

**WILL COUNTY BOARD**  
**PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**September 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 8:41 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent were Members:** Wisniewski.

**Also Present:** B. Friefeld.

**Present from State's Attorney's Office:** M. Bedan.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Catalano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Goodson, second by Mr. Weigel, to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Goodson, to approve the executive session minutes from the August 4, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Request by Homer Developers, LLC for Temporary Access to Bell Road (CH 16) south of 143<sup>rd</sup> Street for the Squisito Place Development**

Mr. Bilotta stated we have been working with the developer to allow them to have a temporary access to get equipment in and out but they will not be able to occupy any buildings until the ultimate road improvements are done; they will also be providing a bond up front so we will have some security that the improvements will get done.

Mr. Gould indicated the revenue generated from these buildings will be used to pay for the road improvements. We will grant a temporary access - then they can do full improvements. They will be bonded for 100% of the work; this seems like a good compromise.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Ms. Winfrey, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the request by Homer Developers for a temporary access at Bell Road south of 143<sup>rd</sup> Street. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request by Panduit Corporation for a Variance to Article 2.1.6-9 of the WCDH Permit Regulations along 191<sup>st</sup> Street (CH 84)**

Mr. Gould indicated the State's Attorney's office is working on behalf of Panduit to acquire right of way. Because of this condemnation process, there will be a delay in the work that needs to be done for access to the facility. According to our ordinance all right of way needs to be acquired prior to permits; with this variance that will allow them to get in and do some access work.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing a right of way acquisition variance for Panduit Corporation on 191<sup>st</sup> Street. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Request for Agreement for Pedestrian Facilities Associated with the Build Will Project at Laraway Road and 116<sup>th</sup> Street**

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the agreement with Village of Frankfort for pedestrian facilities at Laraway Road and 116<sup>th</sup> Street. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Agreement for Emergency Vehicle Pre-Emption Equipment Associated with the Build Will Project at Laraway Road and 116<sup>th</sup> Street**

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Winfrey, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing an agreement with the Frankfort Fire Protection District for emergency vehicle pre-emption equipment at Laraway Road and 116<sup>th</sup> Street. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Agreement for Emergency Vehicle Pre-Emption Equipment Associated with the Build Will Project at Laraway Road and Wolf Road**

A motion was made by Ms. Winfrey, second by Mr. Weigel, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing an agreement with the Frankfort Fire Protection District for emergency vehicle pre-emption equipment at Laraway Road and Wolf Road. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Agreement for Traffic Signal Installation at the Intersection of Francis Road and Townline Road Associated with the Build Will Project**

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing an agreement with the Village of Mokena for traffic signal installation at Francis Road and Townline Road. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Discussion Re: Illiana Feasibility Report**

Ms. Lyne stated about 2-1/2 years ago the State of Indiana decided to perform a feasibility study to look at potential routes from I-57 to I-65; this was completed in April of 2009 and released in June. The map shows 3 potential routes that were identified for further study. The next step is to obtain funding for the Phase I and the environmental impact study for which route should move forward. Indiana is working to seek grant funds through the federal stimulus bill for money to do Phase I. There is a group of Will County communities looking at a route from I-57 over to I-55. Congresswoman Halvorson has requested grant funds to do a feasibility study for that section of the route. Potentially in the next 6 months we could have the Phase I study from I-57 to I-65 and hopefully the feasibility study that looks at from I-57 to I-55. Several years ago we had a corridor council that included our eastern Will County communities and the northwestern Indiana communities that were working to keep the idea of the Illiana Expressway moving forward. That group is reconvening and adding members, bringing in Kankakee County and those southwestern Will County communities for the section from I-57 to I-55. It is starting to look like something may come to fruition. There is a meeting today with CMAP and Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission to also talk about steps to keep this moving forward at the federal level as far as funding is concerned. She will keep the committee apprised as things are coming in.

Mr. Weigel asked if we have a preferred route at this time.

Ms. Lyne answered the county has not taken a real position on a preferred route. The Phase I study should identify what is environmentally feasible; that would probably become the official route. Route AC1 does not have as high traffic volume as the 2 northern routes; it would not serve as many people and serving more people is what we would want. The northern route has a lot of wetlands; many people believe that could be a problem. Most people feel Route AC2 is the most probable route to move forward but we will not know for sure until the Phase I is completed.

Mr. Bilotta commented the feasibility study from I-57 to I-55 will have an impact on what route Will County would choose.

Ms. Lyne indicated Route AC2 looks like the better route without doing any technical studies.

Mr. Bilotta stated Kankakee officials would like anything south of the airport – they need some help there; they have not had the opportunities that Will County has had. Is Mr. Gould on that committee?

Mr. Gould answered yes he is a member. Once they have their meeting, he will bring an update to the committee.

Mr. Bilotta questioned if the plan is to rely heavily on federal involvement.

Ms. Lyne replied hopefully there will be federal funding as well as state involvement. Illinois has not been involved up to this point. There have been discussions about forming a new bi-state port authority; the Governors of Illinois and Indiana would appoint people to this port authority, which would build, own and operate the future facility. That concept is being discussed here in Illinois and Indiana as well as with US Transportation Secretary LaHood; some people have indicated this could be used to implement high speed rail in the Midwest.

Ms. Goodson commented that Route AC 3 goes through the airport footprint.

Ms. Lyne indicated that is a big problem and we brought this to the attention of IDOT. The Illinois feasibility report does not show the airport; we had the GIS department put it in our map. We notified IDOT that it goes through the airport footprint. IDOT has taken the position in the past that the ultimate footprint would be protected for build out.

Mr. Bilotta commented if we are looking for federal dollars we would have to show some corridor to be evaluated; as we proceed further down the road we will narrow that down. Thank you for the update.

Mr. Singer arrived at this juncture.

#### **RESOLUTIONS TO BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNTY BOARD**

1. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Design Engineering (Phase I) with STV Incorporated for intersection and appurtenant work thereto at the intersection of CH 4 (Cedar Road) and CH 74 (Laraway Road), Section 08-00138-28-TL, County Board District #6, Using County's allotment of the RTA Tax funds (\$281,629.08)  
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Winfrey. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
2. Resolution Authorizing Approval of an IDOT – County Joint Agreement for improvement to the intersection of CH 4 (Cedar Road) and CH 74 (Laraway Road), Section 08-00138-28-TL, County Board District #6  
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
3. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Design Engineering (Phase II) with URS Corporation for the improvement of CH 89 (95<sup>th</sup> Street Extension) between Plainfield-Naperville Road and Boughton Road, Section 01-00181-00-FP, County Board District #3, Using County's allotment of RTA funds (\$1,337,400.65)  
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Goodson. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

4. Resolution Authorizing Approval of an IDOT – County Joint Agreement for Design Engineering Services (Phase II) for the improvement of CH 89 (95<sup>th</sup> Street Extension) between Plainfield-Naperville Road and Boughton Road, Section 01-00181-00-FP, County Board District #3  
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
5. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Design Engineering (Phase II) with A. Epstein and Sons International, Inc., for the improvement of CH 37 (143<sup>rd</sup> Street) between I-355 and Lemont Road (State Street), Section 06-00169-14-FP, County Board District #7, Using County's allotment of RTA funds (\$220,000.00)  
Motion by Mr. Singer, second by Mr. Weigel. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
6. Resolution Authorizing Approval of an IDOT – County Joint Agreement for Design Engineering Services (Phase II) for the improvement of CH 37 (143<sup>rd</sup> Street) between I-355 and Lemont Road (State Street), Section 06-00169-14-FP, County Board District #7  
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Goodson. All in favor.  
MOTION CARRIES.
7. Ordinance Authorizing Approval of the Establishment of Altered Speed Zone – Zone 352 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Green Garden Township). From Steger Road to Stuenkel Road. Length 1.0 Miles. Proposed Speed – 50 MPH, County Board District #1  
Motion by Mr. Singer, second by Mr. Weigel. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
8. Ordinance Authorizing Approval of the Establishment of Altered Speed Zone – Zone 353 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Green Garden Township). From Stuenkel Road to Dralle Road. Length 1.0 Miles. Proposed Speed – 50 MPH, County Board District #1  
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
9. Ordinance Authorizing Approval of the Establishment of Altered Speed Zone – Zone 354 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Green Garden Township). From Dralle Road to CH 6 (Manhattan-Monee Road). Length 1.0 Miles. Proposed Speed – 45 MPH, County Board District #1  
Motion by Ms. Winfrey, second by Mr. Singer. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
10. Ordinance Authorizing Approval of the Establishment of Altered Speed Zone – Zone 355 Woodlawn Avenue (Crete Township). From Bemis Road to Goodenow Road. Length 1.0 Miles. Proposed Speed – 40 MPH, County Board District #1  
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Winfrey. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
11. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Right of Way Acquisition Services with Polach Appraisal Group, Inc., for multiple parcels of property along CH 35 (135<sup>th</sup> Street) between New Avenue and IL Route 171 in DuPage, Homer, and Lockport Townships, Section 05-00068-06-LA, County Board Districts #3 & 7  
Motion by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Singer. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
12. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to GFS Fence, Guardrail & Signage, Inc. (\$360,267.88) – Let August 19, 2009 – Various Guardrail Locations, Section 09-00000-05-GM, All County Board Districts  
Motion by Ms. Goodson, second by Mr. Weigel. All in favor.  
MOTION CARRIES.
13. Resolution for Improvements by County under the IL Highway Code, Various Guardrail Locations, Section 09-00000-05-GM, All County Board Districts, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$400,000.00)  
Motion by Mr. Singer, second by Ms. Winfrey. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

14. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Additional Professional Services Agreement for Design Engineering (Phase I) with TranSystem Corporation for roadway and appurtenant design work thereto on CH 17 (Arsenal-Manhattan Road) between Baseline Road and Brandon Road, Section 00-00117-13-FP, County Board District #6  
Motion by Ms. Goodson, second by Mr. Singer. All in favor.  
MOTION CARRIES.
15. Resolution Authorizing Approval of the Expenditure of Additional County MFT funds with TranSystems Corporation for CH 17 (Arsenal-Manhattan Road) between Baseline Road and Brandon Road, Section 00-00117-13-FP, County Board District #6, (\$85,949.12)  
Motion by Ms. Winfrey, second by Ms. Goodson. All in favor.  
MOTION CARRIES.
16. Resolution Authorizing Approval of an IDOT – County Supplemental Joint Agreement for CH 17 (Arsenal-Manhattan Road) between Baseline Road and Brandon Road, Job Number P-91-227-06, County Section 00-00117-13-FP, County Board District #6  
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Winfrey. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
17. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Supplemental Agreement For Design Engineering with Hutchison Engineering, Inc for roadway and appurtenant work thereto on CH 8 (DeSelm Road) between IL Route 102 and Will-Kankakee County Line, Section 06-00177-04-EG, County Board District #6  
Motion by Mr. Singer, second by Mr. Weigel. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
18. Resolution for Additional Design Engineering Services by County under the IL Highway Code with Hutchison Engineering, Inc for CH 8 (DeSelm Road) between IL Route 102 and Will-Kankakee County Line, Section 06-00177-04-EG, County Board District #6, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$65,000.00)  
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Singer. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
19. Resolution Confirming Award of Purchase to Rahn Equipment Company (\$96,738.00) – Let August 26, 2009 – One (1) Tractor with 50" Boom Mower, Current Model Year  
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Singer. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

#### **Other Business**

#### **COUNTY ENGINEER DISCUSSION**

Mr. Gould announced he had chosen his Assistant County Engineer, George Catalano.

Mr. Bilotta congratulated Mr. Catalano on his promotion.

#### **STATE'S ATTORNEY DISCUSSION**

#### **MONTHLY WORK REPORTS – Attached**

#### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

#### **REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Babich asked about the second coat of blacktop needed on Caton Farm Road from Weber Road east past the county maintenance building.

Mr. Gould answered that project is through Crest Hill; he does not know what the time frame is.

Mr. Ronaldson commented he had heard it was the end of September.

Mr. Bilotta asked Mr. Gould to contact Crest Hill and verify that.

Mr. Singer questioned the work being done on Gougar Road going south towards Route 30.

Mr. Gould replied that should be done on Thursday.

Ms. Goodson received an e-mail from a 13-year old regarding sidewalks on Feeney Drive in Plainfield, half of which is in the village and half is unincorporated. Is there a process the county has for sidewalks?

Mr. Gould answered we have an intergovernmental agreement with whatever municipality is involved; they take care of the sidewalks. You will have to contact the road district or 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. Babich, second by Ms. Winfrey, to go into executive session at 9:30 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. Weigel, second by Ms. Winfrey, to come out of executive session at 9:54 a.m. On a roll call vote, Singer, Babich, Goodson, Weigel, Winfrey and Bilotta voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Winfrey, to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.