



Highway Committee

August 3, 2023

6:30PM

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

Chair Deutsch called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and Ms. Richardson called the roll. Committee members present were Chair Deutsch, Mr. Haier, Ms. Ilenikhena, Vice Chair Luebke, Mr. Marcinkowski and Ms. Willis. Ms. Emmer was absent. The County Engineer Mr. Schwartz, Support Services Manager Ms. Richardson, and one guest were also in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the August 3, 2023 Agenda made by Ilenikhena; seconded by Luebke; Motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the June 1, 2023 regular Meeting Minutes made by Willis; seconded by Marcinkowski; Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comments

Michael Villalta, resident of Sycamore addressed the committee to follow up on the Plank Road Realignment Study Project. Mr. Villalta wanted to express how encouraged he is to hear the updates given on this project and learn potential Safe Routes To Schools grants may be available. He is thankful for the support Mr. Schwartz and this committee have given and ask for continued communication.

Resolution R2023-077—A Resolution Approving a Joint Funding Agreement for State Let Contract for Perry Road Bridge.

This resolution is to enter into an agreement with the State of Illinois for the use of federal State Only & LBFP-OFF funds for the improvements to structure #019-3043 on Perry Road. This resolution replaces some of the language of previously passed Resolution R2023-058 (null and voids), original "COVID" has been replaced with "STATE ONLY" and "as much as needed" statement included as directed by IDOT.

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.

Resolution R2023-078 – A Resolution Awarding the 2023 Rollo Road Culvert Replacements Project to Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon, IL in the amount of \$825,477.25.

For the bid opening held on August 2, 2023, Resolution #R2023-078 involves the removal and replacement of existing culverts on Rollo Road and awards the low bid meeting specification out of 2 bidders in the amount of \$825,477.25 to Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon, IL. The estimate of cost was \$933,247.00.

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

Considerations/Discussion Items – Budget

The Department's proposed 2024 Budget was presented to the Committee. Mr. Schwartz provided the Committee with an overview of the seven different budgets that ultimately are to be approved by the County Board. Equipment purchases and planned construction projects were updated from the lists presented at the June meeting, with the Somonauk Road culvert project moved to FY2024 and the cost of one piece of equipment increased. Individual budgets were reviewed, highlighting and explaining any items that listed a significant increase/decrease over last year, as shown on the Variance Form V which identifies changes of 10% or over \$1,000. Mr. Schwartz stated that as Committee Members review the budgets, any questions they might have, can be addressed to himself or Ms. Richardson. The budget was submitted to Administration on July 31st.

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, the items highlighted in red are those having updates.
 - Item #3 Glidden Road Intersection at Baseline Road: Preliminary engineering goal will be for a spring letting to combine as one with the 2024 Glidden Road paving safety shoulders project.
 - Item #6 Peace Road widening to Freed Road includes a bridge replacement and road widening north of Rt 64. The plans are moving forward in hopes for 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 the bridge while County federal bridge dollars will be used for preliminary engineering.
 - Item #9 Perry Road Bridge box culvert replacement project, property owners affected are in favor and support the project, donating the ROW, the letting will probably happen in 2023 but construction may not start until 2024.
 - Item #11 Plank Road Improvement is continuing with the public comments being evaluated from the open house. Comments gathered seem to be lining up with what data shows, pointing to a possible roundabout option for the intersection at Lindgren Road. It would mean no traffic signal to cause backups during red lights. It would slow down traffic to about 15 mph as it travels the intersection for this spot improvement to the roadway.
 - Item #12 Rollo Road culvert replacements letting was this week with construction planned for this fall by Martin & Company Excavating.
 - Item #15 County overlay project on West County Line & part of Lee Road is completed.
 - Item #16 Seal coat projects are being swept with just the fog coat to complete yet.
 - Item #17 One Road District HMA paving project needs to be completed.
- Legislative Update

Mr. Schwartz shared that the State budget has been sent to the Governor in Springfield. The County Engineers and Township Officials helped with House Bill 2781 that will give the Township Bridge Program (TBP) its first increase since it was instituted in 1979. The annual allocation will go from \$15M to \$60M. Construction of bridge dollars does not go as far these days. If the original funding kept up with inflation, it would be approximately \$54M this year. The adjustment to \$60M instead of \$54M accounts for the expected inflation over the next few years. This money currently comes from existing vehicle registrations to IDOT and not the gas

tax or a new tax. The budget submitted in July to the Governor included this increase to TBP as IDOT is in support of this funding change.

- **DSATS Update**
DSATS is using an intern this summer to assist on projects including the written documentation on the 2022 Pavement Condition Study for the public. This intern is doing a good job.
- **Other Miscellaneous Updates**
The finance office staff has been extremely helpful and very efficient in assisting with an off-cycle payment to enable moving forward on the purchase of ROW requested.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Adjournment at 8:11 pm

Committee Action to Adjourn: Moved by Luebke; seconded by Haier; motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Richardson
Support Services Manager