

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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

**December 16, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Greenfield
Phil Hogan
Pat Dawson
Marcy Rood
Jake Horve
Ryan Kreke

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Bruce Bird, County Engineer-via phone
Stuart Jacobs, Highway Dept
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

MEMBERS ABSENT

Karl Coleman

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

MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Hogan to approve the 10/21/2020 minutes, seconded by Mr. Kreke and roll call vote showed the motion carried 5-0. Ms. Dawson arrived, but voted present

CLAIMS

Motion was made by Ms. Dawson to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Hogan, and roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Public Comments -None

Old Business - None

New Business

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Annual MFT General Maintenance Estimate of Maintenance Costs

Mr. Bird explained that this is the resolution we have to send in to IDOT every year in order to spend the motor fuel tax money for the upcoming year.

Chairman Greenfield asked if that amount was around \$2 million. Mr. Bird confirmed saying the total is just over \$2 million.

Ms. Rood asked what it was last year. Mr. Bird confirmed saying it was about the same last year, maybe \$50,000 or \$60,000 less last year. This is for the maintenance, it doesn't include everything for the construction projects that come through on separate resolutions.

Motion was made by Ms. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Hogan, to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve & roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a 50/50 Cost Share with Whitmore Township on the TR 45 Kirby Road Bridge Repair Project

Mr. Bird explained that this is an existing bridge that just needs repairs from an accident. This is to cover the cost of that. We cover half and the township will reimburse for the other half. This is a reasonable price of \$25,837.

Chairman Greenfield asked if he had said that somebody had hit the bridge and if there was an insurance claim. Mr. Bird said it was damaged probably 4 to 5 years ago. He will double check with the township about whether there was a claim before he proceeds with payment.

Ms. Dawson asked if it is normally 50/50 when cost share projects are done. Mr. Bird explained that yes, on these small ones it is 50/50. With the larger bridge replacement projects, it's a 50/50 match, but usually ends up being 10% for each. There is a process set up in the state statutes where we go 50/50 with the townships.

Motion was made by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Ms. Rood, to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve & roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Four 2020 15 Ft. Flex Wing Rotary Cutters

Mr. Bird explained that these are attached to the lower decks that are towed behind the tractors. The cost is \$67,066 which is the total for 4 batwings. The Bush Hog model is the one we are going with this time.

Chairman Greenfield asked if they were the low bid. Mr. Bird confirmed, saying that German Blitz had bid a couple of other models that were higher and we did not want those. Central Illinois Ag bids Bush Hogs, but they got overbid by about \$5,500. AHW bid John Deere, but they were \$5,000 apiece more. Mr. Greenfield asked if these would hook on to the leased tractors that we lease from John Deere. Mr. Bird confirmed.

Motion was made by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve & roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Disposal of Equipment

Mr. Bird explained that the list is 2 of the 4 batwings that are being disposed of and there is also a Bush Hog model that is being gotten rid of. There will still be 2 Schultes for back up incase

one of the newer ones goes down. Parts are still available for the Schultes and that is the reason they are being kept.

Chairman Greenfield asked how they would be disposed of. Mr. Bird said they would be offered to local governments first and then they will go to auction. Ms. Dawson asked if they would be offered free of charge. Mr. Bird said they would put a minimum bid on them. Ms. Rood asked if this is typical end of life for this type of equipment. Mr. Bird explained that these are becoming headaches with breakdowns and replacement parts are somewhat hard to get. Mr. Greenfield asked how old they are. Mr. Hogan said the disposal list indicates that one is 2012 & one is 2011.

Motion was made by Mr. Kreke, seconded by Mr. Hogan, to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve & roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Awarding the 2021 Motor Fuel Bid

Mr. Bird explained that like last year when it was bid out, the same bidders responded. They were Morgan Distributing, Evergreen & Petroleum Traders who got it last year. This is for the gasoline & diesel. Evergreen FS won the bid at .99 of a penny over cost or basically one penny over cost. Last year's low bid was 1.2 cents over cost so it is cheaper.

Ms. Dawson asked how the group that was used last year did. Mr. Bird said they did fine to work with and there were no problems. It was a little different not having a local sales person to call if we had issues, but we didn't have issues, so it was fine.

Motion was made by Ms. Dawson, seconded by Ms. Rood, to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve & roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Awarding the 2021 Oil & Lubricant Bid

Mr. Bird explained that this goes hand in hand with the fuel bid. Morgan Distributing & Evergreen FS were the only two bidders. Morgan Distributing was lower across the board on all lubricants, so that is who it is being awarded to.

Motion was made by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Kreke, to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve & roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Payment of County Engineer's Salary

Mr. Bird explained that this is the resolution IDOT requires every year. The main thing is that it enables the salary be covered by state and federal funds. No local funds included. IDOT gave 1 ½% raise, which brings the total annual salary up to \$126,900.

Mr. Hogan asked if all the funds are IDOT. Mr. Bird explained that it is 50% MFT & 50% federal funds. Mr. Greenfield asked if all of that money could be spent in other places. Mr. Bird said yes. Ms. Dawson asked if this is just salary only and does not include insurance. It was confirmed.

Motion was made by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Ms. Rood, to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve & roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

County Engineer's Report:

Mr. Bruce Bird reported that all of the construction projects have been put to bed for the winter. 85th Street is open to local traffic. Some people are confused as to what local traffic means, but as long as they're not running over each other, its fine. The contractor was out there today doing a little bit of work.

The first snow event came this morning. It was cleared and taken care of by 10 a.m.

Salt is coming in. Be reminded that the price being paid for salt this year is half of last year's price. The savings is almost \$110,000 for the same amount of salt and the nice thing about this is that the bid price is locked in for next year. This is the cheapest price paid in 16 years. That's good news. That cost is \$43 a ton.

When the weather allows, because its been so dry, a lot more ditching work has been done.

Chairman Greenfield asked if everyone was happy with the raises they got. Mr. Jacobs confirmed.

Mr. Greenfield asked about the Cintas Uniform invoice and said he thought they were getting rid of them. Mr. Bird said yes, the existing contract expires in May and it is going to be a lot cheaper if it is let to expire in May. That is the plan unless the committee wants something different. Mr. Greenfield said he thought Mr. Flynn was going to write a letter. Mr. Bird will check with him.

Ms. Rood asked Mr. Bird if he was going to be able to attend any of the virtual sessions of the Transportation Research Board next month. Mr. Bird said he would check into it to see what he would be able to get in for.

Chairman Greenfield asked Mr. Bird how long he is quarantined for. Mr. Bird said he'd be out until Monday for sure. He said he has no fever and feels fine.

Mr. Hogan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rood and the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office