

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: July 11, 2017
LOCATION: Kendall County Highway Department
MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Kellogg, Scott Gryder, Judy Gilmour, Bob Davidson
STAFF PRESENT: Ginger Gates, Fran Klaas
ALSO PRESENT: P.J. Fitzpatrick and Jarrod Cebulski

The committee meeting convened at 4:01 P.M. with roll call of committee members. Lynn Cullick and Robert Davidson absent. Quorum established.

Motion Gryder, second Gilmour to approve agenda with Executive Session being moved to end of meeting, as agenda item #10. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Gryder, second Gilmour to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from June 13, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Little Rock Township was not present to make petition for joint bridge funds for the Mitchell Road connection project; so Chairman Kellogg stated that this matter would be taken up at a later meeting. Motion Gryder to approve petition for joint bridge funds. Motion died for lack of a second.

Davidson joined meeting at 4:04 P.M.

Kendall County was approached by Village of Montgomery's engineering consultant requesting installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Galena Road and Concord Drive. Klaas indicated that there were some concerns about making an improvement at this location without looking at other intersections on the Galena Road corridor. The County has intersection improvements programmed for Galena & Kennedy, as well as Galena & Cannonball in the near future. Over the long term, there will likely be a half dozen major intersections on Galena Road between Ill. Rte. 47 and Orchard Road. For this reason, Klaas proposed to the Committee that a corridor study for Galena Road might help to identify the nature of the intersection improvements and the long-term footprint for Galena Road. He thought it might be appropriate to perform this corridor study in advance of the preliminary engineering for both Kennedy and Cannonball intersections, which is supposed to begin in FY 2018. He also proposed that EEI perform the corridor study because they are the consultant for both Village of Montgomery and City of Yorkville. This would save time and money on the investigation and provide direction for whatever consultant is chosen to perform the preliminary engineering on the intersection improvements. Davidson discussed the timeframe of just 6 months for the corridor study and the fact that it would put us into the next fiscal year anyway. Gilmour asked when the improvements to realign Mill Road in Yorkville and Gordon Road in Montgomery would occur. Klaas was uncertain when those improvements would be made, but stated that Kennedy and Cannonball intersections are programmed for engineering in 2018, engineering and land acquisition in 2019, and construction in 2020. Kellogg asked about the proposed cost, but Klaas said he really didn't know until the scope of services was determined. Davidson asked what the traffic numbers were on Galena Road today. Current traffic is about 12,000 near Orchard Road, but only about 6000

near Route 47. Committee thought the corridor study generally made sense and asked the County Engineer to bring an agreement back to the committee for review.

P.J. Fitzpatrick provided an update on the Collins Road Extension project. They are still on track to have draft project development report prepared by November 2017.

Gryder asked about status of Little Rock Road. No work has begun on that project.

Committee discussed Millington Road Bridge repair project. Klaas stated that because of permitting requirements and the fact that LaSalle County is going to use federal money, the earliest letting for the project will be 3-9-18... which means that construction would likely not occur until summer of 2018. Estimated cost for the project is \$1.5 million, which will be split between the two counties. Committee discussed different funding scenarios. Apparently LaSalle County is unable to commit local monies to the project, and has to use federal money. Klaas stated that no matter how the project is funded, it is apparent now that repairs will probably not occur until summer of 2018.

Eldamain Road project is still scheduled for September 22, 2018 letting.

Motion Davidson; second Gilmour to convene to Executive Session for the purpose of land acquisition. Motion approved unanimously at 4:24 P.M.

At 4:37 P.M., regular session reconvened with no action being taken.

Gryder stated that Oswego Township officials were interested in accessing TAP funds for sidewalk improvements in Boulder Hill Subdivision. Klaas stated that they are not eligible because those sidewalks are not along State or County Highways. He reminded the committee that the TAP Program was set up for linear-type projects along State and County Highways, in an effort to reduce vehicle trips. Sidewalks in Boulder Hill don't really meet the intentions of the TAP Program. Only one exception has been made to the TAP policies, and that was for the multi-use path along Kennedy Road; but said project had regional significance. Davidson was concerned that giving money for Boulder Hill would encourage every municipality in Kendall County to start asking for sidewalk repair money.

Motion Gilmour; second Gryder to forward Highway Department bills for the month of July in the amount of \$454,185.37 to the Finance Committee for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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