

WILL COUNTY BOARD
PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 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, Evans, Goodson, Weigel, Wisniewski and Bilotta.

Absent were Members: None.

Also Present: Friefeld.

Present from State's Attorney's Office: Melanie Manning and Rozeta Johnson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Manning led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Revisions to the WCDH Permit Regulations and Access Control Regulations

Mr. Bilotta stated we have made housekeeping changes to the regulations. Another change is on the 6 month temporary access permit – pushing them back to 2 years. We will hold the public hearing at the committee meeting in April and move this forward to the full county board that month.

Mr. Gould commented this gives us the ability to go up to 24 months if necessary on the temporary access permits.

Request for Intergovernmental Agreement for the Installation of Radiation Monitoring Equipment along Essex Road South of McGuire Road in the County of Will (CH 28)

Mr. Gould indicated we have a similar monitoring device on the West Frontage Road at Arsenal Road for the Dresden Station; this is for the Braidwood facility – the same type of agreement.

A motion was made by Ms. Goodson, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the intergovernmental agreement for the installation of radiation monitoring equipment along Essex Road for the Braidwood facility. On a roll call vote, Singer, Babich, Evans Goodson, Weigel, Wisniewski and Bilotta voting yes.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Intergovernmental Agreement for the Right-of-Way Acquisition for Roadway Improvements at the Intersection with Laraway Road and Center Road in the County of Will

Mr. Gould stated he had met with the Village of Frankfort and the decision was made to partner with the village for improvements at Laraway Road and Center Road. We will pay the expense for the right of way at the southwest corner; any other costs will be borne by the village.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Weigel, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing an intergovernmental agreement for right of way acquisition for improvements at Laraway Road and Center Road. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request by Cross Point Church for Temporary Access onto North Briggs Street (CH 62) North of Oak Avenue within the Fox Hollow Subdivision Development

Mr. Bilotta stated Cross Point Church purchased property from the developer in the Fox Hollow Subdivision off of Briggs Street. The roads are in but no lots have been sold; the developer is having financial issues. The church is asking for temporary access on Briggs Street. This development will eventually take off, but this temporary access could be there for a long time.

Mr. Gould indicated there have not been any improvements to Briggs Street at this point. The roadway is discontinued at the right of way line on Briggs Street. There has been no work done within our right of way. The subdivision will be required to put in left turn lanes. There have been no permits or any access issued at that location, which is north of Oak Drive. The roads in the entire subdivision have been developed but no houses have been built. He expressed concern if we allow this temporary access for this facility, we could have the same

situation as we do with Lake Charlevoix where we have a 6 extensions on the temporary access.

Mr. Bilotta asked if the developer has come forward with improvements based on what is required by the county.

Mr. Ronaldson answered they have prepared roadway engineering plans that were approved about 1-1/2 years ago. We are ready for the permit.

Mr. Bilotta commented finances are in issue right now with the developer; improvements are done but have stopped at the right of way.

Mr. Smith with Arete 3, representing Cross Point Church addressed the committee. They have seen no progress in the developer coming forward to do any improvements on Briggs Street. There had been a suggestion about taking the back road off of Oak Drive, but this is a gravel road and there are no signs or street lights. We are asking for a temporary access off of Briggs Street; we do not know how long it would be. As soon as Fox Hollow Drive is connected to Briggs Street this access would be eliminated. He suggested a compromise that allows Fox Hollow Drive be extended to Briggs Street without any improvements and then put in concrete barricades north of the roundabout; that would make access to Briggs Street without any left turn lanes just for the church. By putting in the barriers that would eliminate the ability to go into the subdivision; we would have to get this approved by the City of Lockport. The city has been very supportive of this church.

Mr. Bilotta asked if the church has any traffic projections for the county to review.

Mr. Gould answered we have not received anything.

Mr. Bilotta questioned if the church was to stand alone what would be the improvements that the county would require.

Mr. Ronaldson replied the access regulations define a major and minor access. The major is 150 trips per day – in is a trip and out is a trip. A major access requires left turn lanes;

Mr. Bilotta stated there has to be some sort of trigger; obviously when the full blown Fox Hollow Drive entrance ties into Briggs Street. This temporary access is not going to be for 6 months; it will most likely be 3 to 5 years.

Ms. Reis, engineer with the City of Lockport indicated that staff would support any conditions to get this church project moving.

Mr. Bilotta suggested setting up a meeting with Mr. Gould, representatives from the church and the City of Lockport to figure out how it all would work and come back to the committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, second by Mr. Babich, to table this issue until the next meeting. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNTY BOARD

1. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Design Engineering (Phase II) with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc. for the replacement of the Dralle Road structure over a Branch of Forked Creek, Green Garden Township Road District, Section 08-07102-02-BR, County Board District #1

Mr. Bilotta stated this resolution has been amended to include the amount and where the funds will be paid from. After discussions with the State's Attorney's Office, there is no need for a separate resolution for the funds except when we are using MFT funds. Motion by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Weigel, to approve the resolution as amended. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Resolution for Design Engineering Services (Phase II) by County under the IL Highway Code with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc. for the replacement of the Dralle Road structure over a Branch of Forked Creek, Green Garden Township Road District, Section 08-07102-02-BR, County Board District #1, Using the County's Bridge Tax funds (\$30,000.00)

NO ACTION TAKEN.

3. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Preform Traffic Control Systems, Ltd. (\$476,421.16) – Let on February 18, 2009 – for Striping, Various County Highways, Section 09-00000-01-GM, All County Board Districts

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

4. Resolution for Improvements by County Under the Illinois Highway Code for the Striping of Various County Roads, Section 09-00000-01-GM, All County Board Districts, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$500,000.00)

Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Evans. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

5. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Vulcan Materials Company (5.73/Ton) – Let on February 18, 2009 – Washington Township Road District, Section 09-19000-00-GM, County Board District #1

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

6. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Additional Right of Way Acquisition Services with "T" Engineering Services, Ltd., for parcels of property along CH 6 (Manhattan-Monee Road), Section 03-00040-05-LA, County Board District #1

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

7. Resolution for Agreement for Additional Right of Way Acquisition Services by County under the IL Highway Code with "T" Engineering Services, Ltd., for parcels of property along CH 6 (Manhattan-Monee Road), Section 03-00040-05-LA, County Board District #1, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$8,350.00)

Motion by Mr. Evans, second by Mr. Wisniewski. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

8. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Phase II Consultant Program Coordinator for "Build Will" with Smith Engineering Consultants Group, Inc., Section 09-00200-06-EG, County Board Districts #1 through 9, Using County's allotment of RTA Tax funds (\$1,282,885.60)

Mr. Singer asked how many people has SEC committed to work on this full time.

Mr. Gould answered 2 people full time at the highway department; depending on how long they are needed. This is based on what he feels the needs are. If we are continuing the process and getting approvals, we can back off. The contract is based on actual costs that the highway department will be invoiced for.

Mr. Singer questioned the hourly rate.

Mr. Gould replied it ranges from \$22 to \$70 per hour. This is an 18 month contract with a provision to extend for another 18 months. The county can cancel at any time with a 30 day notice. We will only pay for the actual cost up to that time.

Mr. Bilotta requested a monthly report on the work being done by SEC.

Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Wisniewski. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

9. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Design Engineering Services (Phase I) with V3 Companies, Ltd., for roadway and appurtenant work on CH 37 (143rd Street) between State Street (Lemont Road) and Bell Road, Section 08-00169-18-EG, County Board District #7, Using County's allotment of RTA Tax funds (\$774,194.00)

Motion by Mr. Singer, second by Mr. Wisniewski. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

10. Resolution Authorizing Approval of an Illinois Department of Transportation – County Joint Agreement to make improvements to CH 37 (143rd Street) between State Street (Lemont Road) and Bell Road, Section 08-00169-18-EG, County Board District #7

Mr. Gould indicated the county received funding for this project through last year's legislative agenda. We are also going to pursue STP funding.

Motion by Mr. Evans, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Other Business

COUNTY ENGINEER DISCUSSION

Will County 2030 Transportation Plan – Public Hearing

Mr. Gould stated we held a second set of municipal meetings last year at 2 locations – Lewis University and Governor's State University and gave the municipalities an opportunity to make comments. Those comments that were applicable were incorporated into the plan. We have made revisions to the bus portion, which are now included in the plan. The next step is to hold a public hearing. The entire plan will be available on the website; we will also send a disc out to all municipalities again for their comments. The good thing about this plan is we will be able to update it for the 2040 plan.

Mr. Bilotta asked if they are ready to do this in April.

Mr. Gould answered yes.

STATE'S ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

MONTHLY WORK REPORTS - Attached

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Wisniewski questioned the time frame for the bridge to be constructed at Boughton Road and 95th Street.

Mr. Gould replied they are hoping the entire project will be completed by 2013. The project has to be awarded by September of 2011 so we do not lose funding. This should be a 2-year project. We will share the cost with DuPage County, Bolingbrook and Naperville. We are also looking at securing Will County Governmental League STP funds as well.

Mr. Weigel asked about a dip in the road on Bruce Road at the I-355 overpass.

Mr. Gould answered that is not a county road; it is either Homer Glen or Lockport.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Bilotta stated he would like to provide an update every 6 months on the Build Will program. He is looking at doing a presentation at the May County Board meeting but he would also like to present something at the committee meeting first.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Weigel, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.