLC of Oak Brook, IL.**

For the bid opening held on March 1, 2023, Resolution #R2023-032 involves the drainage pipes utilized by the County and Road Districts during 2023 for various drainage projects. This resolution awards the low bid meeting specifications out of two bidders in the amount of \$82,497.06 to Contech Engineering Solutions, LLC of Oak Brook, IL. The estimate of cost for the County's portion was \$53,758 and the Road Districts' portion was \$33,624.

**Committee Action: Moved by Haier, Seconded by Willis and approved unanimously.**

**Chairman's Comments - none**

**County Engineers Comments**

- **Monthly Update on Projects**

- Item #3 Glidden Road Intersection at Baseline Road is advancing on schedule.
- Item #5 Pritchard Road Bridge replacement is on schedule with letting next year.
- Item #6 Peace Road widening to Freed Road with bridge replacement and road widening is moving along with construction planned in 2024.
- Item #7 Pearl Street Bridge preliminary engineering will begin the archeological inspection this spring
- Item #9 Perry Road Bridge west of Hinckley Road will be replaced with a concrete box culvert in 2023. Property owners are being contacted in hopes for a June letting.
- Item #10 Plank Road Corridor Study is progressing and in speaking with the consultant, the intentions are to have a grand public comment ready mid-April, with online video and in-person evening gatherings TBD. Based on the capacity and existing safety issues it is looking likely to support the intersection spot improvements at Lindgren Road.
- Item #12 Rollo Road culverts will be replaced this year before paving the road in 2024. This will be designed to widen and lengthen the culvert to better align with the waterway.

- **Legislative Update**

Springfield is quite busy, Senate bills and House bills are now submitted, Mr. Schwartz is reviewing these for wording concerns associated with unintended consequences by the proposed language. He works on this through the county engineers' association and look for concerns that affect roads and important bidding projects at the County level.

- **DSATS Update**

Next week the committee is forwarding the Budget to the Policy Committee for final approval of the next fiscal year Budget which begins in July 2023. Also work on introducing the Transportation Improvement List of all the federally funded construction projects that is required, will anticipation of a May approval.

- **Other Miscellaneous Updates**

- **Office Flooring**

Mr. Schwartz stated the office flooring carpet replacement will be moving forward, it will be under the \$30,000 but still need to go through the procurement process for approval for being over \$5,000.

**Old Business - None**

**New Business**

**a. Consideration of A Letter of Intent to Enter into Land Lease with U.S. Cellular for a Telecommunication Tower of 2,500 SqFt on DeKalb County Highway Department Campus, DeKalb, IL**

Mr. Schwartz explained that the County's Resolution would allow US Cellular to petition the City of DeKalb for a Special Use Permit as the land is within the City limits. This would be an alternate Revenue stream taking some burden off the taxpayers. The Committee's brief discussion focused on who determines how the revenue would be spent. Mr. Schwartz gave a quick wish list for the Department as possible capital projects including addressing the Fuel Depot upgrades necessary for containment, additional storage building at the DeKalb Highway Campus and upgrading the Waterman Shop. The committee consensus was favorable.

**Adjournment at 7:21 p.m.**

**Committee Action: Moved by Willis, Seconded by Ilenikhena and approved unanimously**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stacy Richardson  
Support Services Manager