



Highway Committee

June 1, 2023
6:30PM

DeKalb County Highway Department
1826 Barber Greene Road
DeKalb, Illinois 60115
MEETING MINUTES

Chair Deutsch called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and Ms. Richardson called the roll. Committee members present were Chair Deutsch, Ms. Emmer, Mr. Haier, Ms. Ilenikhena, Vice Chair Luebke, Mr. Marcinkowski and Ms. Willis. The County Engineer Mr. Schwartz, Support Services Manager Ms. Richardson and Mr. Brian Gregory, County Administrator were also in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the June 1, 2023 Agenda made by Luebke; seconded by Ilenikhena; Motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the May 4, 2023 regular Meeting Minutes made by Willis; seconded by Haier; Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Executive Session

Motion by Ilenkhena and seconded by Luebke to enter into executive session Per 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1)—Personnel. Roll call vote to enter executive session was taken with seven yes votes and Zero no votes at 6:34 pm.

Motion by Luebke and seconded by Willis to return to open session. After roll call adjournment vote was taken with seven yes votes and Zero no votes the Committee returned to regular session at 6:54 pm.

Resolution R2023-065—A Resolution Requesting Consent to the Reappointment of the Incumbent Nathan F. Schwartz, P.E. as County Engineer.

This resolution is to request consent of the Department of Transportation to the reappointment of Incumbent Nathan F. Schwartz, P.E. as County Engineer.

It was moved by Willis, seconded by Emmer and was approved by voice vote to forward the Resolution to the full County Board recommending their approval.

Resolution R2023-066—A Resolution Reappointing Nathan F. Schwartz, P.E. to the position of County Engineer for Six-Year Term Effective June 25, 2023.

This resolution is to reappoint Nathan F. Schwartz, P.E. to the position of DeKalb County Engineer for Six-Year Term Effective June 25, 2023.

It was moved by Ilenkhena, seconded by Luebke and was approved by voice vote to forward the Resolution to the full County Board recommending their approval.

Resolution R2023-067— A Resolution Awarding the purchase of a new 6-Ton Class Compact Excavator to CSR Bobcat, Inc, of DeKalb, IL in the amount of \$101,047.42.

For the bid opening held on May 31, 2023, Resolution #R2023-067 involves the purchase of a new 6-Ton Class Compact Excavator and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of three bidders in the amount of \$82,681.50 to CSR Bobcat, Inc. of DeKalb, IL.

Provision of three available options added: Plate compactor \$6,528.90, 40” flail mower \$10,761.70 and 3-tined grapple \$1,075.32. Total cost with the 3 options is \$101,047.42. The estimate of cost was \$140,000.00.

It was moved by Haier, seconded by Willis and was approved by voice vote to forward the Resolution to the full County Board recommending their approval.

Resolution R2023-068 – A Resolution Awarding Afton Road District Culvert Pipes Replacement Project to Martin & Company Excavating, of Oregon, IL in the amount of \$143,544.

For the bid opening held on May 31, 2023, Resolution #R2023-068 involves the removal and replacement of existing pipe culverts on McGirr Road and awards the low bid meeting specifications out of three bidders in the amount of \$143,544.00 to Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon, IL. The estimate of cost was \$146,550.00. This is paid with the Road District MFT funds.

It was moved by Haier, seconded by Emmer and was approved by voice vote to forward the Resolution to the full County Board recommending their approval.

Resolution R2023-069 – A Resolution to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Engineering Services for the Village of Kingston, Illinois in DeKalb County, Illinois.

This Resolution enters into an IGA with the Village of Kingston for the engineering services of general maintenance projects overseen by the DeKalb County Engineer. This IGA will provide engineering services for GM projects for the maintenance and repairs of certain streets within the Village of Kingston. The Village of Kingston is the tenth of fourteen municipalities to enter into an IGA with the County.

It was moved by Luebke, seconded by Willis and was approved by voice vote to forward the Resolution to the full County Board recommending their approval.

Considerations/Discussion Items

Overview of 2024 Scheduled Equipment Replacement – Mr. Schwartz presented the draft of the 5-year equipment replacement plan. It is noted that there was not a dump truck purchased in 2023 due to market conditions. Therefore, that item is carried over into 2024. This results in two trucks in the next budget year. These types of trucks are on a 10-12 year replacement cycle, depending on the condition of the equipment.

Overview of 2024 Scheduled Construction Projects – Mr. Schwartz outlined several major projects for the next 5 years throughout the County, which are updated on his monthly TIP comments. He stated the equipment and construction projects may be shifted slightly before the official budget submittal. No action is needed for these 5-year plans. They are presented in June in advance of the final budget submittal.

Chair’s Comments – none

County Engineer's Comments

- Monthly Update on Projects
 - Mr. Schwartz went through several of the projects on the monthly Transportation Improvement Program.
 - Item #3 Glidden Road Intersection at Baseline Road: east side getting new ROW; plats are being drawn. Preliminary engineering goal will be for a spring letting to combine with the 2024 Glidden Road paving project.
 - Item #6 Peace Road widening to Freed Road includes a bridge replacement and road widening north of Rt 64. The plans are getting closer in finalizing details with construction planned in 2024.
 - Item #7 Pearl Street Bridge is the Village 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 ROW paperwork is being updated. Property owners affected are in favor and support the project which should have an August letting.
 - Item #10 Plank Road Study's last input date is today. There were approx. 80 in attendance at the Public Meeting on May 18th. Over the last few weeks, Mr. Schwartz has met with the school & city administrations and another meeting with several agricultural landowners along Plank Road for their input. Graphs were shared to show the Summary of all comments(up to 5/31/23) emphasizing the traffic control, safety, congestion and speed enforcement as the highest percentages of the pie graph. Comments gathered seem to be lining up with what data shows.
 - Item #12 Rollo Road culvert replacements will be later this year. The two property owners affected are in favor of the project and will be donating the ROW. The final plats were just received.
 - Item #15 County HMA on West County Line & part of Lee Road overlay projects are ready for construction.
 - Item #17 Township HMA projects have begun this week in Sycamore & Pierce Townships.
- Legislative Update

Mr. Schwartz shared that the State budget has been sent to the Governor in Springfield. The County Engineers and Township Officials are working in requesting that House Bill 2781 give the Township Bridge Program (TBP) its first increase (since its instituted in 1979) in its annual allocation from \$15M to \$60M. Construction of bridge dollars does not go as far these days. This money currently comes from existing vehicle registrations to IDOT and not the gas tax or a new tax. The budget submitted to the Governor includes the increase to TBP as IDOT is in support of this funding change.
- DSATS Update

DSATS is using an intern this summer. Mr. Schwartz and the intern are currently working on the written documentation on the 2022 Pavement Condition Study for the public.
- Other Miscellaneous Updates

It seems the water is receding at the intersection of Barber Greene Road and Peace Road. An adjacent property owner will be working on tile replacements on his land. The Highway Department will continue to monitor the area field tiles.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Adjournment at 7:36 pm

Committee Action to Adjourn: Moved by Emmer; seconded by Ilenikhena; motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Richardson
Support Services Manager