

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: February 9, 2021
LOCATION: Kendall County Highway Department
MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Gryder, Amy Cesich, Matt Kellogg, Scott Gengler, & Brian DeBolt
STAFF PRESENT: Ginger Gates, John Burscheid, Francis Klaas, & Scott Koeppel
ALSO PRESENT: Ryan Sikes

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

Motion DeBolt; second Cesich, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Cesich; second Gengler, to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from January 12, 2021. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Cesich; second DeBolt to recommend approval of a resolution for maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$1,200,000 for resurfacing parts of Galena Road, Eldamain Road, and Rock Creek Road. John Burscheid provided a summary of the proposed County and Township work to be performed in 2021, including the aforementioned projects. After general discussion of projects, motion approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion Cesich; second DeBolt to recommend approval of a preliminary engineering services agreement between Kendall County and Engineering Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$196,192 for work on Fox River Drive (Johnson Street) in the Village of Newark. Klaas described the project, and the reasons why this has become a rather complicated project. Gengler asked how much the construction costs would be on this project. Klaas indicated it would be in excess of \$1 million, which costs are included in the multi-year plan. Kellogg asked about the timing of construction as it related to the grain elevator adjacent to the project. Klaas thought that the project could be completed before harvest season 2022. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Kellogg; second Gengler to recommended approval of an intergovernmental agreement between the County of Kendall and the Village of Plainfield for signalization of the intersection of 143rd Street and Ridge Road. Scott Koeppel provided background for the project. Kendall County has agreed to own and maintain the traffic signals and road improvements on Ridge Road, but not any of the improvements on 143rd Street or Johnson Road. State's Attorney has not reviewed the IGA yet. Cesich asked for clarification if this was the project and agreement that Kendall County had previously looked at, and wanted to make sure there was more commercial/business zoning near the intersection instead of residential. Klaas indicated that this was supposed to be a condition of the agreement, but no one was certain whether Plainfield had taken any steps to address this in their comprehensive plan. All members of the committee agreed that commercial zoning was more desirable than residential zoning along this important corridor, and discussed ways that this might happen. Kellogg withdrew his motion, and Gengler withdrew his second for the original motion; and Kellogg moved, Gengler seconded a motion to send the IGA to the State's Attorney Office for review. Gryder directed Koeppel to have

additional conversations with the Village of Plainfield to address the zoning issues. Motion approved unanimously.

Committee reviewed the shared principles, published by CMAP, that deal with the Federal Transportation Reauthorization. Klaas indicated that this is CMAP's effort to get agencies to start talking about the Federal Reauthorization, and some of our region's shared goals. Gryder asked Koepfel about the performance-based programming element contained in the principles, and whether this could be a hang up to the County's support. Koepfel didn't think there was anything in the publication that the County would object to. Committee discussed payments to CMAP, but realized that Kendall County has received millions of dollars in funding through CMAP over the past 10 years. Klaas also discussed how Kendall County is represented through the Kane Kendall Council of Mayors, and gave many accolades to the planning liaisons and staff at Kane County that assists Kendall County. Gryder asked if Jackie Forbes could come back out to the Committee sometime and give the new members a primer on CMAP and KKCOM. Klaas said he would contact them to see if that was possible.

In other business, Klaas provided an update to the ongoing J.U.L.I.E. membership issues. Meagan Briganti has set up a separate GIS site to allow Highway to start identifying exact right-of-way limits for county highways. These shape files would eventually be the data provided to J.U.L.I.E. if Kendall County becomes a member. Jim Webb at the State's Attorney Office is reviewing the J.U.L.I.E. Member Agreement, as well as other issues related to becoming a member. Klaas thought that the County Board would ultimately have to approve the member agreement if becoming a member was desired. DeBolt asked what it would cost to be a member. Klaas reported that other collar counties spend between \$50,000 and \$250,000 to be members, but thought Kendall would be less because of the smaller volume of notices. Koepfel asked how we handle locates now. Klaas discussed how Highway Department makes applicants pay for locates now, and requested that our lobbyists look at ways to solidify County's right to pass costs associated with locating on to the applicant, instead of making taxpayers pay for the cost. Kellogg also wondered if this could all be handled without being subject to JULIE fees, and keep costs away from taxpayers.

Klaas gave update on Eldamain Road construction progress. Gryder asked if there could be a groundbreaking ceremony for that project.

Motion Kellogg; second DeBolt, to forward Highway Department bills for the month of February in the amount of \$95,874.91 to the Finance Committee for approval. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Motion Gengler; second DeBolt, to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Action Items

1. Resolution for maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$1,200,000 for resurfacing parts of Galena Road, Eldamain Road, and Rock Creek Road.
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