



**Champaign County Board
Highway & Transportation Committee
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois**

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MINUTES – Approved 1/9/2015

DATE: Friday, November 7th, 2014
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Highway Building Conference Room
1605 East Main, Urbana, IL

Committee Members

| Present | Absent |
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| Lorraine Cowart (Chair) | |
| Lloyd Carter (Vice Chair) | |
| Christopher Alix | |
| John Jay | |
| Jim McGuire | |
| Diane Michaels | |
| Max Mitchell | |
| | Michael Richards |

County Staff: Jeff Blue (County Engineer), Deb Busey (County Administrator), Linda Lane (Recording Secretary)

Others Present: Al Kurtz (County Board Chair)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:02a.m.

II. Roll Call

A verbal roll call was taken and a quorum was declared present.

III. Approval of Agenda/Addendum

A. Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting – November 7, 2014

MOTION by Mr. Mitchell to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Jay. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

IV. Public Participation

None

V. Approval of Minutes

A. October 3, 2014

MOTION by Mr. Mitchell to approve the October 3, 2014 Highway & Transportation Committee meeting minutes; seconded by Ms. Michaels. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

- 43 **VI. County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – October 2014**
44 **MOTION** by Mr. Alix to receive and place on file the County and Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for October
45 2013; seconded by Mr. Jay. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.
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- 47 **VII. Resolution Appropriating County MFT Funds for FY2015 County Roads Maintenance –**
48 **Section #15-00000-00-GM**
49 Mr. Blue briefly explained the resolution and gave a handout showing the estimated maintenance costs. He
50 summarized how the money is divided. **MOTION** by Mr. Mitchell to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr.
51 McGuire. Ms. Michaels asked what this was going to do to the MFT or if it was part of the budget. She
52 expressed concern that it will be gone quicker than what they thought. Mr. Blue said it is part of the FY2015
53 budget. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.
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- 55 **VIII. Resolution giving Authority to the County Board Chair to sign a Joint Agreement with the Illinois**
56 **Department of Transportation for the Construction of County Highway 1 (Dewey-Fisher Road) –**
57 **Section #12-00432-00-RS**
58 Mr. Blue stated that the joint agreement needs to be back in Paris the day after the Board meeting. He noted
59 that the second to last page shows a cost breakout of federal, state, and county monies. He pointed out that
60 the next two resolutions on the agenda are what make of the county match in this agreement. Mr. Blue also
61 noted that they have all of the right-of-ways secured. He said this should be on the State bid letting January
62 16, 2015 and he hopes construction can start about April 1 with a completion of November 1, noting that it is
63 an aggressive schedule. He said it is a \$7 million project and the County's portion is \$2.2 million. He remarked
64 that he will have to push for projects like this in the future that have multiple pots of money. He noted they
65 will be using some MFT reserves that will be out in a few years and that in the future they will probably have to
66 save for a few years for a project of this size.
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68 Mr. Carter asked if they got any of the IJN money back. Mr. Blue stated it is being used on the Olympian Drive
69 project. He noted that the IJN money was \$200,000 per year for the past five years and was not job specific.
70 Ms. Michaels noted the TART had changed from the original packet to this meeting and asked if it is something
71 that will continue to change or is it the bottom line. Mr. Blue replied it is the actual amount now. **MOTION** by
72 Mr. Mitchell to approve resolution; seconded by Mr. McGuire. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**
73 **unanimously**.
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- 75 **IX. Resolution Appropriating \$400,000 from Federal Aid Matching Tax Funds for the construction of CH. 1**
76 **(Dewey-Fisher Road) – Section #12-00432-00-RS**
77 Mr. Blue explained that the \$400,000 is the federal aid match for the Dewey-Fisher project and is part of the
78 joint agreement. **MOTION** by Mr. Jay to approve resolution; seconded by Ms. Michaels. Upon vote, the
79 **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.
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- 81 **X. Resolution Appropriating \$1,775,000.00 from County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the construction of CH. 1**
82 **(Dewey-Fisher Road) – Section #12-00432-00-RS**
83 **MOTION** by Ms. Michaels to approve resolution; seconded by Mr. Jay. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**
84 **unanimously**.
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- 86 **XI. Township Road District Petitions and Resolutions**
87 Mr. Blue explained they send a letter to the townships in August asking for their 2015 projects. He said the
88 county bridge is set up to help the townships on a 50/50 share of projects.
89 *A. Petition – Hensley-Somer Road District – Box Culvert Replacement*
90 Mr. Blue stated this is an 8x3 concrete box replacement on the township line. **MOTION** by Mr. Jay to
91 approve; seconded by Mr. McGuire. Mr. Alix asked if a project was on a township line if it is split
92 between the townships. Mr. Blue replied yes and that it was based on the townships tax base. Upon
93 vote, **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.
94 *B. Petition – Newcomb Road District – 2 Box Culvert Replacement*
95 Mr. Blue said both are concrete structures replacing metal structures and concrete box. **MOTION** by Mr.
96 Alix to approve; seconded by Mr. Jay. Ms. Cowart asked if the County is paying 50%. Mr. Blue said yes

97 and explained that the County buys the structure and the townships put it in. Ms. Michaels asked if with
98 all the box culvert projects if they were grouping the pricing on them. Mr. Blue said yes so they get
99 better prices. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

100 C. *Petition – Ludlow Road District – 2 Box Culvert Replacement*

101 Mr. Blue noted there are two culverts that need replaced, one on the Ford County line. He explained
102 that normally they would split the cost with Ford County but there was another structure on the county
103 line that needed replaced. Mr. Blue said they did a gentleman’s agreement that Ford County would pay
104 for one and Champaign County will pay for the other. **MOTION** by Ms. Michaels to approve; seconded
105 by Mr. McGuire. Upon vote, **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

106 D. *Petition – Crittenden Road District - Box Culvert Replacement*

107 Mr. Blue said this is replacing a 42” metal pipe with a 6x3 box culvert. **MOTION** by Mr. Alix to approve;
108 seconded by Mr. Carter. Mr. Alix stated that paragraph four had Compromise instead of Crittenden road
109 district. Mr. Blue said they will get that changed. Upon vote, **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

110 E. *Petition – Sadorus Road District - Box Culvert Replacement*

111 Mr. Blue stated that they will change Compromise to Sadorus Road District. He said this is replacing a
112 6x3 culvert with an 8x3 culvert. **MOTION** by Mr. McGuire to approve; seconded by Mr. Jay. Ms. Cowart
113 asked why the cost is so low. Mr. Blue replied that this is a single box culvert and that it is also smaller.
114 Upon vote, **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

115 F. *Petition – Compromise Road District - Box Culvert Replacement*

116 Mr. Blue said this is on one of the windmill roads and the 15” corrugated pipe isn’t able to handle the
117 velocity of water. **MOTION** by Mr. Mitchell to approve; seconded by Ms. Michaels. Upon vote, **MOTION**
118 **CARRIED unanimously.**

119 G. *Petition – Brown Road District – Bridge Deck Replacement*

120 Mr. Blue explained that this has a larger price because it is a bridge deck replacement of a 3-span bridge
121 built in 1969. He said the old deck beams have a lot of cracking and they are worried about the integrity.
122 He noted that the road carries a lot of farm equipment. Mr. Blue said that the township bridge fund will
123 pay 80%, the township 10% and the county bridge fund 10%. **MOTION** by Mr. Mitchell to approve;
124 seconded by Ms. Michaels. Ms. Cowart asked if they were going to increase the weight load. Mr. Blue
125 said it hasn’t been reduced yet but is worried the bridge won’t survive if they don’t do anything. He said
126 the weight load will remain at 80,000 pounds. Upon vote, **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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128 **XII. Resolution Authorizing the County Board Chair to sign a Road Use Agreement with Ameren Transmission**
129 **Company of Illinois**

130 Mr. Blue handed out the final draft of the road use agreement saying it had been reviewed by the State’s
131 Attorney and had been given the ok. He said this is part of the Illinois River Project and is similar to the road
132 use agreement for the windfarm. He said they will do video footage of the roadways before using them and
133 will do an assessment after for damage. He said any damage Ameren is responsible for. He commented that he
134 didn’t think the loads will be as much as the windfarm.

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136 **MOTION** by Mr. Mitchell to approve; seconded by Mr. McGuire. Ms. Michaels clarified that Ameren is giving
137 the County an idea of what roads they were going to use and asked what they were doing with the rivers. Mr.
138 Blue said it’s called the Illinois Rivers project and it’s a transmission line. He said this one is specific to
139 Champaign County. Ms. Michaels asked if they were putting in new electrical. Mr. Blue answered yes. He
140 stated Ameren is paying the County \$8,000 to administer permits and oversee everything. Mr. McGuire
141 clarified that Ameren is saying this is the cost of permits, they are going to study the roads before driving and
142 then again after the project and fix any damage. Mr. Blue replied yes and said that the townships have their
143 own agreements. He commented that Ameren does work all over and has never had a road use agreement
144 before. He said he thought this came out of the Illinois Commerce Commission. Upon vote, the **MOTION**
145 **CARRIED unanimously.**

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147 **XIII. Budget Amendment – County Bridge Fund**

148 Mr. Blue said he wanted to make everyone aware of a budget amendment that would be going to finance. He
149 explained that some projects carry over from year to year and the State is very slow at billing. He stated this is
150 for the St. Mary’s Road bridge that has been done for three years but they just received the bill, some other

151 project that were held over, and others that are being finished this year. **MOTION** by Mr. Mitchell to approve;
152 seconded by Mr. Alix. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.
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154 **XIV. Olympian Drive Update**

155 Mr. Blue noted that the current construction project had planned to close Lincoln Avenue for the dirt work. He
156 said due to fall weather and the fact that they never really got started on the east side of the tracks, the
157 contractor gave up doing the east side this fall. He said they have the majority of the fill done on the west side.
158 He stated that Otto Baum will be taking over for O'Neill Bros. who is going out of business, will be in next week
159 to do abutments and pile driving on the west side of the tracks. He said the west end has agreements with the
160 Atkins Group and the Lo family, and right-of-way documents are being drawn up.
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162 Mr. Blue said the secretary denied the request to move the IJN funds to the Lincoln Avenue project. He said
163 they will contact CUUATS about restructuring the funding mechanism for Olympian Drive and Lincoln Avenue.
164 Mr. Blue said the passed resolution was for \$1.1 million and they won't be paying more than that. He said
165 Olympian drive came in well below the CUUATS 50% policy and he would like to get them to agree override
166 the policy and allow 80% on Lincoln Avenue.
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168 Ms. Cowart asked if the money left over on Olympian Drive could be used to extend Olympian Drive past
169 Lincoln Avenue. Mr. Blue said that IJN is specifically for these particular Olympian Drive projects and that the
170 state is making it be spent only on those. Mr. Blue said they hope to bid the west end of Olympian Drive and
171 build it next summer, stating it was a quick project.
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173 Mr. Alix inquired about what happened to O'Neill Bros. Mr. Blue said that they had told people in July that
174 they would no longer be in business after the end of the year. He said it's a family business and the family is no
175 longer interested in running it. Ms. Michaels asked if they sold everything to Otto Baum. Mr. Blue said they
176 were liquidating the entire company. Ms. Michaels wanted to know what would happen to the contracts in
177 place. Mr. Blue said O'Neill is finishing one and will transfer the other to Otto Baum. Mr. Blue felt this was not
178 good for construction prices in the area. He said he hoped that Feutz might pick up some of the work and
179 would like to see them bid on the Dewey-Fisher road project.
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181 **XV. Designation of Items to be placed on consent agenda**

182 Items XII, XIII, IX, X, XI-A thru XI-G, and XII are to be placed on the consent agenda.
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184 **XVI. Other Business**

185 **Approval of Closed Session Minutes – October 3, 2014**

186 **MOTION** by Mr. Jay to approve the closed session minutes of October 3, 2014; seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon
187 vote, **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.
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189 **XVII. Adjournment**

190 There being no further business, Ms. Cowart adjourned the meeting at 10:10 am.