

## HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**DATE:** September 11, 2018  
**LOCATION:** Kendall County Highway Department  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matt Kellogg, Judy Gilmour, Lynn Cullick, Bob Davidson  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Ginger Gates, Fran Klaas  
**ALSO PRESENT:** PJ Fitzpatrick

The committee meeting convened at 4:00 P.M. with roll call of committee members. Gryder absent. Quorum established.

Motion Davidson; second Cullick to approve an amended agenda with item #9, eminent domain resolution, removed. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Gilmour; second Cullick to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from July 10, 2018. Motion approved unanimously.

An ordinance for altered speed zones was presented to the Committee. The ordinance would reduce the speed limit on River Road from 50 mph to 45 mph from Fox River Drive to the Yorkville city limits. It would also reduce the speed limit on Little Rock Road from 55 mph to 50 mph from Meyer Road to Galena Road. Little Rock Township and Bristol Township had requested the speed reduction on River Road. Klaas reminded the Committee that the County Board sets speed limits on both county and township highways. After reviewing the proposed speed limits, the Committee voted unanimously to forward the ordinance to the County Board for consideration.

The Committee reviewed the 5-Year Surface Transportation Program update for 2019-2023. One of the new projects that has been included is funding for intersection improvements at Orchard Road and U.S. Route 30. Davidson asked about the WIKADUKE Trail funding. Klaas indicated that after the current alignment study is completed, there is no more funding included in the 5-Year Plan per the Committee's previous direction. Motion Davidson; second Cullick to recommend approval of the 5-Year Plan to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

A joint bridge petition was received from Oswego Road District in the amount of \$40,000 to make emergency repairs to the Reservation Road Bridge. If approved, the County and the Township would share repair costs 50/50 up to a total of \$80,000. Klaas stated that, historically, townships would petition the County for aid, and the County would be obligated to pay for 50% of the costs. Today, with the complications of PTELL, townships are not levying the absolute maximum allowable under PTELL, and so the County is not legally required to fund 50% of the costs, according to our State's Attorney. Although not obligated to fund these types of projects, the County has generally agreed to fund them, with few exceptions. Klaas said that it would be very helpful to the township if the County honored this petition for aid. Gilmour suggested that the funding should be not-to-exceed \$40,000 for the County. Motion Cullick; second Gilmour to fund not-to-exceed \$40,000 for the joint repair of the Reservation Road Bridge. Davidson stated that he had no problem with this petition; but was upset that a similar petition from Little Rock Township for construction of the Mitchell Road Bridge was turned down earlier this year.

Cullick indicated that the nature of the current project (a repair) was very different from the construction of a completely new bridge on Mitchell Road. The costs are also very different... \$40,000 vs. \$200,000. Davidson said that his taxpayers in District 1 got nothing on the Mitchell Road petition, and they deserve the same consideration. Gilmour and Cullick voted “yes” on the motion, while Kellogg and Davidson voted “no”. Gilmour asked how long the repair project would take, and Klaas indicated that he thought it would take about 30 days. The township is handling this as an emergency repair.

A resolution approving the low bid of Corrective Asphalt Materials in the amount of \$109,635 was presented to the Committee. Roads to receive crack filling include Caton Farm Road, Grove Road and Joliet Road. Motion Cullick; second Gilmour to recommend approval of the low bid to the County Board.

Klaas presented the proposed budgets for FY 2019 to the Committee. The combined property tax levy for County Highway Fund and County Bridge Fund is \$2,000,000. He stated that you would have to go back to FY 2008 to find a combined levy that is lower than the currently-proposed levy. Cullick asked if this would be a comfortable place to be for the Highway Department, and Klaas indicated that it would be. He was showing nearly \$70,000 deficit spending in the Highway Fund, but that was due to a projected fund balance of around \$250,000 in the current year. Kellogg asked what the balance was in the Building Fund. So far, Highway Department has paid back \$1,037,352 out of a total required of \$1,300,000 to the Building Fund.

PJ Fitzpatrick provided update on the Collins Road Extension project. Final approval of the Project Development Report is expected within the next 30 days. This will bring to conclusion the Phase I Engineering. Davidson asked about the land acquisition, and whether Oswego would be acquiring land for the project. Klaas indicated that, because of anticipated federal funding, it might be necessary for the County to be the lead agency on the land acquisition. Davidson suggested that Oswego might have a multi-year payback for land acquisition costs. Funding opportunities for Phase II Engineering, land acquisition, and construction will continue to be pursued through Kane / Kendall Council of Mayors.

Motion Cullick; second Gilmour to forward Highway Department bills for the month of September in the amount of \$844,404.30 to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Cullick; second Gilmour to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Francis C. Klaas, P.E.  
Kendall County Engineer

## **Action Items**

1. Ordinance for altered speed zones on River Road and Little Rock Road
2. 5-Year Surface Transportation Program for 2019 – 2023
3. Joint Bridge Petition from Oswego Road District for emergency repairs to the Reservation Road Bridge in an amount not to exceed \$40,000
4. Resolution approving the low bid of Corrective Asphalt Materials in the amount of \$109,635 for crack filling on various county highways