

WILL COUNTY BOARD
PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2009

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 8:37 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Members: Babich, Weigel, Winfrey, Wisniewski and Singer.

Absent were Members: Bilotta and Goodson.

Also Present:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Gould led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Weigel, to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich, to approve the executive session minutes from the September 1, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution Granting a Temporary Access Permit to Homer Developers, LLC on Bell Road (CH 16) County Board District #7 – Remanded back from September 17, 2009 County Board

Mr. Gould stated there has been no action on this item and requested it be removed from the agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Babich, to remove this item from the agenda. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Pedestrian Crossing Facilities at the Intersection of Laraway Road and 116th Street, County Board District #1 – Remanded back from September 17, 2009 County Board

Mr. Gould indicated we will now upgrade to a more permanent installation; as part of that agreement Frankfort has agreed to take care of the maintenance of the signals and contribute an additional \$50,000.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Weigel, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing an intergovernmental agreement for a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Laraway Road and 116th Street. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Extension Re: Temporary Access Permit on Laraway Road (CH 74) for Brookmeadow Estates (Forest Knoll Construction)

Mr. Gould stated this is the continuing issue of the intersection at Scheer Road with the Stazinski (sp) property.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing a 24 month extension of the temporary access permit on Laraway Road for Brookmeadow Estates. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Discussion Re: Laraway Road Corridor Speed Zone

Mr. Gould indicated there has been conversations on the speed limits on Laraway Road from Route 52 to Harlem Ave; all 12.5 miles is posted at 40 MPH. Staff performed a speed study along that whole section and the map shows the results of that study. There is also a spreadsheet that breaks it down into 15 zones, the location and length of each zone. The 85th percentile and 10MPH pace are the numbers we use when we go through the study. The violation rate is the percentage of vehicles that are violating the posted 40 MPH limit. We also list a recommended speed limit for each zone. He wanted to bring this forward to the committee; it needs further discussion.

Mrs. Winfrey arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Singer commented it makes good sense to take this information, digest it and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

Mr. Weigel asked if future subdivisions have been considered in this study.

Mr. Gould answered no; we take the existing traffic; as the area builds up, then we would do another study of the area.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Agreement with Mokena Fire District for Emergency Vehicle Pre-emption Equipment associated with the Build Will Project at Francis and Townline Road

Mr. Gould stated this is the standard intergovernmental agreement with the fire protection district. They will pay the cost and maintenance of the equipment.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Weigel, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing an agreement with Mokena Fire Protection District for Emergency Vehicle Pre-emption equipment at Francis and Townline Roads. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request for a Variance to Article 2.1.6-8 of the WCDH Permit Regulations for Goich Subdivision along Parker/Hadley Road (CH 1)

Mr. Gould indicated the developer is requesting a variance from 60 feet of right of way to 50 feet. In this subdivision, we would not utilize the entire right of way for upgrading of the road system.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing a variance for Goich Subdivision along Parker/Hadley Road for 50 feet of right of way. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request by Enbridge Energy, Inc. for Temporary Access to Soldier's Widow's Home Road (CH 31) and Old Chicago Road (CH 7)

Mr. Gould stated in the southern part of the county there is a new pipeline going in; it is going along the easement through farm fields. Enbridge is asking for temporary access for 3 points on Soldier's Widow's Home Road and 2 points on Old Chicago Road to get in and out of the fields.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Weigel, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the request by Enbridge for temporary access to Soldier's Widow's Home Road and Old Chicago Road. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNTY BOARD

1. Resolution Authorizing Approval of an IDOT – County Joint Agreement for making improvements to CH 37 (143rd Street) between State Street (Lemont Road) and Bell Road, Job No, P-91-087-10, County Section 08-00169-18-FP, County Board District #7

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

2. Resolution Authorizing Approval of an IDOT – County Joint Agreement for making improvements to CH 44 (River Road) between IL Route 53 and I-55, Project No. ARA – 9003(466), Job No. C-91-911-09, County Section 09-00034-06-RS, County Board District #6

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

3. Resolution Authorizing Approval of the Expenditure of County MFT funds for improvements to CH 44 (River Road) between IL Route 53 and I-55, Project No. ARA – 9003(466), Job No. C-91-911-09, County Section 09-00034-06-RS, County Board District #6 (\$337,650.00)
Motion by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Weigel. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
4. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Supplemental Professional Services Agreement for Right of Way Acquisition Services with “T” Engineering Services, Ltd. for multiple parcels of property along CH 37 (143rd Street) between Bell Road and Will-Cook Road, County Section 01-00169-08-LA, County Board District #7
Motion by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Weigel. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
5. Resolution for Supplemental Agreement for Right of Way Acquisition Services by County Under the IL Highway Code with “T” Engineering Services, Ltd. for CH 37 (143rd Street) between Bell Road and Will-Cook Road, County Section 01-00169-08-LA, County Board District #7, Using County’s allotment of MFT funds (\$3,500.00)
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
6. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Right of Way Acquisition Services with “T” Engineering Services, Ltd. for appraisals for CH 14 (Plainfield-Naperville Road) at 119th Street, County Section 06-00036-22-LA, County Board District #3, Using County’s allotment of County Highway Tax funds (\$8,500.00)
Motion by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
7. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Right of Way Acquisition Services with Civiltech Engineering to review appraisals for CH 14 (Plainfield-Naperville Road) at 119th Street, County Section 06-00036-22-LA, County Board District #3, Using County’s allotment of County Highway Tax funds (\$7,800.00)
Motion by Ms. Winfrey, second by Mr. Wisniewski. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
8. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Right of Way Acquisition Services with Swanson and Brown, Ltd. for negotiations for CH 14 (Plainfield-Naperville Road) at 119th Street, County Section 06-00036-22-LA, County Board District #3, Using County’s allotment of County Highway Tax funds (\$6,600.00)
Motion by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Weigel. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
9. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to “D” Construction, Inc. (\$37,000.00) – Let September 16, 2009 – CH 35 (135th Street), Section 09-00068-08-BD, County Board District #7, Using County’s allotment of RTA Tax funds (\$37,000.00)
Motion by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Ms. Winfrey. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
10. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Design Engineering Services (Phase II) with Patrick Engineering, Inc., for roadway and appurtenant work on CH 49 (Exchange Street) from IL Route 1 to Abandoned CMSP&P RR, Section 09-00086-16-EG, County Board District #1, Using County’s allotment of the County Highway Tax funds (\$174,103.50)
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
11. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Design Engineering Services (Phase II) with Wight and Company, for roadway and appurtenant work on CH 64 (Francis Road) at CH 63 (Schoolhouse Road), Section 09-00131-07-TL, County Board District #2, Using County’s allotment of RTA Tax funds (\$30,071.01)
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Winfrey. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

12. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Design Engineering Services (Phase II) with RJN Group, Inc., for roadway and appurtenant work on CH 64 (Francis Road) at Townline Road, Section 09-00131-06-TL, County Board Districts #1 and 2, Using County's allotment of RTA Tax funds (\$31,754.03)
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
13. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Supplemental Agreement for Additional Design Engineering Services (Phase II) with Rogina & Associates, Ltd., for roadway and appurtenant work on CH 74 (Laraway Road), Section 09-00138-30-TL, County Board District #1, Using County's allotment of RTA Tax funds (\$16,192.52)
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich, with Mr. Singer abstaining. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
14. Ordinance Authorizing Approval of the Establishment of Altered Speed Zone – Zone 356 Somerset Court (New Lenox Township). From Joliet Highway to Somerset Place. Length 0.35 Miles. Proposed Speed – 25 MPH, County Board District #2
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
15. Ordinance Authorizing Approval of the Establishment of Altered Speed Zone – Zone 357 Somerset Street (New Lenox Township). From Somerset Place to Spencer Road. Length 0.44 Miles. Proposed Speed – 25 MPH, County Board District #2
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
16. Ordinance Authorizing Approval of the Establishment of Altered Speed Zone – Zone 358 Regent Street (New Lenox Township). From Spencer Road to Princeton Lane. Length 0.52 Miles. Proposed Speed – 25 MPH, County Board District #2
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Winfrey. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
17. Ordinance Authorizing Approval of the Establishment of Altered Speed Zone – Zone 359 Melrose Street (New Lenox Township). From Spencer Road to Somerset Court. Length 0.44 Miles. Proposed Speed – 25 MPH, County Board District #2
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Winfrey. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
18. Ordinance Authorizing Approval of the Establishment of Altered Speed Zone – Zone 360 Anderson Road (New Lenox Township). From Joliet Highway to U.S. Route 30. Length 0.49 Miles. Proposed Speed – 25 MPH, County Board District #2
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Winfrey. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
19. Ordinance Authorizing Approval of the Establishment of Altered Speed Zone – Zone 361 Tammy Drive (New Lenox Township). From Timothy Lane to Timothy Lane. Length 0.23 Miles. Proposed Speed – 25 MPH, County Board District #2
Motion by Ms. Winfrey, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
20. Ordinance Authorizing Approval of the Establishment of Altered Speed Zone – Zone 362 Timothy Lane (New Lenox Township). From Parker Road to U.S. Route 30. Length 0.30 Miles. Proposed Speed – 25 MPH, County Board District #2
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
21. Ordinance Authorizing Approval of the Establishment of Altered Speed Zone – Zone 363 Florence Road (New Lenox Township). From Ruth Drive to Parker Road. Length 0.30 Miles. Proposed Speed – 25 MPH, County Board District #2
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

22. Ordinance Authorizing Approval of the Establishment of Altered Speed Zone – Zone 364 Ruth Drive (New Lenox Township). From Florence Road to U.S. Route 6. Length 0.33 Miles. Proposed Speed – 25 MPH, County Board District #2
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
23. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Services with Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc., for structural inspections on various structures in Will County, Section 09-00200-07-EG, County Board Districts #1 through 9, Using County's allotment of County Highway Tax funds (\$30,000.00)
Motion by Mr. Babich, second by Ms. Winfrey. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
24. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Construction Engineering (Phase III) with Cotter Consulting, Inc., for the improvement of CH 4 (Cedar Road) over Jackson Creek, Section 01-00056-15-BR, County Board District #6, Using County's allotment of RTA Tax funds (\$101,651.40)
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
25. Resolution Authorizing Approval of an IDOT – County Joint Agreement for the improvements to CH 4 (Cedar Road) over Jackson Creek Structure, Job No. P-91-149-01, County Section 01-00056-15-BR, County Board District #6, Using County's allotment of RTA Tax funds (\$390,000.00)
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Wisniewski. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
26. Resolution Confirming Award of Purchase to Standard Equipment Company (\$181,700.00) – Let on September 30, 2009 – One (1) Four Wheel Mechanical Street Sweeper, Current Model Year
Motion by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Wisniewski. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Other Business

COUNTY ENGINEER DISCUSSION

River Road Closure, UP Railroad

Mr. Gould stated he received notice from the Union Pacific Railroad that they want to upgrade the crossing at River Road for approximately 2 days. They are working with local agencies for detour routes; there is a tremendous amount of truck traffic. They do not have the exact dates yet, but will contact him when they do. Another issue is that Jeff Ronaldson has been selected as the 2009 Young Government Civil Engineer of the Year. This award will be presented at the annual American Society of Civil Engineers Dinner on October 14, 2009 at the Chicago Art Institute.

STATE'S ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Ms. Manning indicated at the last meeting there was a question regarding whether the county could make changes to the speed limits on township roads. She has researched this and determined that a speed study is required on township roads. There is new legislation that allows the county to make changes to county roads without a speed study, but not on township roads.

MONTHLY WORK REPORTS – Attached

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Wisniewski commented on an article that DuPage County passed an ordinance that allows for red light cameras to be installed on county highway intersections. Is there anything planned for Will County?

Mr. Gould answered there has been some discussion on this issue but no decision has been made to move forward with something like this on the county highway system. There has been negative press on the red light legislation. Most signals are within municipal limits and we may possibly leave it with the municipalities.

Mr. Wisniewski commented this could benefit those intersections where there is a high incidence of accidents; the cameras could deter that. DuPage County passed an ordinance that would allow for the installation of cameras; this should be something the county has established.

Mr. Singer indicated there was a presentation about 2 years ago to the committee from a company that provides that service; there are many ways you can employ them. The equipment can be set to notice and ticket the most minor violations; there should be some discrimination on whether the enforcement helps to stop accidents versus compliance with the law. There have been some discussions that while they may help to better enforce intersection compliance, it does not stop the number of accidents; it could very well increase the number of rear end collisions.

Mr. Gould commented there have been studies that have shown that accidents increased, not decreased when monitoring devices are put in. The public sees this as a new way of generating revenue and not necessarily a safety device.

Mr. Wisniewski stated he is not advocating the county installs them. DuPage County created the ordinance so they were ahead of the curve if the situation arose; he is not necessarily promoting it.

Mr. Singer indicated we would not need to create a vehicle to install them; we have the ability to do so. There would have to be an RFP sent out; there are many companies that provide this.

Ms. Manning commented she will look into whether the county needs an ordinance and bring that information back to the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Mr. Singer announced they were now in executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Winfrey, to come out of executive session at 9:45 a.m. On a roll call vote, Babich, Weigel, Winfrey, Wisniewski and Singer voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Ms. Winfrey, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.