

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: September 13, 2022
LOCATION: Kendall County Highway Department
MEMBERS PRESENT: Amy Cesich, Matt Kellogg, Scott Gengler & Scott Gryder
STAFF PRESENT: Michele Riley, John Burscheid, and Scott Koeppel
ALSO PRESENT: Ryan Sikes, Kelly Farley

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

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

Motion Cesich; second Gengler, to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from August 9, 2022. Motion approved unanimously.

Committee discussed the Safety Action Plan Grant available through the CMAP. John Burscheid read notes from County Engineer, Fran Klaas, stating that CMAP cannot tell Kendall County what their share of the cost would be. Additionally, since equity and social justice are the key evaluation factors for future implementation grants, there is little chance that Kendall County would ever get any of the implementation money- based on our demographics. Scott Koeppel and Chairman Gryder then stated that Kendall County already has the lowest fatal and serious accident rates of any other county in the Chicagoland region. Koeppel remarked that in order to pursue the grant it would take approximately 100 to 120 hours of staff time over the next two years, and that doesn't even guarantee us any dollar amounts awarded. He would rather have Kendall County team up with the other local municipalities down the road and try to pursue the grant money, thereby sharing some of the upfront costs and labor hours. The entire committee agreed the grant was not worth pursuing at this point in time and directed Scott Koeppel to write a letter to CMAP informing them as such.

Motion Cesich; second Kellogg to approve a resolution awarding a contract to Homer Tree Service, Inc. in the amount of \$46,698 for tree removal on the Collins Road Extension project. Burscheid stated that the engineer's estimate was a bit over \$76,000 and Homer's bid came in nearly 40% under that at \$46,698. The next two contractors that bid were 30% above and 69% above the engineer's estimate. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Cesich; second Kellogg to approve an ordinance for the establishment of altered speed zones on various township roads. In this case Dickson Road between Galena Road, and Route 30. Burscheid said that the vast majority of the road is incorporated into the Village of Montgomery and a small sliver of it is under Bristol Township's jurisdiction. As of now there appears to be disparate speed limits on the road between the two governing bodies. Since the majority of the road is under the Village of Montgomery's control, their wishes should dictate the speed. This would lower Bristol Township's section from 55 mph to 45 mph; thereby creating a consistent speed limit for the entirety of the road. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Cesich; second Gengler to recommend approval of the Final Draft of the Fiscal Year 2023 through the Fiscal Year 2027 Multi-Year Road Improvements Plan. The committee was concerned that Collins Road extension was shown in the plan stopping at Minkler Road and not extending to Route 71. Despite this, the motion was still unanimously approved providing that the County Engineer, Fran Klaas, either add the western leg of the Collins Road extension all the way to Route 71 or at the very least explain to the board why it wasn't included.

Under Chairman's Report, the progress of the Eldamain Road bridge was discussed. Burscheid stated that the final concrete pour of the bridge deck itself was finished last week, but there are still walls and bridge deck approaches that need to be finished. Kellogg mentioned that he had heard the vast majority of the work on the road and bridge would be completed by Thanksgiving of 2022, but it was wishful thinking at this point due to a possible concrete shortage.

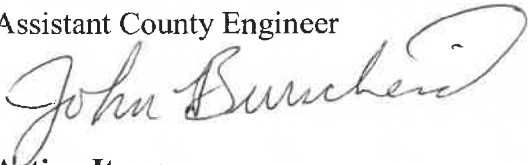
Motion Cesich; second Kellogg to forward Highway Department bills for the month of August in the amount of \$640,739.41 to the Finance Committee for approval. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Debolt arrived at 3:43 pm

Motion Kellogg; second Cesich, to adjourn the meeting at 3:44 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John Burscheid
Assistant County Engineer



Action Items

1. A resolution awarding contract to Homer Tree Service, Inc. in the amount of \$46,698 for tree removal on the Collins Road Extension project
2. An ordinance for the establishment of altered speed zones on various township roads
3. Final Draft of FY 23-FY27 Multi-Year Plan