

MACON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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The Macon County Highway Department Transportation meeting was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 5:30 pm at the Macon County Highway Department, 2405 N. Woodford St., Decatur, IL 62526.

Members Present:

Ryan Kreke (Chair), Jim Gresham, and Pat Dawson

Members Absent:

Phil Hogan, Marcy Rood, Karl Coleman, and Jake Horve

Support Staff Present:

Bruce Bird (County Engineer), Stuart Jacobs (Road Supervisor), and Amanda Askew (Office Assistant)

Others Present:

Kevin Greenfield, County Board Chairman

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

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes from the July 27, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. Jim Gresham made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Kevin Greenfield.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote 4-0

Approval of the Bills:

Motion was made by Kevin Greenfield to approve the bills, seconded by Jim Gresham.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote 4-0

No Citizen Remarks – Public Comment

No Old Business

New Business:

Macon County Board Resolution approving construction expenses for the CH 61 Franklin Street Storm Sewer Project:

Bruce explained this is on the south end down there where the old gas station used to be. There is a series of houses and some large pipes in an open ditch right now. They are all going to have to come out. We are going to replace them with storm sewer. We have already let the project; the problem is there are two pieces of pipe that we have to get for water main quality pipe and you cannot get it right now. One of them is a 42" piece of plastic pipe and the companies have all said unless you order a truck load, we are not making them. We are trying to find other types of pipes that fit in there. This is just appropriating for that. Right now, they are thinking they will start on it next year. Jim Gresham asked is there anybody working on a project like this that

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would have a little extra? Bruce replied we have called around and talked to just about everybody we possible can think of. Kevin asked they are lowering the water main too, right? Bruce replied no we are going over the top of it. I think in one location they are and the other location they are not. Since we are around the water main, we still have to have that water main quality pipe. Kevin stated if there is so much separation does you still have to have that pipe. Bruce replied I forget what the separation is. I think they would have to go way down to get to that point. We have looked at all sorts of different pipe to put in there, and we just cannot find it. Kevin asked how do we put it up for bid when we have not even appropriated the money. Bruce replied it is easier to appropriate after the bid so we have a better idea of what the cost will be. We have done it both ways in the past. Kevin asked what happens if you put it up for bid and the board does not appropriate the money. Bruce replied then we cancel the contract. Pat Dawson asked do we let these? Bruce replied yes. Pat asked how long are the bids let out. Bruce replied when we advertise, we have to advertise for 2 weeks. Once we open the bid, we cannot award them for 7 days. Pat Replied so less than 30 days. Bruce stated when we get it back to the contractor, they have 15 days to get everything back to us. They have to get contract bonds and sometimes that takes a while to get together. From the time we advertise to we actually have a contract back in is about 30-40 days. Pat asked how do you advertise. Bruce replied locally in the paper and we know certain contractors that will be interested in certain projects we will contact them and let them know. Pat asked so what if you don't know certain contractors that may be interested. Bruce replied if they contact us, we put them on the list. Pat asked how do they get on your list. Bruce replied we are required by law to advertise in a locally distributed newspaper. Ryan asked do you put your project online at Dodge or Construct Connect. Bruce replied they will call us and we send them copies. This is all local money, but if it has any state funds in it the state advertises it too.

Jim Gresham made a motion to approve, seconded by Kevin Greenfield.
Motion passed with a unanimous vote for acceptance 4-0

Macon County Board Resolution approving construction expenses for the CH 27 Damery Road Bridge Project:

Bruce stated these are additional expenses for the set of two bridges on Damery Rd. just north of Blue Mound. We are replacing two bridges with one. Part of the process in doing that, in order to get the drainage to flow out of this tile outlet. It is actually part of the ROW agreement as well. We agreed to go ahead and replace that tile. It had to come out into a different location and it had to be at a different elevation. This is intended to cover that work. The work was completed this year by Rout Contractors. Ryan asked it says labor setting manhole is that \$300 and hour. Bruce replied no that would be each.

Kevin Greenfield made a motion to approve, seconded by Jim Gresham.
Motion passed with a unanimous vote for acceptance 4-0

Macon County Board Resolution to approve a Jurisdictional Transfer with Mt. Zion Township Road District:

Bruce explained remember in order for Mt. Zion to spend their bonded money from the MFT because they were above a certain threshold, they could only spend it on a bonded project. We did a jurisdictional transfer and gave them the first 2 miles of CH 32 out of Dalton City. We used their money to cover the cost of resurfacing it on our project this year. This is him giving us back the road. This will make it legal so IDOT will accept him spending the money.

Ryan Kreke made a motion to approve, seconded by Kevin Greenfield.

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Motion passed with a unanimous vote for acceptance 4-0

Macon County Board Resolution to approve a ROW survey for the 85th St. Bridge Replacement Project:

Bruce explained this is the large project over one the east side of town on Dalton City Blacktop. This is part of the agreement that where we have to split two of the properties in half in order to give them the half lot back. It was part of the agreement with purchasing the ROW. Kevin asked if the landowners are made aware of this. Bruce stated yes, with the Snokes, when we get the documents to sign, I will get them to you and you can go tell her.

Jim Gresham made a motion to approve, seconded by Kevin Greenfield.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote for acceptance 4-0

Macon County Board Resolution to approve additional Engineering expenses on the TR 30 Strawn Road Bridge Replacement Project in Austin Township:

Bruce explained the need for additional engineering expenses is we because we switched this from Township Bridge Funding to Federal funding. There are some additional forms and stuff like that. The consultant had to get approval on documents. This is intended to cover the cost for that. The additional cost on this is \$21,000. By us switching into the federal funds on the construction side our cost will go down by about \$32,000.

Kevin Greenfield made a motion to approve, seconded by Pat Dawson.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote for acceptance 4-0

Macon County Board Resolution to approve the Phase III Construction Engineering on the Reas Bridge Road Bridges Replacement Project:

Bruce stated Phase III is the actual on-site construction engineering. The company is Tecma and Associates. They have an office over in Springfield. We are appropriating our share of that. It is a 20% match, the \$400,000. The nice thing about appropriating this is we are not paying any of this until the project gets started. We are locking it in at this price too. We will not spend this unless we build the bridge. Kevin asked so the million three we paid Chastain does not include any babysitting it while it is being built. Bruce replied it does not include the on-site construction. It does include is any shop drawings that come out of the construction. Ryan asked is this a state or federal requirement that we have to have an on-site engineer there. Bruce replied it would either be that or us, but if we did it would take our entire staff away for 2 years. Ryan stated I come from a different side of the construction where we do not have these guys at our jobs. What do these guys do. Bruce replied they do all the construction layout, material testing, & checking to make sure everything is going as needed. When the beams show up, they make sure it fits from point a to point b. Also, any issues that come up. They will oversee everything that happens during construction. Jim stated they also assume any liability. Bruce agreed, the do carry insurance for it. Ryan asked if the issue a RFI regarding the design that will go back to Chastain correct. Bruce replied if there is a question about the design, yes. Ryan replied do they bill us for that or is that part of their initial bid. Bruce replied if it is a question about design that is included in their initial bid. Everything we do is a not to exceed. Kevin asked how come it says not exceed almost 2 million dollars. Bruce replied that is the total cost. The \$400,000 is our match. Kevin replied so they are going to get paid 2 million dollars to sit out there and watch that thing get built. Bruce replied yes, that is the quote. Ryan stated I would be curious to know out of that portion what the insurance is they are covering. Kevin asked can we get paid 2 million if your guys go out there and watch the project. Bruce replied no, and if we do that then we are not

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anything else. Kevin stated for 2 million you can go hire. Bruce replied if we are doing it then we will not get reimbursed that money. Kevin asked so we have almost 3.5 million in engineering on this job. Bruce stated without knowing exactly what Chastain had, that is about right. Kevin stated I think they were around 1.3 million. Bruce agreed. Kevin asked isn't the engineering about 10% of the cost of the project. Bruce replied it depends on the complexity of the project. If it is pretty simple it is around 10%, it can go up to around 18% or 20% if its complex. Bridges take a lot of work, a lot of layout work. Jim stated I am glad they do. Kevin asked who lays it out then? Bruce replied no this company will do that. They will take the plans and they go out and do all that work.

Jim Gresham made a motion to approve, seconded by Pat Dawson.
Motion passed with a unanimous vote for acceptance 4-0

Macon County Board Resolution to approve Engineering expenses on the CH 7 Reconstruction Project:

Bruce explained this is the section of Baltimore from Lost Bridge up to Fitzgerald. We originally had this section set up to use DUATS money to do it all the way up to Route 36. It is basically two different sections. There is a reconstruction of that existing section. The section north of there that goes in between the houses and the farm fields will be a complete reconstruction. This is just basically resurfacing and some shoulder work. IDOT told us they prefer us to split it into two sections. Splitting it required some additional engineering work to get that part done by its self. This is to cover that. After we get this one the next section. Originally when we looked at his section the city was interested in using our ROW to put a sizable storm sewer down the east side of this project. To drain that whole area. We had Chastain split it out and the City's responsibility vs ours. We are just draining the roadway no and entire neighborhood. What it came down to the City's portion was going to be about 2.5 million and our portion was going to be about 400,000. The city was willing to put in 300,000. We said OKAY fine we will just do this section instead. If we put the storm sewer by the time, we got down near Root's house the size of the pipe would be 7 ft in diameter and about 35 foot down. Ryan stated something needs to happen, that neighborhood is bad. Bruce explained the city asked what do we do. You have a target of 2.5 million to go buy houses and tear them down and put in a detention basin. It would be cheaper than putting in pipe. Kevin asked when are they going to start on that? Bruce replied the environmental request, right now through IDOT and DNR those requests are running anywhere from 12-18 months. It has become huge problem state wide. They cannot find anyone to work for them. It will be about 2 years, mainly just waiting on approvals from Springfield. It is very frustrating. Kevin stated so you put up for bid and the contractor gets it, that price locked in. Bruce replied we will not let it until this is completed. It will be 2 years before we can even advertise it. They study has to be done before they will allow us to let it. We are using the federal urban funds from DUATS to cover the cost of the project. One advantage to that is the money that I had appropriated on DUATS for that I took that and added it to Reas Bridge, so we are closer to the overall amount we need.

Ryan Kreke made a motion to approve, seconded by Jim Gresham.
Motion passed with a unanimous vote for acceptance 4-0

County Engineers Report:

Bruce explained we did a cape seal job on Elwin Rd. west of Elwin and the south end of Franklin we finished all that up including the most of the striping yesterday. We started the bridge on CH 38 (Washington Street Rd.) north of Argenta. The piling is driven and two of the abutments poured. The beams are set to be delivered, I think, in the middle of October. As long as we get the beams in, we will probably be able to get that

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complete and opened this year. County Highway 21 north of Harristown all the way up to 121 had 22-foot-wide roadway and then through the curves it went down to 18 foot wide. We did a cold in place recycling and widening at the same time. When it is complete it will be a consistent width all the way through there. The first lift of asphalt on the widened section is done. They will be back paving there in about 2 weeks. Joe has been helping Mt. Zion Township with a culvert project on Gosnell Rd. It had to be replaced they finished that up today. Our guys are doing a lot of culvert and ditch work right now. We will likely get started on mowing in a couple weeks.

Miscellaneous Business:

No Closed Session

Adjourn:

Kevin Greenfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 pm, seconded by Jim Gresham. Motion passed with a unanimous vote for acceptance. 4-0