

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

**Macon County Office Building
141 S. Main Street, Room 514
Decatur, IL 62523**

**October 21, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Greenfield
Patty Cox, Chair
Pat Dawson
Marcy Rood

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Bruce Bird, County Engineer
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Phil Hogan, Vice Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kevin Bird
Rachel Joy

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

MINUTES

Motion was made by Chairman Greenfield to approve the 6/24/2020 minutes, seconded by Ms. Dawson and roll call vote showed the motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Ms. Dawson to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Chairman Greenfield, and roll call vote showed the motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments -None

Old Business - None

New Business

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Funding Agreement with IDOT on the TR 30A Strawn Road Bridge Replacement Project

Mr. Bruce Bird explained that this is in Illini Township.

Motion was made by Ms. Dawson, seconded by Chairman Greenfield to forward the resolution on to the finance committee with recommendation to approve, and roll call vote showed that the motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution approving a funding agreement with IDOT on the CH 24 Reas Bridge Road Resurfacing Project

Mr. Bruce Bird explained that this will be from Brush College Road East to Calhoun's Corner which is where Calhoun turns back north. A portion that is within the construction limits of the bridge project over the lake is being exempted out. He explained that the county employees had gone in and done some widening there east of Brush College and this project will basically finish the widening section. A double overlay over the top will be done with the joint sealer that they have been putting in all the pavements. That will be for the entire stretch all the way out.

Motion was made by Chairman Greenfield, seconded by Ms. Dawson to forward the resolution on to the finance committee with recommendation to approve, and roll call vote showed that the motion carried 5-0.

County Engineer's Report:

Mr. Bruce Bird reported that they still have two construction projects going on. The Damery Road Bridge replacement project north of Blue Mound. The beams were set on the bridge yesterday and pretty much have all the dirt work done out there. They have to get the bridge rail and new rock base on the road. Chip seal will be done next year. They will probably have the basic stuff except the chip seal work and seeding in about a week and a half to two weeks. They got in & got it done quickly.

85th Street asphalt base is in from Countryside Drive, the north subdivision cul-de-sac from north of the bridge all the way south including all the approaches and all the bases. Either tomorrow or Friday, the traffic will be flipped for the local access for those houses will be to go south on the asphalt. There is a little piece, about an 1100 foot piece on the north where the old pavement is still in where starting tomorrow, the contractor is going to be taking up the old pavement and the dirt has to be shaped into place & the sub base treated. Then it can be paved. It is going to be weather dependent. The hope is for not a whole lot of rain, but it has been so dry that even with the recent rain and tomorrow's windy & 81 forecast, it should be pretty dried up by tomorrow afternoon. There is still the hope that the north end connection can be gotten in. If the base is gotten in, the road will be open to through traffic, but with staggered barricades at both ends. It is pretty certain that there will be people trying to sneak through, but we don't want through traffic. It will make it a lot easier for everyone to get around there. Hopefully, in the next 2 to 3 weeks, that can be locked up. Again, it is weather related. If it turns really cold or wet, it is going to be very difficult to get it done. The cedars are coming in Monday and as long as it is not too wet, they should be able to get 80% of the project seeded and done. They've made some really good progress. When the contractor moved in started working out there right at about a year ago. If you look at everything they've put in and everything they've done, they've done a really nice job.

The highway employees are doing ditch work, some entrances, and they finished up the mowing last week. They helped the folks out with the Lincoln Memorial Parkway park and trees. There was probably no way that those volunteers were going to be able to dig in that soil. It was like concrete. They were very glad that we were there.

The target price for salt is in. Last year, the price was \$86 a ton. This year, it came in at \$42.58. That is the cheapest price in 15 years. Between the two bidders, Cargill outbid Compass by \$23 or \$24 a ton. We can lock that price in for 2 years and can expand by 10% each time and we will do that.

Ms. Rood reported that an announcement had been made yesterday. It is an agreement with the State of Illinois & the Decatur Eastern & Illinois Railroad and we were able to broker a deal where they are going to fix the Five Points tracks at 22nd & US36. She said they are excited about that because there is a great need there. Work will take place in late Spring / early Summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office