

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

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

Stuart Jacobs

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. Meachum made a motion to approve the June 22, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Jackson, motion carried 7-0.

CLAIMS

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

Public Comments - None

Old Business - None

New Business:

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds to County Contractors for the CH18 School Road Bridge Repair

Mr. Bird explained that this bridge sits just east of Cemetery Road. The outside beams are falling apart. They are being removed and new ones are being put back on.

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

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds to County Contractors for the CH30 Baker Road Bridge Replacement Project

Mr. Bird explained that this is south, west of Macon. He said they had gotten a letter from the state last week directing them to close it. The construction part is coming around just in time. It is a total replacement.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Meachum. Mr. Greenfield asked if it would still have to be closed. Mr. Bird said he would talk with the contractor and have him bring his barricades out. Theoretically, we would have to take our stuff out there and then when he gets his

stuff awarded, we'd have to swap everything. He said he would talk to him to see if he just wants to bring his stuff out and close it and be done with it. It is currently open. We have 14 days to send pictures back to them proving it is closed. The motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds to Sangamo Construction for the Boody Road Bridge Repair Project in Pleasant View Township

Mr. Bird explained that this is southern Pleasant View Township. The structure is currently closed. It is a repair job for the township. We are splitting the costs, but appropriating the total amount of \$109,081.05. The township will reimburse us half.

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

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Additional Funds for the Purchase of Right of Way Parcel 32 from Beverly Gulick for the CH41 Wyckles Road Whitetopping Project

Mr. Bird explained that this is one of the parcels from the previous month. After it was run through, Ms. Gulick called and said she thought the amount was wrong. Mr. Bird ran it past the people that did the negotiations and calculations and they had made a calculation error. The difference is \$1,800. He said they wanted to make sure they had everybody squared away and that he had had them check all the other calculations and this is the only one that had a mistake on it.

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. Hogan and the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Right of Way Property Marker Staking Survey Expenses on the CH30 Extension Project

Mr. Bird explained that this is to put the right of way stakes in on the section that is being worked on in the west end of Elwin Road. The construction portion is basically done except for the final grading, striping, shoulder work, seeding. We can have them go in and put the property corners in. Since it is on a new alignment, it is kind of important to have those property corners put in.

Mr. Meachum made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Hogan and the motion carried 7-0. Chair Cox commented that it does look nice. Mr. Bird agreed that it turned out very nice and now the state has to get their part done.

Macon County Board Resolution for the Proposed Twin Forks Wind Farm Transportation Impact Analysis

Mr. Bird explained that this resolution is being pulled from the agenda. Mr. Baggett explained that they had met yesterday with the outside counsel who is representing us on the road use agreements in respect to the wind farm. There is still some negotiation that needs to be done before the board considers the transportation impact analysis. That is ongoing and when it is ready, it will come back. Mr. Bird commented that they are still working on it and making progress.

County Engineer's Report:

Mr. Bruce Bird reported that CH30 & 41 is pretty much done except for the clean up work. The microsurfacing contractor is finished with the work on the county segments. There is still some of the township work they have to do. It turned out really good, looks nice, & rides nice.

Seal work started this week. They did Baker Road and CH29 Boody Road and will get up on 21 in a couple of days. A lot of progress is being made.

Friday is the IDOT letting on the bridge on Washington Street. That will be gotten under construction in a month or two along with the three bridge projects on today's agenda. It will be a busy fall too.

Budget Presentation:

A lot of things are very similar across the board. There are some differences in payroll items that have gone down because of the difference in the cost of the salaries due to retirees and replacements.

One item that will stand out (pg 2) is machinery equipment, line 9041. As part of the agreement with the Wind Farm developers to cover expenses of permitting things, oversight, and in general dealing with them, the road use agreement details that they will make a payment to the County Highway fund of \$675,000. Vermillion County had a similar situation where they took the payment they received from the wind farm developers and put it into their equipment line item to upgrade the equipment. The benefit to that is that you get outside funds that are not tax funds and is not being taken from any other area or project and putting it into something that all residents of Macon County get to benefit from, not just the ones near the wind farm. You end up with a younger fleet of trucks, a more efficient, more reliable fleet especially in the winter when plowing snow. Chair Cox asked the age of the fleet. Mr. Bird explained that the oldest truck is 16 years old. The average fleet age is 12 years old. Comparable counties around such as Champaign, Sangamon & Vermillion have an average fleet age of 5 years. There is one truck that is 3 years old, one that is 9 and the rest of them are 12 or older. Chair Cox asked how many he wanted to replace. Mr. Bird said there are 10 trucks total and with the \$675,000, four could be replaced making the average fleet age fall to about 7 years. Mr. Meachum clarified that the money that comes from the wind farm can only be used on highway funded stuff. Mr. Bird added that this is separate from any kind of building permit that they would draw. It is a separate thing that is just with the highway. Mr. Meachum said he wanted to make sure that everybody understood that it can only be used on highway funds. Chairman Greenfield commented that he didn't know that that was the case. Mr. Baggett said not that he was aware of, but Mr. Bird said that in the road use agreement, it states that the \$675,000 shall be paid into the County Highway Fund. Mr. Baggett agreed that if it is a part of the road use agreement and is not a part of their application fee, then it is a contractual obligation. Mr. Meachum said these are earmarked monies to highway so it should be understood that it cannot be used for anything else. Mr. Bird said that this is typical in other counties with road use agreements. Ms. Dawson asked if it all has to go into the machinery line. Mr. Bird said it can go anywhere we want, but there is a real need there. Some of the trucks they are looking at replacing have repair work that is being done on them where they are putting in more money into repairs than the trucks are worth. Ms. Dawson asked if that was the only place they had a real need. Mr. Bird said that is the biggest, most glaring need. Ms. Dawson said it seems like all the eggs are in one basket and then if something happens, you've already spent it all on trucks and there's nothing left. Mr. Greenfield said there is no guarantee we would get it and asked if it would be permissible to put it into a miscellaneous line so that if something else does come up, we could pick and choose without having to pass a resolution to switch from one into another. Mr. Bird said he would talk with the Auditor about putting a miscellaneous line into fund 081. If it works, he said he would have it created and just put it in there.

Moving on with the budget presentation, Mr. Bird said there are some fluctuations in the County Highway line that happen every year. It is nice that the health insurance didn't go up.

In the matching funds, the revenue from the State of Illinois is up by \$1.9 million. The biggest portion of that is for the connector road project. That would be money coming out of the earmarked funds. That is for that one project where 100% of the money comes from the state. They are going to reimburse us 100% for the total cost. The overall budget is increasing, but it is an amount that is covered 100% by a revenue source that is coming from outside.

Motor Fuel Tax, the project expenses are going down because of this year was a big year and we are not having as big a year next year .

SB97 are township funds we carry, but don't really budget.

County Bridge numbers are similar. The County's share of the bridge when you look at expense lines, have gone up a bit. Those are for matching for construction projects. We will be spending more County Bridge money next year than we are next year.

State Township Bridge is money in/ money out.

The Progress City Fund has an amount that is intended to cover work there. It has been boosted up to \$400,000. We don't spend that money unless Richland says they want some work done there prior to the show. Next year is a show year, so a larger amount is put in there just in case they want to do some work.

Mr. Meachum made a motion to approve forwarding the budget to the Finance Budget Hearing with the change of adding the miscellaneous line item, seconded by Mr. Hogan and the motion carried 7-0.

Miscellaneous Business:

Closed Session:

Mr. Meachum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hogan to go into closed session pursuant to Section 2 (c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act in reference to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

Return to Open Session:

Mr. Meachum made a motion to approve the promotions and the hires as presented by the County Engineer, seconded by Mr. Hogan and the motion carried 7-0.

Adjourn:

Mr. Meachum made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jackson, the motion carried 7-0 & meeting was adjourned @ 6 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office