



MACON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES

January 23, 2013

The Macon County Transportation Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. located at the Macon County Office Building, 141 S. Main St., Decatur, IL.

Transportation Committee Members Present:

David Williams

Kevin Meachum

Gary Minich

Susanna Zimmerman

Kevin Bird

Jerry Potts

Highway Department Support Staff Present:

Mark Funk, Road Supervisor

Amanda Askew, Office Assistant

Others Present:

Mike Baggett, Asst. States Attorney

Eric R. Minich, South Wheatland Dist. 2

Mark Wicklund

Jay Dunn, County Board Chairman

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair David Williams at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

David Williams

Kevin Meachum

Gary Minich

Susanna Zimmerman

Kevin Bird

Jerry Potts

Approval of the Minutes:

Kevin Meachum made a motion to approve the minutes from November 28, 2012, seconded by Kevin Bird. Motion Carried 6-0

Approval of the Bills:

Gary Minich made a motion to accept the bills as presented, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman. Motion Carried 6-0

No Public Comments

Old Business

Bruce stated at the last meeting you were asking about the issues with the utility permits. I spoke with Mary Eaton about that, we do not have permits like that to frequently. And she said that she would be more than happy to join me or one of my engineering staff to go and hunt the needed information down. It would not be a problem.

New Business

Resolution appropriating funds for engineering expenses on the Drummer Road Bridge Condition Study. Motion made by Jerry Potts, seconded by Gary Minich. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution appropriating funds for engineering expenses on Sefton Road (CH 60) Bridge Replacement Project. Kevin Meachum stated the engineering firm that is doing this, I have had some difficulties with and I believe that until they start providing better services I will be voting no. Bruce Bird stated the firm is URS. I know Kevin has had some issues on his project; the whole time I have been with the County I have never had a problem with them. Motion made by Jerry Potts, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman. Motion carried 5-1. (No-Kevin Meachum)

Resolution appropriating funds for construction expenses on the Firehouse Road Bridge Repair Project. Motion made by Jerry Potts, seconded by Gary Minich. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution appropriating funds for construction expenses on Washington Street Bridge Repair Project. Motion made by Jerry Potts, seconded by Gary Minich. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution appropriating funds for construction expenses on the Kenney Road (CH 21) Bridge Replacement Project. Motion made by Jerry Potts, seconded by Gary Minich. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Decatur and various Townships for Micro-Surfacing Projects. Bruce stated this is pooling our resources between the City, County and Townships for bidding out the Micro-Surfacing. If you have a higher quantity you will get a cheaper price. Motion made by Kevin Bird, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman. Motion carried 5-0. Kevin Meachum is abstained from voting on this resolution due to his involvement with this project.

Resolution appropriating funds for the 2013 Annual MFT Maintenance program. Bruce explained that this is just for rock, oil, and salt, striping and things along that line. Motion made by Jerry Potts, seconded by Kevin Bird. Motion carried 6-0

Resolution approving the 2013 Annual sign and Sign Post Bid. Motion made by Kevin Meachum, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman. Motion carried 6-0

Resolution approving the 2013 Annual Culvert Bid. Motion made by Jerry Potts seconded by Susanna Zimmerman. Motion carried 6-0

Resolution to Dispose of Equipment. Jay Dunn asked Bruce to go over the policy we have for disposing of vehicles. If I remember right we offer that to the Townships and Municipalities first. If they do not but it what is the next step. Bruce replied we put it out to bid to the public. If that does not happen we take it to the auction or scrap it depending on the condition of the vehicle. The Blazer has about 128,000 and the Ford is about 100,000. Motion made by Susanna Zimmerman, seconded by Jerry Potts. Motion carried 6-0

County Engineer's Report:

Bruce Bird gave a presentation that the County Engineers Association put together on local road funding. This presentation concluded that going forward the revenue stream should be based upon vehicle miles traveled. If we are putting in 38.2% of the vehicle miles traveled in the system we should get that share of the revenue back to maintain the road. I and all the County Engineers around are going to take this to our legislators.

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All of our construction projects are shut down for the winter. Country Club Road is done up to the entrance to the Children's Museum from the south. We have had a lot of positive comments about that stretch of road. We will start back up as soon as the weather breaks in a couple of months.

Jay, Linda Little and myself met with Bill Mitchell yesterday concerning the total cost of the project on Elwin Road. Bill got us the earmark for \$3 million dollars the total cost was just a shade over \$3.4. We went to him and asked if there was any way to get any additional funding and he said yes. We have got 100% of that project in, done, complete, and paid for by the state.

We are looking to buy a truck this year and talking with a lot of the other Counties, we have always used IDOT's specs through CMS, and they do not like the CMS specs because they think they are too light. We have a lot of examples from other Counties and convinced that the best choice for us is to put together our own specs. I have got 7-8 go by's that are very good solid specs to go through. I would like to have the option out there to see what else is out there besides what is on the CMS state bid. We seem to be having a lot of mechanical issues on vehicles that are way too new to have that problem. I would just like some insight from the committee if that is the way they would prefer us to go. The committee came to a consensus for Bruce to proceed with this.

No Miscellaneous Business:

Mark Wicklund spoke about the Rural Transit Meeting that was held prior to our Transportation Meeting. They did not go over the gray areas this time. Attendance did go down during the holidays but it is picking back up. We are just working on state paperwork and some other bus issues that they are having. The whole program is moving pretty good. We are trying to work out an arrangement with the City to discuss the urban area with them. They have not got back to us yet. The next meeting will be held February 27, 2013 at 3:30.

No Closed Session

Adjourn:

Jerry Potts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman. Motion Carried 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

The next Transportation Meeting held at the Macon County Office Building will be Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Kathy Gerhold & Amanda Askew
Macon County Highway Department