

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
QUORUM WAS NOT PRESENT – DISCUSSION ONLY

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

December 15, 2021
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ryan Kreke
Phil Hogan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jake Horve
Pat Dawson
Marcy Rood
Jason Comer
Karl Coleman

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Bruce Bird, County Engineer
Kevin Greenfield, County Board Chairman
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kreke at the Macon County Highway Department Building.

MINUTES

Quorum was not present. Minutes were not approved

CLAIMS

Quorum was not present. Claims were not approved
Chairman Greenfield asked for an explanation of one invoice from Mack in Decatur which was for soap used in the wash bay to wash vehicles.

Public Comments -None

Old Business - None

New Business

Mr. Bird reviewed and explained the resolutions. Quorum was not present so no votes were taken. The resolutions will be sent on to the Finance Committee.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Survey Agreement with Hanson Professional Services, Inc.

Mr. Bird explained that this is in reference to a property that has been bought. We got the entire 7.37 acres, but we only need the part for the right of way. A quote has been obtained from Hanson to do the survey work and get all the plats split out because there will be three separate lot, one right of way and one extra north lot and south lot that we will be able to sell off. The folks that own the Cardinal Warehouse are interested in the south portion. The thought is that they want to incorporate that into their final development because then they can expand their

detention basin which will help them if they ever build the next phase off to the east. Those things have to be split out and then Mr. Bird said they will go talk to them and will probably be able to use the value of that versus the portion that will be needed for right of way across the north part of the lot that they are not using to get the rest of the right of way. Mr. Bird said he had told Hanson to throw in the little corner that has to be taken off of that lot where the storage facilities are there next to the Sleep Inn. They will do the plat for that little triangular piece too. That is where the folks want to put that little restaurant. If all this work is done, the right of way for that portion of the beltway will be pretty much lined up for this area. There are a lot more parcels that will have to be done, but at least that area will be locked down.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Funding Agreement for the CH38 Washington Street Bridge

This agreement has to be sent in to IDOT for funding. This is out in the east end and is about \$115,000 of our money and the rest is federal money.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Funding Agreement for the Reas Bridge Road Project

This is the funding agreement for the Beltway across the lake. IDOT has the preliminary review on both of these agreements and once they give the OK on them, they will be sent in with our signatures. One thing to point out is that the total amount on the agreement is \$20 million which also includes the Phase III Construction engineering. The County cost, or the only match money, the County has to throw in on a \$20 million project is \$200,000. That doesn't include the ARPA money that is in there, but that is all plugged in and they are reviewing it.

Chair Kreke asked when we would find out if we qualify for any other grants and wouldn't have to use as much of the ARPA money. Mr. Bird explained that the only one that is out there right now is the earmark that Rodney Davis put in and it is under the reconciliation bill, also known as the Build Back Better Bill and that is held up. Mr. Kreke asked if that were to get approved, how much? Mr. Bird said \$3.5 million which could be used to reduce the ARPA amount OR you could take that \$3.5 million and go into the Phase II Design work for the next phase which is for the bridges up to 48.

Chairman Greenfield asked if they are pretty confident that this \$20 million will cover the cost. Mr. Bird confirmed saying that between the last cost estimate and now, it did go up, but it is not for the things you would think, like the concrete and steel. It is the rock. All the fill that goes into the lake has to be clean fill, so it is all rock. It is almost 6,100 semi loads of rock that goes out there. They only found 3 comparable prices on projects across the state in the last 2 years. We called the Quarry operators too and asked what they would charge per ton on this type of job. That is where the biggest difference was. They said \$30 a ton. Chairman Greenfield asked if they have it. Mr. Bird said they said they could do it. The Hanson Quarry is putting a brand new pressure in and they said they'd have to hire a second crew, but they could do it. It's a two year construction window spread over 2 years, but it is a lot of rock. That would be a noticeable increase in the number of semis going up and down Route 48 down to Taylorville and you would see that. Mr. Greenfield referred to the Windfarm and what it took. Mr. Bird thought it was comparable, and it was Hanson, but they got it from a couple of locations. Mr. Greenfield asked about when it would be let. Mr. Bird said it is set for March 11. He said he has been talking extensively with the folks at IDOT trying to get them to cycle them through. All of the agreements and environmental stuff to be approved are sitting at Springfield. Ann knows about it so she can make some phone calls too. It should be all set for March. Mr. Greenfield asked if

the City goes to letting in January. Mr. Bird said it is on the letting for January but the last he heard, they didn't have their funding agreement with the ICC for the Railroad money yet and everything with the quick take stuff hasn't been finalized either. Mr. Greenfield said that yes, that had been taken care of. Mr. Bird said they should only be waiting for the ICC funding then. Discussion – the City's part was \$45 to \$50 million, ours is \$20 million. It's a lot of work in a pretty small geographic area. The IDOT work, all the other work IDOT will be doing next year, is another \$60 million in Macon County. That is \$150 million.

County Engineer's Report:

Mr. Bird reported that the guys are keeping busy with pipework at entrances and things. They replaced a couple of cross road pipes on a project that will be done next year. They recut the ditches through some of the curves. They did a really nice job.

A patch crew was out today filling potholes here and there.

Inlets are being cleaned off on some curb and gutter where a bunch of leaves and stuff had piled up. Now, when we get a lot of rain, there will not be water puddling up everywhere.

Chairman Greenfield asked if they are ready for snow. Mr. Bird confirmed saying they have so much salt it is sitting outside. There are four snowbirds lined up. There are two retired guys. The nice thing about that is that they know the routes and trucks.

Discussion notes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office