

Highway & Transportation Committee
Friday, January 14, 2003
9:00 a.m.

Meeting Rm. 1, Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cowart, Carter, Crozier, Feinen, Jay, Langenheim, Shoemaker, Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mitchell

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Unzicker, Denny Inman, John Cooper, Chris Doenitz, John Frye, Marvin Johnson, Gary Carmein

Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Declaring a quorum present, the Chair proceeded with the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Crozier to approve the minutes of December 13, 2002 as presented; seconded by Shoemaker. Motion carried.

MOTION by Feinen to approve the closed session minutes of December 13, 2002 as presented; seconded by Shoemaker. Motion carried.

MOTION by Langenheim to approve the closed session minutes of November 8, 2002 as presented; seconded by Carter. Motion carried with Feinen abstaining.

Monthly Reports

MOTION by Crozier to receive and place on file the monthly reports of the County and Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims from the County Engineer; seconded by Shoemaker.

The report included the following:

County Motor Fuel Tax Claims	\$62,288.98
Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims	\$ -0-

County Engineer

Resolution Appropriating \$16,152 for County Share of CUUATS

MOTION by Crozier to recommend approval to the full Board of a Resolution Appropriating \$16,152 from County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Champaign County's share of the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area Transportation Study, Section #03-00000-00-ES; seconded by Langenheim. Motion carried.

Resolution Awarding of Contract for Purchase of Two 2003 Pickups

Mr. Unzicker stated the Highway Department would donate the vehicle to be replaced to the Planning & Zoning Department for their use. He noted the County was quoted an amount lower than he estimated which would allow the County to purchase a second truck for only another \$10,000. He also said the money is in the budget in the equipment line item. The new trucks would be for the use of the Highway Maintenance Supervisor and the proportion Technician. Mr. Inman briefly described the state bidding process for newer committee members.

MOTION by Jay to recommend approval to the full Board of a Resolution Awarding of Contract for Purchase of Two 2003 Chevrolet 1500 Extended Cab 4x4 Pickup Trucks by the Champaign County Highway Department to Green Chevrolet, Inc., Peoria, Illinois for a total of \$41,771.38 (\$20,885.69 each); seconded by Carter. Shoemaker asked what is transported in the pickups. Mr. Unzicker stated that equipment used by the proportion technician needs to be transported in the cab. He also noted these two pickups are six-foot bed trucks, not eight-foot beds. Motion carried.

Letter of Intent with IDOT and City of Champaign Concerning Proposed interchange of I-57 and Curtis Rd.

Mr. Unzicker stated this letter of intent will provide confirmation of agreed items from coordinated meetings with the State, the City of Champaign and the County and results in a savings to the County of approximately \$109,010.00. It has already been signed and approved by the City of Champaign.

MOTION by Langenheim to recommend to the full Board authorization for the County Engineer to sign a Letter of Intent with the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Champaign Concerning the Proposed Interchange of I-57 and Curtis Rd. between Duncan Road and Staley Road; seconded by Carter. Motion carried.

Resolution and Amended Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Urbana Concerning Location Study for Windsor Road

Mr. Unzicker stated that Federal funding will pay up to \$210,000 of project study, then the County and City will evenly split the remaining costs.

MOTION by Carter to recommend approval of a Resolution Authorizing the County Board Chair to sign and Amended Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Urbana Concerning the Funding for a Location Study for Windsor Road; seconded by Smith. Mr. Shoemaker asked what fund these monies are from. Mr. Unzicker replied funding for projects that are matched with federal funds come from the County's Federal Aid Matching Funds Fund. The County originally levied \$250,000 several years ago, but over time the levy has decreased. It is currently levied at the minimum which brings in approximately \$7,000 per year. Crozier noted the levy was significantly decreased in last year's budget in order to allow the County Board to provide a grant to the County Public Health District for a dental access program. Extensive discussion continued. Motion carried.

Other Business

Shoemaker inquired about process of notifying County of potential hazards or problems with various roads in the County. Mr. Unzicker stated that townships have their own road commissioners that maintain roads in their boundaries and County highways are maintained by County maintenance crews. He said that most township residents and county residents know who to call for which problems.

Determination of Consent Agenda Items

All items under "County Engineer" will be placed on the consent agenda.

Adjournment

Chair Cowart declared the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranae Wolken
Recording Secretary

Secretary's note: The minutes reflect the order of the agenda, and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.