

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: August 11, 2020
LOCATION: Kendall County Highway Department
MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Gryder, Amy Cesich, Judy Gilmour, Matt Kellogg, and Matt Prochaska
STAFF PRESENT: Ginger Gates and Fran Klaas
ALSO PRESENT: Sheriff Dwight Baird

The committee meeting convened at 3:30 P.M. with roll call of committee members. Quorum established.

Motion Kellogg; second Prochaska, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Prochaska; second Gilmour, to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from July 14, 2020. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Prochaska; second Kellogg, to recommend approval of a preliminary engineering services agreement with WBK Engineering, LLC in the amount of \$49,550.75 for drainage improvements along Plattville Road; said funds to be taken from the Transportation Sales Tax Fund. Klaas described the project as Phase 2 Engineering for storm sewer and drainage improvements along Plattville Road, near Pletcher Drive, on the west side of the Village of Plattville. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Motion Prochaska; second Gilmour to recommend approval of an intergovernmental agreement for Kendall County Transportation Alternatives Program (“KC-TAP”) funding grant to the Village of Montgomery for constructing a multi-use path connecting sidewalks along U.S. Route 30 and the Virgil Gilman Trail (2020). Klaas pointed out that the County Board had previously approved the \$75,000 grant; and this IGA codifies the entire agreement. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Motion Prochaska; second Gilmour to recommend approval of an agreement between Kendall County and Illinois Railway, LLC for the reconstruction of the Fox-Eldamain Railroad Crossing. Klaas indicated that the agreement has been reviewed by Kendall County State’s Attorney. They had some concerns, but nothing of such significance that it would prevent the County from signing. Gilmour asked what the agreement covered. It is a reconstruction of the existing Fox Road crossing so that it will accommodate the wider Eldamain Road crossing, when Eldamain is constructed. Estimated cost is \$350,000. Klaas stated that the Highway Department has had a lot of difficulty in dealing with the Railroad, and it was possible that the agreement language could change slightly. If that happens, the approval might have to get postponed. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Motion Cesich; second Prochaska to recommend approval of the low bid from Denler, Inc. in the amount of \$23,950 for crack filling on Orchard Road. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Chairman Gryder reported that the Millington Bridge will be opened to traffic this week. A collective cheer went up from the Committee.

Sheriff Baird made a request to transfer the 2014 GMC pickup truck that Highway Department had for sale over to the Sheriff's Department to replace an aging truck that they had in their fleet. Chairman Gryder indicated that it was general rule to try to repurpose equipment internally within the County. Klaas wanted to make sure Committee was aware that if transfer was made without reimbursement, then revenue for Highway Fund would be below budgeted projections; but he was fine with that. Committee was in general favor of transferring the pickup, and requested Highway to reach out to Scott Koepfel for direction on how to transfer title.

Klaas advised the committee that there will have to be a Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for the Eldamain Road project, as well as an appropriation resolution for the local share of funds because of the federal money in the project. IDOT prepares the agreement, and for some reason, has not been able to forward copy to Highway Department for signatures. Per Chairman Gryder, these action items have been placed on next Tuesday's Board Agenda, but it is possible we won't have the final agreement by then; so it would then take a special board meeting to get it approved before the 8-28-20 deadline for the project.

Klaas discussed damage from recent storms, including downed power lines and trees, closed roads, and power outage to traffic signals. No major damages to roads and bridges was reported.

Motion Prochaska; second Cesich, to forward Highway Department bills for the month of August in the amount of \$661,978.23 to the Finance Committee for approval. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Motion Prochaska; second Kellogg, to adjourn the meeting at 3:53 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Action Items

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