

## HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**DATE:** August 9, 2016  
**LOCATION:** Kendall County Highway Department  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dan Koukol, Scott Gryder, Jeff Wehrli, Judy Gilmour and Matt Prochaska  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Ginger Gates, Andy Myers, Fran Klaas and Jeff Wilkins  
**ALSO PRESENT:** P.J. Fitzpatrick, Kelly Farley, Jennifer Becker and Jackie Forbes

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

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

Motion Prochaska, second Gryder to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from July 12, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer Becker and Jackie Forbes introduced themselves from the Kane – Kendall Council of Mayors (KKCOM). They provided information on Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), which is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) in the Chicago region. When CATS and NIPC were joined about 10 years ago to form CMAP, they were funded through State and Federal grants. In recent years, the State has not been providing any funding for CMAP, and this nearly caused the agency to close its doors in 2015. Since millions of dollars flow through CMAP to local agencies each year, it is critical that CMAP remains viable and relevant moving forward. In lieu of State funding, CMAP has developed a plan to charge counties, municipalities, and transit agencies certain fees each year, totaling \$1.5 million. This is consistent with what other MPO's are doing in other regions.

Prochaska pointed out that Kane County has 4 times as many people, but only about 1.5 times higher proposed fees than Kendall. Becker indicated that the fees or dues that CMAP will charge have a base charge for counties and then a per-capita fee added to the base. Municipal partners have a per-capita fee only, so small municipalities will pay only a very small fee. Wilkins indicated that the base fee for counties is \$25,000. Gilmour thought the fees still seem unbalanced. Becker stated that it is against federal law to tie the federal funds to payment of the assessed fees. However, Gryder indicated that if local agencies aren't paying any fees, they may have difficulty competing for funds with other partner agencies that are paying their fees.

Klaas pointed out that Kendall County has been on the receiving end of \$6 million dollars in federal funds through CMAP in just the last few years. The Transportation Sales Tax Fund has benefited from this windfall of funding, and so the County Board might want to consider paying the CMAP fees from the Sales Tax Fund. This is consistent with other transportation planning efforts that are funded from the Sales Tax Fund. Becker indicated that the FY 17 and FY 18 proposed fees are based on State fiscal years, which begin July 1<sup>st</sup>. So the County could budget the fees in each of their fiscal years moving forward. She also thought that the nearly \$30,000 fee

for Kendall County would likely not increase since CMAP is just trying to obtain a local match of \$1,500,000 each year to stay operational.

The Committee was generally in favor of the plan to pay the CMAP fees each year from the Transportation Sales Tax Fund. They were interested in reviewing the breakdown of fees for all agencies in Kendall County and the region. This information will be brought back to the Committee in September for further discussion.

The Committee reviewed the WIKADUKE Trail corridor. Gryder discussed the new federal transportation bill, and how MPO's are supposed to be working with locals to identify major transportation corridors; but only parts of Orchard Road and Route 47 are currently identified. Major corridors in Kendall should likely include the WIKADUKE Trail, Orchard / Grove Roads, Eldamain Road, and perhaps others. Klaas provided some history of the planning efforts that have been ongoing for over 20 years on the Trail, and provided some exhibits to the Committee, including a recorded centerline for the Trail that was recorded in Kendall and Will Counties in 2000. That centerline now conflicts with Bednarcik Jr. High (Oswego) along Heggs Road. The proposed Hudson Pointe development in Oswego provided for a more southerly intersection of the Trail and U.S. Route 30 which would likely fit better with the school's location. The Committee discussed what role that Kendall County should have in determining the location and the funding for this route. Werhli felt strongly that the corridor is necessary. The need has not gone away, and it should eventually get built. He suggested that we sit down with Aurora and Oswego, and perhaps IDOT to figure out the best alignment for this route. Koukol concurred. Klaas asked whether the Committee wanted to include an element in the 5-year plan to provide some planning efforts for this route, because there is not currently any money in the plan for this purpose. After discussion, Wehrli suggested that some small amount should probably be put in the 5-year. Koukol suggested \$25,000 should be included in the plan, and that would let folks know that we're serious about developing a plan for this corridor. The consensus of the Committee was to meet with other agency partners regarding this matter, and to include some money in the 5-year plan to assist in those efforts.

Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Kendall and the Kendall County Forest Preserve District regarding land exchange of 1.6 acres of District owned property at Subat Forest Preserve with an appraised value of \$16,100 for 1.9 acres of county owned property adjacent to Hoover Forest Preserve with an appraised value of \$32,000 as part of the Eldamain Road improvement project, including approval of associated temporary construction easements was presented to the Committee. Motion Gryder; second Prochaska to recommend approval of the agreement to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Klaas presented the proposed FY 17 property tax levies for Highway, Bridge and Federal Aid Matching Funds to the Committee. The combined property tax levy proposed is \$55,000 less than the previous year. Koukol asked if we have enough money budgeted for salt and other expenses. Klaas indicated that there should be sufficient funds available. He stated that the transfer to the Building Fund each year is treated like a line-of-credit payment. If funding is tight, the Highway Fund might make a smaller transfer to the Building Fund so that the numbers will work out and the Highway Fund won't go over budget. Specific line item proposals are available electronically to board members in the Questica software.

A supplement to the engineering agreement between Kendall County and HR Green was presented to the Committee in the amount of \$344,419.49. These additional costs are attributed mostly to the fact that the Eldamain Road project from Highpoint Road to U.S. Route 34 has been broken into 2 parts, providing for a separate contract from River Road to Route 34. There are also additional costs involved with the redesign of the Fox Road intersection, as well as changes to the right-of-way and vertical profiles for the roadway. Motion Koukol; second Prochaska to forward the supplement on to the County Board for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Klaas discussed the idea of advancing a tree removal contract for Eldamain Road from River Road to U.S. Route 34, to facilitate the relocation of utilities in advance of the roadway contract, which is expected to be let in August 2017. This should expedite construction of the roadway immensely. However, the County must plant 760 trees as mitigation for removal of existing trees along the Eldamain Corridor. Forest Preserve Director, David Guritz, would gladly accept the trees in the Fox River Bluffs area, as the Forest Preserve has a long-term goal to create oak savannas in this area just south of the Fox River. Prochaska strongly supported the idea, as this action would show IDNR that the County is making progress in developing Fox River Bluffs in accordance with grant obligations. Committee had consensus to move forward with the tree removal and tree mitigation plan.

P.J. Fitzpatrick provided an update on the progress of preliminary engineering by WBK on the Collins Road Extension. Koukol thanked P.J. for providing email updates on the project.

Kelly Farley provided an update on the Little Rock Road project. Final plans and specifications have been delivered to the County for review.

Motion Koukol; second Gilmour to forward Highway Department bills for the month of August in the amount of \$134,477.08 to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion to approve bills carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis C. Klaas", written in a cursive style.

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

### **Action Items (Highway)**

1. Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Kendall and the Kendall County Forest Preserve District regarding land exchange of 1.6 acres of District owned property at Subat Forest Preserve with an appraised value of \$16,100 for 1.9 acres of county owned property adjacent to Hoover Forest Preserve with an appraised value of \$32,000 as part of the Eldamain Road improvement project, including approval of associated temporary construction easements.
2. Supplement to the preliminary engineering agreement between Kendall County and HR Green in the amount of \$344,419.49 to be taken from the Transportation Sales Tax Fund.