



MACON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES

October 23, 2013

The Macon County Transportation Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, October 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

Jerry Potts

Susanna Zimmerman

Kevin Meachum

Gary Minich

Transportation Committee Members Absent:

Keith Ashby

Kevin Bird

Highway Department Support Staff Present:

Joe Moretti, Assistant County Engineer

Amanda Askew, Office Assistant

Mark Funk, Road Supervisor

Others Present:

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

Jerry Potts

Susanna Zimmerman

Approval of the Minutes:

Gary Minich made a motion to approve the minutes from September 25, 2013, seconded by Kevin Meachum. Motion Carried 5-0

Approval of the Bills:

Kevin Meachum made a motion to accept the bills as presented, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman. Motion Carried 5-0

Public Comments

Kevin Meachum asked Joe if he seen the letter in the editorial this morning. Joe replied yes, I did. Kevin Meachum asked what that was about. Joe Moretti replied people are so used to driving straight off of that street that they just cannot get past it yet. It is just going to take time. Now, the City has been contacted to add a stop ahead sign and it looks like they have put some markings out there. I believe that they are going to put delineators' around that little radius. The biggest part is that people are just not happy. They used to be able to fly through there and go straight and now they have to make that turn and come to a stop. Jay Dunn stated you actually get a better view of the traffic. Joe Moretti stated that is the whole idea of bringing it in at a right angle to the curve. Kevin Meachum stated I knew it had to be 32nd Street and not 34th Street. Joe agreed, yes she had that wrong. Kevin Meachum stated I just

wanted to see if you have already addressed it that is all. Joe Moretti replied yes, we have been fielding calls for about 3 weeks now.

No Old Business

New Business:

Resolution appropriating funds for engineering for the Hickory Point Township Spacemark extension project.

Motion made by Jerry Potts, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman. Kevin Meachum asked if this was a bridge job? Joe Moretti stated no, they are going to put a turn lane and a small road in to access a business out there off of Route 51 north of Forsyth. David Williams stated it is Spacemark, they are about a mile north of Forsyth on the east side of the highway. We are basically as Bruce had explained it the funding stream is coming from the state to us and once it is done we will turn it over to Hickory Point Township. We do not have any out-of-pocket expenses on this. Joe Moretti stated this is 100% funded by the money from Mitchell, Illinois Jobs Now. Motion carried 5-0

Resolution approving the funding agreement with IDOT on the Hickory Point Township Spacemark Road extension project.

Motion made by Gary Minich, seconded by Kevin Meachum. Joe Moretti stated this is just the agreement to transfer the funds with the state. Motion carried 5-0

David Williams stated the letter I had emailed to everyone just reflects with Kevin Bird being the Road Commissioner, there was a potential conflict there, but since Mr. Bird is not here we do not have to worry about that.

Resolution approving the disposal of equipment.

Motion made by Jerry Potts, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman. Jay Dunn asked how do you determine when you are going to get rid of these tractors the value of them. Mark Funk stated we have an industrial magazine that we get. They have prices in there on what they are selling, we look for whatever equipment is comparable on the year and hours and then we go off of that. David Williams asked if these were offered to Townships and Municipalities first and then to the public if they do not take advantage of them. Mark Funk replied these are ones that we are probably going to use for trade-in. Our skid steer has thrown craps, too many years of being in the salt pile. We need to get another one because it is a very handy piece of equipment. We would like to use these tractors to trade in towards that so we get a better price. David Williams asked we are talking about the mowing tractors because I know in the email I got from Bruce talks about how these were surplus since we lease the others. Mark Funk replied correct these are surplus mowers that are actually too small to run our batwings. Motion carried 5-0

County Engineer's Report:

Joe Moretti stated all of our projects are complete. The bridge on Ocean Trail that we did for the Township just finished up. The one up on County Highway 21 and of course Country Club Road has been open a little bit. We have got a little bit more on the punch list to do to finish it up. In general we are wrapping things up and working on our final papers to get contracts wrapped up.

Mark Funk stated the maintenance crews have been mowing; we have had to stop to replace a couple culverts. They are mostly trying to finish up the mowing. We are also using our ditcher to dig ditches and try to get some of our water problems taken care of so we can keep the water off the road.

David Williams stated I know in the email that we all got from Bruce he talked about the truck fees from last month. Some counties charge more than IDOT but most of these that do charge permit fees charge what IDOT does. Joe Moretti stated he did give me a couple of printouts that he got from different Counties. Basically that is what is shows is the majority are following the state's fee schedule. Kevin Meachum stated I would like to see the Bruce go ahead and get a policy put together reflecting what he feels is in the best interest of the County that we can look at an take action on, next month. The committee agreed with that.

Miscellaneous Business

David Williams stated I have one thing that we passed out that came from the earlier meeting of the Rural Transportation. It shows the ridership for Show Bus. Before the meeting some folks commented on the ridership from Illiopolis and Latham. I can tell you that Show Bus does what Piattran and others do, if they pass through a community or town that is not in the County, but there are folks interested in riding, they will go ahead and pick them up. Gary Minich stated that the 262 represents a pretty significant increase. David Williams stated yes, it does. Jerry Potts asked on the Decatur line it shows 69, is that just somewhere here in Decatur to somewhere in Decatur? Kevin Meachum stated it could be a Decatur address. David Williams agreed because the City of Decatur was in that grey area that the Decatur Public Transportation serves. There were some of the collar areas to Decatur like around Harristown and Mt. Zion was in the grey area. I am not certain what has happened there. That is a good question. I will send an email to Laura Dick and ask her and then forward it on to you folks.

No Closed Session

Adjourn:

Jerry Potts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kevin Meachum. Motion Carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

The next Transportation Meeting will be Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

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