

## HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**DATE:** February 11, 2020  
**LOCATION:** Kendall County Highway Department  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Scott Gryder, Amy Cesich, Judy Gilmour, Matt Kellogg, and Matt Prochaska  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Ginger Gates, John Burscheid and Fran Klaas  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Eric Rose

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

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

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

Motion Gryder; second Gilmour to approve the low bid of Gjovik Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$58,081.52 for the purchase of two pickup trucks. These trucks were part of the budgeted capital expenditures. Gjovik Ford was the low bidder of three bids. Old pickup trucks will be bid out after new pickup trucks are delivered. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Cesich; second Gilmour to recommend approval of a resolution appropriating \$750,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the improvement of Van Emmon Road from Woodland Drive to Cardinal Lane. Klaas described the improvement as placement of safety shoulders and resurfacing of the roadway. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Cesich; second Prochaska to recommend approval of a resolution appropriating \$210,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Maintenance of Highways under the Illinois Highway Code. These maintenance items include a seal coat on Joliet Road and also purchase of bulk rock salt. Klaas advised the committee that the plan going forward is to purchase bulk rock salt from the MFT Fund, allowing more flexibility in the Highway Fund to purchase capital equipment and pay for anticipated additional salaries. This will allow property taxes for Highway purposes to remain the same as they have for the past 13 years. Cesich asked if salt could be purchased from either Highway Fund or MFT Fund, and Klaas indicated it could. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Cesich; second Prochaska to recommend approval of a Construction Engineering Services Agreement with HR Green, Inc. in the amount of \$90,866 for Phase 3 Engineering Services on the Eldamain Road Concrete Patching Contract. Klaas indicated that Highway Department is going to be unusually busy this summer; and also pointed out the fact that they don't have a lot of experience in construction or repair of concrete pavements. For these reasons, he recommended this Phase 3 Agreement on this particular project. Cesich pointed out that the motion should include information as to what fund the monies would come from. Klaas said it would be from Transportation Sales Tax Fund. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Cesich; second Gilmour to recommend approval of a Resolution Establishing a Prohibited Truck Route on Joliet Road. Klaas advised the committee that the State of Illinois has simplified truck route designations from eight categories down to three. As part of this effort, locals are required to designate truck routes or prohibit trucks on desired routes. Currently, the only route that prohibits 80,000# trucks is Joliet Road west of LaFarge Quarry to Lisbon Road. Kellogg asked if this effort will help with the streamlining of overweight permitting. Klaas did not think it would help at all. Centralized overweight permitting efforts seems to have stalled over the past year or two. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Cesich; second Prochaska to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Illinois, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and County of Kendall to accept \$100,000 for improvement of Caton Farm Road, and authorize County Engineer to sign Agreement. Klaas informed the committee that State Senator, Sue Rezin, had been instrumental in obtaining this \$100,000 grant to help pay for resurfacing of Caton Farm Road as part of the Rebuild Illinois Program. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Motion Cesich; second Kellogg to recommend approval of a Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary for the period 5-20-20 to 5-19-21 in the amount of \$128,750. This represents a 3% raise from the current salary. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Chairman Gryder discussed the 2020 Kendall County Transportation Alternatives Program applications. First application was for a path along the west side of Ridge Road from I-80 to a point north of Mid Point Road. Said application came from the Village of Minooka. Recommended grant is for \$50,000. Next application was from Village of Montgomery and is for a shared use path connecting US Rte. 30, Oswego Public Library, and Virgil Gilman Trail. Request was for \$75,600. Klaas indicated that this request was more than the maximum guidelines under the TAP program; but because this was such a good project, he recommended approval of \$75,000. Gryder indicated that he had spoken with the Library District and Village of Montgomery several years ago, and believed this project has a lot of merit. Committee discussed some of the current guidelines of the Program, and agreed that \$75,000 was acceptable for this project. Village of Oswego requested \$7,500 for pedestrian signs and signals at the intersection of Plainfield Road and Woolley Road. Oswegoland Park District requested \$35,000 for accessibility and safety upgrades for the shared use path along the west side of Grove Road. Klaas reduced the recommended grant to \$30,000 by eliminating any work at the Grove / Collins intersection, which will be improved at a later date by Kendall County. Klaas did not recommend approval of requests by Village of Newark (Johnson Street) and City of Yorkville (Fox Road) because those requested improvements will be completed anyway as part of future county highway improvements. Klaas also advised the committee to announce the successful applicants now, but reminded members that the IGA's to codify the commitments will take a few months to put together. Committee members were in agreement with the recommendations. Gryder requested that the Application Recommendation worksheet be included in the County Board packet.

Under Chairman's Report, Gryder updated the Committee regarding the continuing efforts to move the Eldamain Road project forward as threatened and endangered species coordination threatens to delay the letting. Klaas reported that IDOT has a meeting on Friday with Bureau of Design & Environment in Springfield to discuss these issues. Eric Rose reported that he has been

involved with Kane County bridge projects that are dealing with some of these same environmental issues, and volunteered to provide help or additional information if requested.

Motion Prochaska; second Gilmour to forward Highway Department bills for the month of February in the amount of \$732,396.51 to the Finance Committee for approval. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Motion Prochaska; second Cesich to adjourn the meeting at 4:06 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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

### **Action Items**

1. Low bid of Gjovik Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$58,081.52 for the purchase of two pickup trucks; said funds to be taken from the County Highway Fund
2. Resolution appropriating \$750,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the improvement of Van Emmon Road from Woodland Drive to Cardinal Lane
3. Resolution appropriating \$210,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Maintenance of Highways under the Illinois Highway Code
4. Construction Engineering Services Agreement with HR Green, Inc. in the amount of \$90,866 for Phase 3 Engineering Services on the Eldamain Road Concrete Patching Contract; said funds to be taken from the Transportation Sales Tax Fund
5. Resolution Establishing a Prohibited Truck Route on Joliet Road from Lisbon Road to LaFarge Quarry
6. Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Illinois, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and County of Kendall to accept \$100,000 for improvement of Caton Farm Road, and authorize County Engineer to sign Agreement
7. Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary for the period 5-20-20 to 5-19-21 in the amount of \$128,750
8. Announce successful KC-TAP applicants including Village of Minooka - \$50,000; Village of Montgomery - \$75,000; Village of Oswego - \$7,500; and Oswegoland Park District - \$30,000