

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: July 13, 2021
LOCATION: Kendall County Highway Department
MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Kellogg, Scott Gengler, & Brian DeBolt
STAFF PRESENT: Michele Riley and Francis Klaas
ALSO PRESENT: Ryan Sikes and Kelly Farley

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

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

Motion Gengler; second DeBolt, to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from April 13, 2021. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion DeBolt; second Gengler to recommend approval of a Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating \$2,738,443.44 of ReBuild Illinois Bond Funds for Eldamain Road construction. Klaas informed the committee that Kendall County will receive approximately \$4.1 million of new monies in the MFT Fund over a period of 3 years. These monies must be spent on bondable projects. Kendall has chosen to earmark the entire amount to the Eldamain Road project; however, only monies received to date can be obligated; hence the resolution in the amount of \$2,738,443.44. Kellogg discussed how these funds potentially count against the County in COVID lost revenue calculations. A question has been asked of the US Treasury Department to clarify how these funds should be counted. He indicated that this was just an interesting side note that the County is trying to understand. Gengler asked if these funds were targeted for any specific part of the project. Klaas indicated that the funds apply to the entire project, and will be used to simply meet the local cost share of the overall project. In reply to a status question by DeBolt, Klaas also informed the committee that construction is nearly 25% complete, even though only about 10% of the working days have been used so far. Motion approved unanimously

Motion DeBolt; second Gengler to accept the low bid of Denler, Inc. in the amount of \$94,500 for crack filling approximately 19 miles of Kendall County Highways. Second low bidder was SKC Construction at \$96,800, and the engineer's estimate was \$100,000. Klaas indicated that this appeared to be a good, competitive bid. DeBolt asked if this was within budget, and Klaas replied that it was. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Gengler; second DeBolt to approve a preliminary engineering services agreement between Kendall County and WBK Engineering, LLC for design of drainage improvements at the intersection of Newark Road and Lisbon Road in an amount not to exceed \$53,821. Klaas described this problem area that occasionally overtops with excess storm water in heavy rain events. It has been the cause of at least 1 car crash in recent years. There is not adequate storm drains or ditch capacity to transfer storm water away from the intersection. This engineering agreement would provide solutions to this problem. Construction costs are not expected to be very high, and it is targeted for 2023 letting. Committee discussed the possibility of more traffic

on Lisbon Road when the new Eldamain Road Bridge is completed. Klaas didn't believe that the new Eldamain Road would contribute significantly to traffic on Lisbon Road in the near term. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Gengler; second DeBolt to recommend award of \$76,000 to Kendall County Forest Preserve District from the KC-TAP Fund for local share of costs of a multi-use path along Route 71 between Route 126 and Orchard Road. This is a IDOT project that will spend millions of dollars for a road improvement; and it includes a multi-use path along the entire route. Guidelines for TAP funds would normally limit the applying agency to 50% of the cost of the project and a maximum award of \$50,000. Kellogg pointed out that there had been no other applications for 2021 for the \$50,000 that Highway Department puts into this fund. He also indicated that this is not the first time that the County has considered granting more than \$50,000 for an important project. Klaas pointed out that there are not currently enough unobligated funds in KC-TAP to cover the \$76,000 request; so funds would have to come from both 2021 and 2022. Kellogg stated that construction is not anticipated until 2023, so funds would not be required for a few years anyway. Consensus of the committee was to allot the full amount of \$76,000 to the Forest Preserve. Motion approved unanimously.

Kellogg asked about the lack of crosswalks at Eldamain Road and U.S. Route 34. Klaas indicated that they were supposed to be installed as part of the County's and the State's road improvement projects; but due to staging conflicts, the lines were never installed. IDOT had indicated they would put the markings in, but haven't yet. In the meantime, Klaas had received a very high quote from a contractor to place the markings. It is now the current plan to have Kendall County crews install the markings as soon as possible.

DeBolt discussed parking on Ben Street within the corporate limits of Plano, and people who don't stop at the stop signs at the School Street intersection. Klaas indicated that the Highway Department office has been fielding way more complaints of speeding and general disregard for traffic laws around the County.

Motion Gengler; second DeBolt, to forward Highway Department bills for the month of July in the amount of \$329,520.58 to the Finance Committee for approval. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Motion Gengler; second Kellogg, to adjourn the meeting at 3:58 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Action Items

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2. Accept the low bid of Denler, Inc. in the amount of \$94,500 for crack filling approximately 19 miles of Kendall County Highways
3. Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement between Kendall County and WBK Engineering, LLC for design of drainage improvements at the intersection of Newark Road and Lisbon Road in an amount not to exceed \$53,821
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