

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

**May 5, 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, Goodson, Weigel, Wisniewski and Bilotta.

**Absent were Members:** Babich.

**Also Present:** Adamic, Moustis and Friefeld.

**Present from State's Attorney's Office:** Melanie Manning and Matt Bedan.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Ms. Goodson, to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2009 meeting. On a roll call vote, Singer, Goodson, Weigel, Wisniewski and Bilotta voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Singer, second by Mr. Weigel, to approve the executive session minutes from the April 7, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Request by Cross Point Church for Temporary Access onto North Briggs Street (CH 52) North of Oak Avenue within the Fox Hollow Subdivision Development – Tabled at May 5, 2009 meeting**

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

Mr. Bilotta stated the church is not ready to bring this forward yet.

A motion was made by Ms. Goodson, second by Mr. Singer, to table this item until the next meeting. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Request for Agreement for the Maintenance of the Storm Sewer System along Laraway Road (CH 74) as Part of the Bronson Square Development by Ruane Construction**

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Goodson, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing an agreement for maintenance of the storm sewer system on Laraway Road for the Bronson Square Development. All in favor, with Singer abstaining.

MOTION CARRIES.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Request to Approve RTA RFP**

Mr. Palmer stated they were going to try to move this through but after talking with the RTA and wanting to get enough bidders, we have decided to take a more conservative approach. The grant was awarded previously to do a county-wide assessment for paratransit service that is available and a recommendation of what improvements could be made. In addition, we will have a document that shows all service available for the public; we can choose to go back for additional funds. The RFP went out on April 20, 2009; the pre-bid was held on April 28<sup>th</sup> with 6 vendors, which was very positive. We should have the bids next week and will interview vendors the following week. We are asking to put this on the next agenda to move forward for the June county board meeting.

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

MOTION CARRIES.

**Request by Panduit Corporation for Assistance in Right-of-Way Acquisition for the Improvements required per WCDH Permit Regulations along 191<sup>st</sup> Street (CH 84)**

Mr. Gould indicated this is a large development at 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 191<sup>st</sup> Street. There are certain requirements that are necessary at that intersection. Panduit has been in contact with the property owners for the additional right of way that is needed, but they are at an impasse. Since the improvements are on a county highway, we can take the lead with negotiations for that right of way, send out letters and if there is no resolution, we can go forward with condemnation.

Mr. Bilotta commented we had voted on these improvements; they are required according to our ordinance.

Mr. Gould stated he met with Panduit and went over some of the improvements that could be done in the interim until we get the final right of way.

Mr. Bilotta indicated even with condemnation, it sounds like this could go the full length – to the courts.

Mr. Parker, attorney for Panduit provided details on the property that is necessary for the right of way.

Mr. Gould stated any costs will be paid by Panduit.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing a right of way acquisition agreement with Panduit for improvements required at 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 191<sup>st</sup> Street. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Request by the Village of Romeoville for Interim Improvements to the Existing Weber Road (CH 88) and Lakeview Drive Intersection with Potential County Contribution**

Mr. Bilotta stated this request is for temporary improvements; the best case is 4 years – the worst is 6 years.

Mr. Fundich with Robinson Engineering stated the village has done a study for the interim improvements at Weber Road and Lakeview Drive and what impacts would be on the intersection to the north at Weber Road and Windham Parkway. The number of accidents over the last 5 years is 168; of that 55% have been from movement of the left out from Lakeview southbound onto Weber Road. The best thing would be to eliminate the left out movement and utilize the signalized intersection to the north; this would have a minor impact to that intersection. We have 2 different options at Windham. The first is to extend the left turn storage 330 feet. The second is pavement widening and extending the left turn storage to make sure the left turn operation would work better. A third component involves changing the timing of the signal. The level would remain about the same. By eliminating the left out that would improve both the safety and operation at that intersection. The cost for the second option is \$68,000 for construction of the island at Lakeview and extension of the median along Windham Parkway.

Mr. Gould commented it is the not best case; we would like to see a right in right out to make it safer but this is better than what is existing. The improvements will help.

Mr. Fundich stated the left in is necessary at Lakeview. Only 4% of the accidents were related to the left in movement. This will be interim improvements; obviously when the Weber Road interchange is done there will be a full barrier median, which will involve a public hearing process. The business will be aware then. The village is very interested in proceeding and is hoping for construction to start later this year.

Mr. Adamic asked if it is possible to signalize the intersection at Lakeview and Weber Road.

Mr. Gould answered it is too close to the I-55 ramps; a signal would make it worse.

Mr. Moustis questioned why not a right in right out now. There is a left turn at the signal at Windham.

Mr. Bilotta replied there is a left turn lane currently at Lakeview. There was a concern by Romeoville for the businesses off of Lakeview; this is a nice phase in for the businesses.

Mr. Fundich stated in the analysis a change to a right in right out would increase the delay at Weber and Windham and make the intersection less efficient; that would require additional improvements of the left turn lane.

Mr. Bilotta questioned if Romeoville is picking up the cost.

Mr. Fundich replied they are hoping for a possible split with the county.

Mr. Bilotta commented before we start talking about funding we need to sit down with the village and discuss it; right now we can see if the committee is agreeable with the improvements.

Ms. Goodson asked for the cost projection at Lakeview alone.

Mr. Fundich answered the cost is \$20,000; the remainder of \$48,000 is for Windham.

Mr. Moustis suggested Mr. Gould negotiate and come back with some numbers. Regarding the right in right out he asked Mr. Gould to take a hard look and if he feels strongly about it and we are looking at the improvements for safety reasons, we want it to be as safe as possible.

Mr. Bilotta commented most of Weber Road does not operate as it should.

Ms. Goodson questioned if we did make the change at the left out, would that require a public hearing.

Mr. Gould replied not at this point in time; with Phase I we will be going through the whole process with public hearings; it would be advisable to have a public meeting for the businesses. That is one reason why the village is doing this in the interim.

A motion was made by Mr. Singer, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing interim improvements to the existing Weber Road and Lakeview Drive intersection and accepting option #2 as presented. On a roll call vote, Singer, Goodson, Weigel, Wisniewski and Bilotta voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

#### **Update on Build Will Program**

Mr. Bilotta stated they will have copies to all committee members of the Build Will Program that will be presented at the County Board meeting this month.

Mr. Gould indicated we have only included those projects that have changes to the scope, whether it is going to construction or to bid letting; there are only 10 or 12 projects. It will be a brief presentation but it will update the board members on where we stand with the program.

Mr. Bilotta commented we have the ability to start all of these projects today except for the right of way issues. We need to get the right of way done.

Ms. Manning introduced Mr. Bedan, the Assistant State's Attorney who will be working with the Highway Department.

Mr. Bilotta stated you have the full cooperation of the County Board to get these right of way issues done.

**RESOLUTIONS TO BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNTY BOARD**

1. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Gray's Material Service (\$73,128.00) – Let on April 8, 2009 – Green Garden Road District, Section 09-07000-01-GM, County Board District #1

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

2. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Gallagher Asphalt Corporation (\$469,855.30) – Let on April 8, 2009 – CH 84 (191<sup>st</sup> Street) from east of US Route 45 to west of 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Section 09-00122-18-GM, County Board District #2

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

3. Resolution for Improvements by County Under the Illinois Highway Code, CH 84 (191<sup>st</sup> Street) from east of US Route 45 to west of 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Section 09-00122-18-GM, County Board District #2, Using County's allotment of MFT & Matching Tax funds (\$250,000.00 & \$250,000.00)

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

4. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Gallagher Asphalt Corporation (\$496,810.55) – Let on April 8, 2009 – CH 52 (Gougar Road) from the south edge of pavement of US Route 6 to I-80, Section 09-00154-13-GM, County Board District #2

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

5. Resolution for Improvements by County Under the Illinois Highway Code, CH 52 (Gougar Road) from the south edge of pavement of US Route 6 to I-80, Section 09-00154-13-GM, County Board District #2, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$500,000.00)

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

6. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Steve Krause Construction (\$351,452.25) – Let on April 29, 2009 – Green Garden Road District, Section 07-07102-01-BR, County Board District #1, Using Road District's allotment of Joint Bridge Tax funds and County's allotment of County Bridge Tax

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

7. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to "D" Construction, Inc. (\$923,596.00) – Let on April 29, 2009 – County Highway Patching, Section 09-00000-03-GM, All County Board Districts

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

Mr. Bilotta questioned if D Construction is keeping up with the work.

Mr. Gould replied the season is just starting. They have unlimited prequalification, which means they can bid as much work as they can take on; they do not have a limit to the dollar amount. In the past, we have had some scheduling problems.

Mr. Singer asked if there is a timeline for completion.

Mr. Gould answered he believes the completion date is September 30, 2009.

Mr. Singer questioned if D Construction provides progress reports.

Mr. Gould replied he will have the staff engineers on the project.

Mr. Bilotta stated if there is a scheduling issue, we want to keep work going.

Mr. Singer commented there are a significant number of potholes. He expressed concern about the residents driving throughout the summer and they get fixed within the last 30 days so they are completed by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Is there a way to put anything in the contract that 25% of the work would be done within a certain number of days?

Mr. Moustis agreed with putting something in the contract that the roads would be done within a certain number of days; that puts some teeth in the timeline.

Mr. Bilotta commented we have a scope of the projects. He suggested Mr. Gould tighten up the schedule.

8. Resolution for Improvements by County Under the Illinois Highway Code, County Highway Patching, Section 09-00000-03-GM, All County Board Districts, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$950,000.00)

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

9. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to P.T. Ferro Construction Co (\$182,508.27) – Let on April 29, 2009 – New Lenox Road District, Section 09-14000-01-GM, County Board District #2

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

10. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to P.T. Ferro Construction Co (\$162,696.75) – Let on April 29, 2009 – Troy Road District, Section 09-18000-01-GM, County Board District #6

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

#### **Other Business**

#### **COUNTY ENGINEER DISCUSSION**

##### **Caton Farm Road @ CN Railroad Closure**

Mr. Gould advised the committee as part of the reconstruction of Caton Farm Road, we have to widen the rail crossing; we have an agreement with the railroad to do it. The road will be closed from June 15<sup>th</sup> to June 19<sup>th</sup>. The detour routes will be posted 2 weeks in advance.

##### **95<sup>th</sup> Street Extension – Phase II Engineer Interviews**

Mr. Gould stated they are almost finished with the Phase I for the 95<sup>th</sup> Street extension and are moving forward with Phase II. We will be conducting interviews for the consultant on May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup>. Since this is a joint effort with Naperville, Bolingbrook and the county, we will hold the interviews at the Bolingbrook offices.

Mr. Bilotta indicated we had discussed at committee about separating Phase II and Phase III; it is a nice check and balance to have different consultants. There was a misunderstanding that the consultant was to change with each phase of a project. He discussed this with Mr. Gould. For clarification, the direction from the committee was to not change consultants between Phase I and Phase II. Obviously if there are reasons to change the consultant it should be done.

Mr. Moustis commented past practice we stayed with the same firm for Phase I and Phase II. Mr. Gould should use his good judgment on how best to go forward; from our perspective you have that discretion.

Mr. Bilotta asked about the \$1.2 million stimulus.

Mr. Gould answered our share was \$1,260,000.00; we are starting to put plans together to go forward with Brandon Road and River Road overlay projects – that will be next spring.

**STATE'S ATTORNEY DISCUSSION**

**MONTHLY WORK REPORTS - Attached**

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

**REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Wisniewski advised the committee they had 2 meetings regarding the 95<sup>th</sup> extension and the noise walls to address concerns from the residents.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Weigel, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.