

WILL COUNTY BOARD
PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2008

Will County Office Building
County Board Room
302 North Chicago Street
Joliet, IL 60432
8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Singer called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Members: Singer, Weigel, Goodson, Travis, Wisniewski and Bilotta.

Absent were Members: Babich.

Also Present:

Present from State's Attorney's Office: Melanie Manning.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Goodson, to approve the October 14, 2008 minutes. On a roll call vote, Weigel, Goodson, Travis, Wisniewski and Bilotta voting yes.

MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Travis, to approve the executive session minutes from the October 14, 2008 meeting. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

Request for Resolution Re: Master Agreement for Use of Easement over Lands of Commonwealth Edison Company in the County of Will – Tabled October 14, 2008

A motion was made by Ms. Goodson, second by Mr. Weigel, to remove this item from table. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Gould stated this was referred back to the County Executive for review and has been approved.

Ms. Manning indicated she had also reviewed this agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Goodson, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing a master agreement for use of easement over lands of Com Edison. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request by Lincoln-Way Community High School District #210 for a Drainage Agreement on Gougar Road – CH 52

Mr. Gould indicated this is an agreement to utilize their detention on part of the road. If there are any problems we have the ability to do any repair within the right of way.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Travis, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the drainage agreement with Lincoln-Way Community High School District #210 for Gougar Road. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Solid Waste Plan Comment

Mr. Olson stated the comment was regarding composting and we believe we have addressed it.

Mr. Singer arrived at this juncture.

A motion was made by Mr. Travis, second by Ms. Goodson, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda adopting the Solid Waste Management Plan Update. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

NEW BUSINESS

Request by City of Joliet for a Brick Retaining Wall on South Briggs Street (CH 54), County Board District #8

Mr. Gould indicated we have limited right of way at the corner of Briggs Street and Spencer Road. We will put up the retaining wall and Joliet has agreed to maintain it.

A motion was made by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Travis, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Joliet and Will County for a retaining wall at Briggs Street and Spencer Road. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request by Village of Romeoville for a Roadway and Signal Improvement Agreement on Weber Road (CH 88) at Gaskin Drive and Continuing North

Mr. Gould stated this involves the intersection of Renwick and Weber Roads regarding the construction of a 6 lane cross section with federal funding that will go to Gaskin Drive. The Village of Romeoville wants to extend 6 lanes across from Gaskin north to south of Airport Road where the new Wal-mart and Target are. We will have continuous 6 lanes from Airport Road south to Renwick.

Mr. Bilotta commented it is our project at Division and Weber with an 80/20 match and we did not want to lose those dollars. The county will do those improvements, which is within our normal scope.

Mr. Gould indicated we are including that 6 lane from Gaskin north as part of our construction; it will be done under one contract.

A motion was made by Ms. Goodson, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing an intergovernmental agreement for improvements at Weber Road and Gaskin Drive. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNTY BOARD

1. Resolution in Support of Demolition – 1228 Pawnee Street, Joliet Township, County Board District #8
Motion by Mr. Singer, second by Mr. Weigel. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
2. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Supplemental Professional Services Agreement for Design Engineering (Phase I & Phase II) with Willett, Hofmann & Associates for bridge and appurtenant work thereto on CH 23 (Goodenow Road) over Plum Creek, County Section 01-00112-01-EG, County Board District #1
Motion by Ms. Goodson, second by Mr. Travis. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
3. Resolution for Additional Engineering Services (Phase I & Phase II) by County under the IL Highway Code with Willett, Hofmann & Associates on CH 23 (Goodenow Road) over Plum Creek, County Section 01-00112-01-EG, County Board District #1, Using County's allotment of MFT funds and Matching Tax funds (\$13,000.00 & \$13,000.00)
Motion by Mr. Travis, second by Mr. Weigel. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
4. Resolution Authorizing Approval of the Expenditure of County Matching Tax fund for CH 37 (143rd Street) from Illinois Route 171 to the new interchange with the South Extension of I-355 as part of the Tollway's improvements, County Section 06-00169-13-FP, County Board District #7, Using County's allotment of Matching Tax funds (\$1,800,000.00)
Motion by Mr. Singer, second by Mr. Weigel. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
5. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Design Engineering (Phase II) with Alfred Benesch & Company for the contract plan preparation phase of the study for the improvement of CH 42 (Brandon Road) over the Des Plaines River (SN 099-3298), Section 04-00090-07-BR, County Board District #8
Motion by Mr. Singer, second by Mr. Weigel. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
6. Resolution for Design Engineering Services (Phase II) by County under the IL Highway Code with Alfred Benesch & Company for the contract plan preparation phase of the study for the improvement of CH 42 (Brandon Road) over the Des Plaines River (SN 099-3298), Section 04-00090-07-BR, County Board District #8, Using the County's allotment of County Bridge Tax funds (\$253,921.97)
Motion by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Singer. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
7. Resolution Authorizing Approval of an IDOT – County Joint Agreement for Design Engineering Services (Phase II) for the improvement of CH 42 (Brandon Road) over the Des Plaines River structure, Section 04-00090-07-BR, County Board District #8
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Singer. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Other Business

COUNTY ENGINEER DISCUSSION

Statement of Interest – Project Manager Phase II Engineering

Mr. Gould indicated he requested statements of qualifications for a project manager that would oversee a number of Phase II projects. He sent out 5 SOQ's and received 3 back. He received 2 letters from companies that cannot participate at this time due to their work load; they are Trans Systems and Civiltech. The 3 that submitted are Baxter Woodman, CTE and HNTB.

Mr. Bilotta suggested finding 2 more firms; he would like to bring 5 forward.

Mr. Singer agreed; there are a number of firms that have a tremendous amount of experience in management. He would like to see a few more.

Mr. Gould stated he would send it out today and hopefully he will have them by the next meeting.

Mr. Bilotta suggested putting a committee together with leadership, the County Executive's Office, the chair and vice chair of this committee to review those candidates. We can come in January for full county board approval.

Mr. Gould stated there is a public meeting at the Village of New Lenox from 4 to 7 pm regarding the Phase II Laraway Gougar corridor. We will see if we can secure some federal funds.

STATE'S ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

MONTHLY WORK REPORTS - Attached

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Wisniewski requested Highway staff contact him via e-mail instead of regular mail for any correspondence.

Ms. Goodson indicated she received a copy of a letter from the Plainfield Township Commission to the Mayor regarding Renwick Road Corridor improvements. The highway commissioner requested to come in front of village board talk about the issue. Is there any updates?

Mr. Gould answered the highway commissioner was not put on the agenda at the village board; he was not able to address the village.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Bilotta stated an executive session was necessary to discuss right of way acquisition.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to go into executive session at 9:14 a.m. to discuss right of way acquisition. On a roll call vote, Singer, Weigel, Goodson, Travis, Wisniewski and Bilotta voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Bilotta announced they were now in executive session.

A motion was made by Ms. Goodson, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to come out of executive session at 9:34 a.m. On a roll call vote, Singer, Weigel, Goodson, Travis, Wisniewski and Bilotta voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Singer, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.