

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD  
**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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**HIGHWAY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Friday, February 9, 2007

Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center  
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana

9:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carter, Cowart (Chair), Jay, Knott, Langenheim, Melin, O'Connor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Beckett, Bensyl

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jeff Blue (County Engineer), Kat Bork (Recording Secretary)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Recording Secretary called the roll. Carter, Cowart, Jay, Langenheim, Melin, and O'Connor were present. Cowart declared a quorum and proceeded with the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM**

**MOTION** by Jay to approve the agenda; seconded by Carter. **Motion carried.**

Knott entered the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Carter to approve the Highway & Transportation Committee regular session minutes of January 12, 2007; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – January 2007

**MOTION** by Jay to receive and place on file the County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for January 2007; seconded by Langenheim. **Motion carried.**

**COUNTY ENGINEER**

Resolution for Contract Award Authority

Blue distributed a revised version of the resolution to the committee. Blue explained there are five bridges that need to be bid. This resolution would grant Blue the authority to award the bridges. The Corps of Engineers issues a 404 permit to give the County the ability to build bridges. The Corps of Engineers must give permission for work to be done in any public waters in the State of Illinois. The current permits issued by the Corps of Engineers will expire on March 18, 2007 and these permits will not be automatically renewed as they

have been in the past. Any projects that are awarded after this date would have to undergo a new permitting process because the federal government has not given the Corps of Engineers the authority to renew the permits as usual. Therefore, Blue recommended asking for bids on March 8, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. for the five structures. Blue included a map with the locations of the structures. Two bridges are on County Highway 22. The County Board approved an Economic Development Grant to pay for these bridges at the last County Board meeting. The remaining three are on the County line with Piatt County, Ford County, and Douglas County. The Ford County structure is on County Highway 22. The Piatt County and Douglas County structures are on township roads. Because the March County Board meeting is not scheduled until March 29<sup>th</sup>, Blue requested that he be given the authority to award the bridges to the lowest responsible bidders as long as the bids are within 10% of the issued assessments.

**MOTION** by Jay to approve the Resolution for Contract Award Authority; seconded by Langenheim.  
**Motion carried.**

O'Connor asked if having all five bridges on one resolution would raise a red flag in Paris. Blue said it would not be a problem because this resolution does not go to Paris.

#### Building Update

Blue stated all the footings have been poured and are in place. The plumber started to do some underground work to get the pipes in before the walls go up. Unfortunately, now the ground is frozen and it is difficult to do any excavation work. Blue had a meeting yesterday with the concrete, pre-cast wall producer. The walls are coming from Burlington, Iowa. The wall colors and textures have been selected. The walls will begin being produced on Monday and the walls can be shipped in two weeks if the general contractor is ready. The contractor might not be ready to take delivery of the walls because they have to drill some concrete footings into the ground to anchor the temporary wall braces. These are not finished and with the cold snap, Blue is not sure if they can be done. The contractor has said once the walls are received it would take 30-45 days to set all the walls. Blue reported the walls should be up by April or May. Christmas 2007 is the approximate completion time for the building.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

#### DESIGNATION OF ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON COUNTY BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair designated agenda item 6 A for the consent agenda.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Bork  
Administrative Secretary

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