

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**March 22, 2017**

**5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kevin Meachum, Chair  
Tim Dudley  
Jay Dunn  
Kevin Greenfield  
Jerry Potts  
Kevin Bird  
Phil Hogan

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office  
Bruce Bird, County Engineer  
  
Stuart Jacobs  
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kevin Meachum at the Macon County Office Building.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve the February 22, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Dudley, motion carried 7-0.

**CLAIMS**

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

**Public Comments** - None

**Old Business** - None

**New Business:**

**Macon County Board Resolution Approving Design Engineering for a Bridge Replacement on TR29 Schellabarger Road in Illini Township**

Mr. Bird explained that this and the following resolutions are to get engineering work started on a couple of township bridges using township bridge money. Both are using the township bridge money for the engineering expenses. That covers 80%. We & the township match with 10% each.

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. Potts, motion carried 7-0.

**Macon County Board Resolution Approving Design Engineering for a Bridge Replacement on TR30A Strawn Road in Illini Township**

Mr. Bird explained that this is again for a township bridge. Both engineering projects are being done by AECOM, the engineering firm here in town. It is township money that pays for 80% of it and the County & Township matching 10% each.

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. Potts, motion carried 7-0.

### **Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Funding Agreement on the Sefton Road CH60 Bridge Replacement Project**

Mr. Bird explained that this is the federal funding agreement for the federal funds that cover our match.

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

### **Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Funding Agreement on the Wyckles Road CH41 Whitetopping Project**

Mr. Bird explained that this is the same form and same format to set up our match. Our match is 20%, but sometime ago we applied for and got a TARP (Truck Access Route Program ) Grant for that. That will cover half of our match, so we pay about 10% for the total project.

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the finance committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Dunn, motion carried 7-0.

### **Macon County Board Resolution Approving Annual Non-MFT County Pipe Bid**

Mr. Bird reminded members of last month's discussion where he had informed them that the state has changed their parameters on what can be spent on MFT on pipe. It has to be coated pipe on anything below 42". This is the regular galvanized pipe that we have to pay for with our own funds. For the most part, this will go into entrances and small pipe projects. It is actually the majority of the pipe we buy.

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

### **Macon County Board Resolution Approving Annual County MFT Striping Bid**

Mr. Bird explained that this was put out for bid and opened last Friday. Varsity Striping & Construction out of Champaign was the low bidder for the work. It is for striping various roads around the county this year.

Mr. Bird responded to a question from Mr. Dunn about the contractor, saying that in the past, they had piggybacked with the district in a district wide striping contract where they handled the letting, but we were having some issues with some of the contractors that came up. They got the bid and were coming up out of the St. Louis and presenting timing issues. They wanted to stripe on the weekends. It is nice having Varsity do it because if they work somewhere and they have a half day, they'll stop by Macon County on the way back and do the striping for us. They usually cut us a pretty good price when they do that too. This gives a little bit better control and better work too. Mr. Meachum agreed that they do very good work.

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

### **County Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Bruce Bird reported that:

- The bridge inspections are done.

- Several good projects are set up and ready to go.
- The right-of-ways are pretty much taken care of on all the County projects.
- They are awaiting word from Richland on their share of the funding so repair work at Progress City can get started. This is a Farm Progress show year. The guys have finished up the tree removal portion of the projects that we have to do because of two rare species of bats.
- Crack sealing on CH21 was started today in preparation of the seal the windfarm is going to be putting down this year.
- There was a meeting with the windfarm today. They are going to start back up on the foundation work next week and plan to be done with that on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The first turbine is going to be put up in the air on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is one that will be relatively close to 51 so it will be pretty obvious to a lot of people when they start putting them up. The cranes are arriving starting tomorrow. Each of the two main cranes that will be handling the construction of the turbines takes 52 semi-truck loads to haul them in. They are enormous. There will be 184 semi-truck loads coming in with the other smaller cranes and other pieces of equipment they are bringing just to get the turbines up in the air. The electrical contractor has been on site for a month and a half now. They've been doing a lot of boring and have got some cable in the ground where they've tied some of the foundations in. They're moving right along and are looking at probably October, for sure, when they will be done with the work out there. There is going to be a lot more above ground work going on so it will be a lot more visible to people.
- The guys have been staying busy. They've been working on some field entrances and culverts, etc.

#### **Miscellaneous Business:**

Mr. Bird reminded the committee of Mr. Dunn's inquiry at the last meeting about the storage building the McLeod's have off of Cundiff & 48 just north of 72. He said he spoke with Mark McLeod about it. At first they talked about renting and a per month rental price in regard to having several entities such as the county, townships, municipalities, and everybody who would want to use that as a surge facility for salt so we would have enough salt for our annual usage and we could fill that facility when price got right. It would also help out if we ever have another winter where it actually snows significantly and we wouldn't end up with an issue of running short of salt. We got a per month price, and then Mr. Bird said he asked about a selling price. Mr. McLeod said it would be several hundred dollars plus the land it sits on. Mr. Bird said he thought we could probably start a discussion with several entities to see if that is something they would seriously like to do. That facility could be made to work if we had to, but we could probably build one cheaper on land that is already owned and then you would have a new facility. He said he would need to talk to some of the other folks that would want to be involved to see if that is something they'd be interested in. He said that if anyone wanted to see the particular numbers, he could share them with them.

#### **Closed Session:**

Mr. Potts made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to 5ILCS120/2(c) 1, Discussion of the appointment of specific employees of a public body, particularly the Highway Department, seconded by Mr. Dudley and the motion carried 7-0.

#### **Return to Open Session:**

#### **Adjourn:**

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dunn, the motion carried 7-0 & meeting was adjourned @ 5:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office