



Highway Committee

April 6, 2023
6:30PM

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, Vice Chairman Mr. Luebke, and Ms. Willis. The County Engineer Mr. Schwartz, Support Services Manager Ms. Richardson, and five guests were also in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the April 6, 2023 Agenda made by Emmer; seconded by Willis; Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the March 2, 2023 regular Meeting Minutes made by Luebke; seconded by Haier; Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comments

Michael Villalta, resident of Sycamore addressed the committee to follow up on the Plank Road project, asking for the completion date of the Study, asked for specifics on the type of vehicle that will be used to inform the public and when will the study be ready for viewing.

Elizabeth & Paul Losiniecki, residents of Rimsnider Road, Hinckley wished to address a problem they have dealt with for 16 years. They wish to inquire what is the highway department's involvement and when will the survey results be available from the department's visit last month, they are hoping for any assistance with standing storm water on their property.

Resolution R2023-037— A Resolution Awarding the 2023 Highway Department Roof Restoration Project to Energy Resource Roofing, of Chillicothe, Illinois in the amount of \$140,400.

For the bid opening held on April 5, 2023, Resolution R2023-037 involves the cleaning, preparation, waterproofing, and coating of existing 39,000 sq. ft. Highway Department building and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of two bidders in the amount of \$140,400 to Energy Resource Roofing of Chillicothe, Illinois. The estimate of cost for the roof restoration was \$149,997.90.

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

Resolution R2023-038— A Resolution Awarding the 2023 Chicago Road Culvert Replacement Project to Martin & Company Excavating, of Oregon, Illinois in the amount of \$65,923.

For the bid opening held on April 5, 2023, Resolution R2023-038 involves the removal and replacement of existing pipe culvert on Chicago Road, 2.25 miles northwest of Rollo, IL, and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of one bidder in the amount of \$65,923 to Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon, Illinois. The estimate of cost was \$64,300.

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

Resolution R2023-039— A Resolution Awarding the 2023 DeKalb County Seal Coat Project to Helm Civil, of Freeport, Illinois in the amount of \$2,158,149.20.

For the bid opening held on April 5, 2023, Resolution R2023-039 involves the application of 81 miles of seal coating to various County, Township, and Village roads and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of one bidder in the amount of \$2,158,149.20 to Helm Civil of Freeport, Illinois. The estimate of cost was \$2,269,221.95.

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

Resolution R2023-040— A Resolution Awarding the 2023 DeKalb County Pavement Marking Project to Countryman Inc., of Rockford, Illinois in the amount of \$298,239.50.

For the bid opening held on April 5, 2023, Resolution R2023-040 involves the material and application of yellow and white paint pavement markings to various County, Township, and Village roads and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of two bidders in the amount of \$298,239.50 to Countryman Inc., of Rockford, Illinois. The estimate of cost was \$314,473.50.

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

Resolution R2023-041— A Resolution Awarding the 2023 DeKalb County Rejuvenator Project to Corrective Asphalt Material LLC, of South Roxana, Illinois in the amount of \$447,477.42.

For the bid opening held on April 5, 2023, Resolution R2023-041 involves the material and application of Rejuvenator-Reclamite and Rejuvenator-CRF on various roads in County, Township, and Village roads and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of one bidder in the amount of \$447,477.42 to Corrective Asphalt Material LLC, of South Roxana, Illinois. The estimate of cost was \$459,861.15.

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

Since Resolutions R2023-042 through R2023-051 are all similar projects to apply hot-mix asphalt overlays on various highways, the County Engineer suggested they be introduced in a combined motion. All but three of the projects came in under the estimate of cost. After Chairman Deutsch introduced each of the Resolution number and title, the committee acted in one single motion to accept Resolutions R2023-042 through R2023-051.

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

Resolution R2023-042— A Resolution Awarding the 2023 DeKalb County HMA Overlay Project to Advanced Asphalt Co., of Princeton, Illinois in the amount of \$646,313.80.

For the bid opening held on April 5, 2023, Resolution R2023-042 involves the Hot Mix Asphalt overlay for 2.8 miles on West County Line & Lee Roads and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of three bidders in the amount of \$646,313.80 to Advanced Asphalt Co., of Princeton, Illinois. The estimate of cost was \$739,087.

Resolution R2023-043— A Resolution Awarding the 2023 Clinton Road District HMA Overlay Project to Advanced Asphalt Co., of Princeton, Illinois in the amount of \$145,511.45.

For the bid opening held on April 5, 2023, Resolution R2023-043 involves the Hot Mix Asphalt overlay for 1.12 miles in Clinton Road District and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of two bidders in the amount of \$145,511.45 to Advanced Asphalt Co., Princeton, Illinois. The estimate of cost was \$163,931.

Resolution R2023-044— A Resolution Awarding the 2023 Cortland Road District HMA Overlay Project to Curran Contracting Company, of Crystal Lake, Illinois in the amount of \$341,362.30.

For the bid opening held on April 5, 2023, Resolution R2023-044 involves the Hot Mix Asphalt overlay for 2.02 miles in Cortland Road District and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of two bidders in the amount of \$341,362.30 to Curran Contracting Company, of Crystal Lake, Illinois. The estimate of cost was \$355,905.

Resolution R2023-045— A Resolution Awarding the 2023 Franklin Road District HMA Overlay Project to Martin & Company Excavating, of Oregon, Illinois in the amount of \$65,542.50

For the bid opening held on April 5, 2023, Resolution R2023-045 involves the Hot Mix Asphalt overlay for 0.49 miles in Franklin Road District and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of three bidders in the amount of \$65,542.50 to Martin & Company Excavating, of Oregon, Illinois. The estimate of cost was \$63,019.

Resolution R2023-046— A Resolution Awarding the 2023 Pierce Road District HMA Overlay Project to Curran Contracting Company, of Crystal Lake, Illinois in the amount of \$170,302.70.

For the bid opening held on April 5, 2023, Resolution R2023-046 involves the Hot Mix Asphalt overlay for 1.88 miles in Pierce Road District and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of one bidder in the amount of \$170,302.70 to Curran Contracting Company, of Crystal Lake, Illinois. The estimate of cost was \$173,959.

Resolution R2023-047— A Resolution Awarding the 2023 Shabbona Road District HMA Overlay Project to Martin & Company Excavating, of Oregon, Illinois in the amount of \$72,151.80.

For the bid opening held on April 5, 2023, Resolution R2023-047 involves the Hot Mix Asphalt overlay for 0.30 miles in Shabbona Road District and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of four bidders in the amount of \$72,151.80 to Martin & Company Excavating, of Oregon, Illinois. The estimate of cost was \$74,807.50.

Resolution R2023-048— A Resolution Awarding the 2023 South Grove Road District HMA Overlay Project to Martin & Company Excavating, of Oregon, Illinois in the amount of \$87,408.50.

For the bid opening held on April 5, 2023, Resolution R2023-048 involves the Hot Mix Asphalt overlay for 0.28 miles in South Grove Road District and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of four bidders in the amount of \$87,408.50 to Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon, Illinois. The estimate of cost was \$96,786.00.

Resolution R2023-049— A Resolution Awarding the 2023 Squaw Grove Road District HMA Overlay Project to Curran Contracting Company, of Crystal Lake, Illinois in the amount of \$137,775.92.

For the bid opening held on April 5, 2023, Resolution R2023-049 involves the Hot Mix Asphalt overlay for 1.22 miles in Squaw Grove Road District and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of one bidder in the amount of \$137,775.92 to Curran Contracting Company of Crystal Lake, Illinois. The estimate of cost was \$131,932.

Resolution R2023-050— A Resolution Awarding the 2023 Sycamore Road District HMA Overlay Project to Peter Baker & Son Co., of Lake Bluff, Illinois in the amount of \$532,320.96.

For the bid opening held on April 5, 2023, Resolution R2023-050 involves the Hot Mix Asphalt overlay for 3.99 miles in Sycamore Road District and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of two bidders in the amount of \$532,320.96 to Peter Baker & Son Co. of Lake Bluff, Illinois. The estimate of cost was \$531,262.50.

Resolution R2023-051— A Resolution Awarding the 2023 Victor Road District HMA Overlay Project to Curran Contracting Company, of Crystal Lake, Illinois in the amount of \$200,812.92.

For the bid opening held on April 5, 2023, Resolution R2023-051 involves the Hot Mix Asphalt overlay for 1.0 mile and the Township Parking Lot in Victor Road District and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of one bidder in the amount of \$200,812.92 to Curran Contracting Company of Crystal Lake, Illinois. The estimate of cost was \$188,372.

Considerations/Discussion Items

Mr. Schwartz shared that the 2023 Budget allows for a \$300,000 excavator purchase. He explained to the committee that at this time Operations would find it more beneficial to purchase a mini excavator at approx. \$150,000 and then also make a repair to the existing excavator and extend its life for another 5-7 years. A mini excavator would be more versatile for smaller projects such as driveway culvert replacements. Using a mini excavator would extend the life of the current full-size excavator. It would also be easier to transport between job sites without the need for a large truck and long trailer. Since this is an asset purchase change, Administration asks that the Committee concur. Chairman Deutsch received the consensus from all and informed Mr. Schwartz to move forward.

Chair's Comments - none

County Engineer's Comments

- Monthly Update on Projects
 - Mr. Schwartz first addressed the visitor's questions that relate to his monthly updates. The Plank Road Corridor Study is taking longer than a simple study because we are completing steps required for future federal funding. The consultants are working on three public outreach episodes, the first will be the biggest one probably on May 18th, the day after the County Board meeting. Plans will be to hold it at the Gathertorium where video can be seen in two other rooms if necessary for any overflow. A website for public comments along with information using several media outlets such as the newspaper, radio, home-owners associations, and schools is in the planning. The consultant will take the research, narrow to a couple options before again taking public comment on those options, then present a final option to the Board based on a third and final public outreach.
 - Mr. Schwartz addressed public comments pertaining to Rimsnider Road. He informed the committee that Highway Commissioners may ask for his assistance but he cannot tell the Road District how or what to do as they are elected officials. He can make recommendations like he does for Community Development (P&Z), in the capacity of Stormwater Management by providing information only. Regarding the recent survey work, our engineering staff collected data and provided elevations of the flow lines of the ditches. When the final data is ready to be presented, it will be sent to the Highway Commissioner and to the property owner as requested in a FOIA.
 - Item #3 Glidden Road Intersection at Baseline Road east side ROW is acquired and plats ready for owners to register new ROW.

- Item #5 Pritchard Road Bridge is almost ready for land acquisition steps.
- Item #6 Peace Road widening to Freed Road with a bridge replacement and road widening is moving along with construction planned in 2024.
- Item #7 Pearl Street Bridge is the City of Kirkland's project. A grant will pay 80% of the construction costs to replace bridge while County federal bridge dollars will be used for preliminary engineering.
- Item #9 Perry Road Bridge will be replaced with a box culvert, the ROW land acquisition should wrap up soon as land property owners are in favor, a guardrail will not have to be installed due to its length.
- Item #12 Rollo Road culvert replacements should be let this summer, ROW property owners are in favor of the projects, guardrail not required at these locations either.

- Legislative Update
Mr. Schwartz shared that he is helping to provide County Engineer's feedback on legislation such as low-speed electric scooters and remote-control delivery boxes impact on 55 mph roadways.
- DSATS Update
It is public comment period now on the TIP for SFY2024-2028.
DSATS will be using an intern this summer.
The Google Street View project has received great publicity, The Federal Highway Administration wants to write a magazine article on it.
- Other Miscellaneous Updates
The intern that worked with the Engineering Dept last summer will be returning this summer.
- Annual Report
As part of this evening's handouts, you were given a partial Annual Report, at the Wednesday Committee of the Whole meeting you will receive a revised full report.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Adjournment at 7:58 pm

Committee Action: Moved by Emmer, seconded by Willis and approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Richardson
Support Services Manager