

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

**5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Patty Cox  
Kevin Greenfield  
Kevin Meachum  
Kevin Bird  
Phil Hogan  
Pat Dawson  
John Jackson

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Bruce Bird, County Engineer  
  
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patty Cox at the Macon County Office Building.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to approve the October 28, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Hogan, motion carried 7-0.

**CLAIMS**

Mr. Kevin Bird made a motion to accept the report of the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Greenfield, and the motion carried 7-0.

**Public Comments** - None

**Old Business** - None

**New Business:**

***Macon County Board Resolution appropriating funds for the purchase of Right of Way on the CH41 Whitetopping Project from Ameren Illinois***

Bruce Bird explained that this is for a small parcel of ground. The total is \$1,300. There is a dedication of right of way for public road purposes from that Ameren uses that we have to get passed and sent to them so they can get it signed and back to us. Once we get that back, we can pay them.

Mr. Kevin Bird made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Greenfield and the motion carried 7-0.

**County Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Bruce Bird reported most of the past month has spent doing a lot of ditch work in the county, concentrating on areas where there is flooding problems. Quite a bit of work was done including some projects that have been on the books for about 2 years. Conditions were not right, because it was not dry enough, but it was dry enough this fall that they could get into some places and get things done. However, the weather over the past few days has pretty much closed that down because it is now wet and the dirt is wet and cold and will probably not dry out now until probably May. The crews will be switching over to crack sealing.

The trucks are set up for snow work. It is in the forecast over the next ten days. The salt is ready to go too. If it comes, it will be taken care of. Mr. Greenfield asked if there were plenty of snowbirds. Mr. Bruce Bird confirmed that he did and had added a couple that had come in last week. They've been put on the docket and there will be plenty. He explained that there will be about 5 or 6 on the books, but there is no guarantee that they will be used. It depends on the storm. Ms. Dawson asked what the requirements are. Mr. Bird said a CDL and some experience. Mr. Greenfield asked if all of the employees have their CDL. Mr. Bird confirmed that they do as it is a requirement of the job.

Mr. Greenfield asked if Stuart was being used. Mr. Bird updated the committee saying that he had finally gotten approval back yesterday to go ahead and proceed. He started yesterday and Mark was in, they worked together and it worked out really well. It's working out great so far.

Mr. Meachum asked if the State has given the county any fuel tax money since July. Mr. Bird said no. He said the local roads office can't tell exactly how much each month is, but they can tell by percentage. For example, they'll say a month is 18.2% more than June and another month is 18.6% more than June, so it's pretty easy to figure out. So far, we are missing in excess of \$560,000.

**Miscellaneous Business:** none

**Closed Session:** none needed

**Adjourn:**

*The next Transportation Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, December 23, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.*

Mr. Meachum made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jackson, the motion carried 7-0 & meeting was adjourned @ 5:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office