

WILL COUNTY BOARD
PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2009

Will County Office Building
County Board Room
302 North Chicago Street
Joliet, IL 60432

8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bilotta called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Members: Singer, Babich, Goodson, Weigel, Winfrey and Bilotta.

Absent were Members: Wisniewski.

Also Present:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Susinskas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Singer, second by Ms. Goodson, to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2009 meeting. On a roll call vote, Singer, Babich, Goodson, Weigel, and Bilotta voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Winfrey arrived at this juncture.

NEW BUSINESS

**Request for Intergovernmental Agreement for Emergency Vehicle Pre-Emption
Equipment at the Intersection of Francis Road and Schoolhouse Road**

Mr. Gould stated this is the standard agreement that involves the new signal that will be put up at the intersection of Francis Road and Schoolhouse Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the intergovernmental agreement for the installation of

emergency vehicle pre-emption equipment at the intersection of Francis Road and Schoolhouse Road. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Request by WRJ Development, LLC for Access Variance to Weber Road (CH 88)
for Lot 3 in the Crest Hill Business Center south of Renwick Road (CH 36)**

Mr. Bilotta indicated this is a simple right in only with a deceleration lane; they had originally requested a right in right out. There is 1000 feet between the intersections; this is pretty much dead center halfway. This is not a high traffic area; there is a full access off of Renwick Road.

Mr. Gould commented there will be a signalized entrance just south of this location.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda granting an access variance to WRJ Development for the Crest Hill Business Center on Weber Road south of Renwick Road. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNTY BOARD

1. Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of Illinois Department of Transportation County Maintenance Resolution to effect the appropriation of MFT allotment for the maintenance on County or State Highways and meeting the requirements of the IL Highway Code (\$1,043,280.00)

Motion by Ms. Goodson, second by Mr. Weigel. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Bilotta stated the next five resolutions are Manhattan Township Roads – not county roads.

2. Ordinance Authorizing Approval of the Establishment of Altered Speed Zone – Zone 365 – Arberry Court (Manhattan Twp) from Indian Trail to the Dead End. Length 0.08 Miles Proposed Speed – 25 MPH, County Board District #6

Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

3. Ordinance Authorizing Approval of the Establishment of Altered Speed Zone – Zone 366 – Arrowhead Drive (Manhattan Twp) from Schoolhouse Road to Indian Trail. Length 0.18 Miles Proposed Speed – 25 MPH, County Board District #6

Motion by Ms. Goodson, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

4. Ordinance Authorizing Approval of the Establishment of Altered Speed Zone – Zone 367 – Blackhawk Lane (Manhattan Twp) from Indian Trail to Old Farm Road. Length 0.27 Miles Proposed Speed – 25 MPH, County Board District #6

Motion by Mr. Singer, second by Mr. Weigel. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

5. Ordinance Authorizing Approval of the Establishment of Altered Speed Zone – Zone 368 – Old Farm Road (Manhattan Twp) from Baker Road to Indian Trail. Length 0.66 Miles Proposed Speed – 25 MPH, County Board District #6

Motion by Ms. Winfrey, second by Ms. Goodson. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

6. Ordinance Authorizing Approval of the Establishment of Altered Speed Zone – Zone 369 – Indian Trail (Manhattan Twp) from Arrowhead Drive to Baker Road. Length 0.60 Miles. Proposed Speed – 25 MPH, County Board District #6

Motion by Ms. Winfrey, second by Mr. Weigel. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

7. Resolution Authorizing the Will County's State's Attorney's Office to Proceed with a Condemnation Case Regarding the County's CH 35 (135th Street) project between New Avenue and IL Route 171, Section 05-00068-06-LA, County Board Districts #3 & #7 (Parcel 0094 & 0094TE)

This item was discussed in executive session. No action was taken after.

8. Resolution for an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Will and the City of Joliet for Snow Removal on CH 3 (McDonough Street) between the Marine Reserve Center and Houbolt Road, and on Caton Farm Road between IL Route 59 and Essington Road, County Board Districts #5 & #8, City to pay County the difference in cost of \$6,000.00 annually for 2009 & 2010
Motion by Mr. Babich, second by Ms. Winfrey. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
9. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract – Let on November 18, 2009
2010 MFT Maintenance – Bituminous Patching Mixture – All County Board Districts
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
10. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract – Let on November 18, 2009
2010 MFT Maintenance – Bituminous Materials (Prime Coat) – All County Board Districts
Motion by Ms. Weigel, second by Ms. Goodson. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
11. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract – Let on November 18, 2009
2010 MFT Maintenance – Various Aggregates – All County Board Districts
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Singer. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
12. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract – Let on November 18, 2009 to Hall Signs, Inc. 2010 MFT Maintenance – Sign Material – All County Board Districts
Mr. Bilotta questioned why the other bids were rejected.
Mr. Gould replied we had required a sample and the other firms did not submit one; this is a standard request we have used for years.
Motion by Ms. Goodson, second by Mr. Singer. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
13. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract – Let on November 18, 2009 to Hall Signs, Inc. 2010 MFT Maintenance – Sheet Aluminum Sign Panels “Type 1” – All County Board Districts
Motion by Ms. Winfrey, second by Mr. Weigel. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
14. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract – Let on November 18, 2009 to Contech Construction Products, Inc. – 2010 MFT Maintenance – Pipe Culvert, Corrugated Steel Culvert Pipe – All County Board Districts
Motion by Mr. Singer, second by Ms. Goodson. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
Mr. Singer asked if they expect the prices to be lower later in the year.
Mr. Gould answered this is our annual maintenance program; we normally bid out at this time of years so that in the spring we can start using this material.
Mr. Singer questioned how the pricing compared to last year.
Mr. Gould replied the bituminous costs are going down. The prices have been going down on all the projects we have been letting.
Mr. Babich asked how many patch plants there are in the county.
Mr. Gould answered at least four; we bid a unit price for aggregate and asphalt; depending on where we are doing the work, we will get the material from the closest plant.
Mr. Bilotta commented there are some substantial price differences between locations.

Other Business

COUNTY ENGINEER DISCUSSION

2010 Legislative Agenda – County Highway Projects, State Representative

Districts

Mr. Gould stated in 2004, in the Legislative Agenda document, there were projects listed on the county highway system. At that time, the capital bill was being discussed and we put in projects that we thought would have a chance. He received a call recently from Mr. Maher who requested a list of similar projects due to the capital bill being passed by the General Assembly. Most of the projects listed are from the Build Will Program. Mr. Maher suggested putting in one or two projects in each district, which was done, except for the 48th District. We do not have any county highway in that district. The document shows those one or two projects throughout the county that we could try to get funding through the capital bill. This is not all inclusive of the Build Will Program; some projects are new that were put in that we need to look at in the future.

Mr. Weigel asked who decides which projects get funded. Is it the reps or IDOT?

Mr. Gould answered the state reps will sponsor these projects; whatever projects they decide from their district.

Mr. Babich questioned if there is stimulus money in Springfield.

Mr. Gould replied no; the only stimulus money Will County received is the roadway on River Road.

Mr. Bilotta commented in light of the capital bill coming out of the state, at least we can ask. We will take this list over to the legislative committee. There is \$173 million in requests right here; even if we get a portion of one project, it will be worth it.

Ms. Goodson indicated keep in mind in 2010 they will re-visit the reauthorization of the SAFETEA-LU bill; funds will be available but we do not know if it will be for county roads.

Mr. Bilotta stated we break down the projects by federal district as well.

Ms. Goodson commented in the Legislative Agenda, we always identify a major project in each congressional district to make our reps aware.

Mr. Bilotta indicated when we lobby for dollars in Washington, they always request that we bring them a project that will build something; those dollars will be used for actual construction – not design. Keeping this in front of our representatives is very important.

STATE'S ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

MONTHLY WORK REPORTS – Attached

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Babich indicated he has received calls about the speed limits on Route 6 near Norwalk Tank. Who do we contact to look at those speed limits?

Mr. Gould answered he will contact District 1 Bureau of Traffic; it could be an enforcement issue, though.

Mr. Bilotta commented there is no streetlight on Route 6 at Farrell Road and there is increased traffic due to I-355.

Mr. Gould stated Joliet would be responsible for putting up streetlights at that intersection.

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. Babich, second by Ms. Winfrey, to go into executive session at 9:07 a.m. to discuss right of way acquisition. On a roll call vote, Singer, Babich, Goodson, Weigel, Winfrey and Bilotta voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Bilotta announced they were now in executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Ms. Winfrey, to come out of executive session at 9:18 a.m. On a roll call vote, Singer, Babich, Goodson, Weigel, Winfrey and Bilotta voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

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No action was taken on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Weigel, to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.