

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: June 14, 2016
LOCATION: Kendall County Highway Department
MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Koukol, Scott Gryder, Judy Gilmour and Matt Prochaska
STAFF PRESENT: Ginger Gates, Andy Myers, John Burscheid and Fran Klaas
ALSO PRESENT: P.J. Fitzpatrick and Kelly Farley

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

Motion Prochaska; second Gryder, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Prochaska, second Gryder to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from May 10, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

The Local Public Agency Amendment for Federal Participation related to Eldamain Road Construction was presented to the Committee. The Amendment provides for an additional \$1 million in federal aid funds for construction of Eldamain Road from Menards Distribution Center to Galena Road. This takes the total federal aid funds from \$2.5 million to \$3.5 million for that project, thus reducing the local share of costs by \$1 million. Motion Gryder; second Gilmour to recommend approval of the Amendment to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

After reviewing emails from Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the removal of stop signs at Old Ridge Road and Illinois Route 126, the Committee felt that there was no further need to consider sending a resolution to IDOT requesting the same. IDOT's plan is to let a contract yet this calendar year to make improvements at the intersection and remove the stop signs on Illinois Route 126.

Motion Gryder; second Prochaska to approve a petition from Little Rock Road District to participate in a drainage project that connects the north part of Mitchell Road to the south part of Mitchell Road. Klaas reported that after reviewing applicable laws, the State's Attorney Office believes that the County can participate in the project, but is not obligated to participate. Klaas recommended that the County approve the petition and participate in completing the project in light of the fact that the County will soon be closing Eldamain Road to reconstruct that road from River Road to U.S. Route 34. Mitchell Road would provide an alternate route for drivers while Eldamain Road is closed. By roll call vote, all members of the Committee voted no.

An agreement with Willett Hofmann & Associates was presented to the Committee related to inspection of county bridges during 2016 and 2017. These inspections are required as part of the National Bridge Inspection System. Koukol requested that the consultant make a presentation to the Committee next month to describe in detail the work that is contemplated under the Agreement.

Chairman reported that more and more people are disregarding the stops signs on Route 126 at Old Ridge Road. He also noted the increased traffic on Ridge Road south of Route 126.

PJ Fitzpatrick gave a report on the progress of preliminary engineering by WBK on the Collins Road Extension.

Kelly Farley gave a report on the progress of preliminary engineering by CMT on the Little Rock Road project south of Galena Road.

The Committee discussed the idea of hiring back Andy Myers to work during the construction season as a full-time temporary employee after his retirement at the end of 2016. His hours would be limited to not more than 600 hours. By doing this, the County might be able to postpone the hiring of a full-time replacement, and would save considerable amounts of money. The Committee was unanimously supportive of this plan.

Motion Koukol; second Gimour to forward Highway Department bills for the month of June in the amount of \$242,399.96 to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion to approve bills carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis C. Klaas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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

Action Items (Highway)

1. Local Public Agency Amendment for Federal Participation related to Eldamain Road Construction, providing for an additional \$1 million in federal aid funds for construction of Eldamain Road from Menards Distribution Center to Galena Road.