

WILL COUNTY BOARD
PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2008

Will County Office Building
County Board Room
302 North Chicago Street
Joliet, IL 60432
8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Weigel, to elect Ms. Goodson as Chair Pro-tem. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Ms. Goodson called the meeting to order at 8:56 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Members: Babich, Weigel, Wisniewski and Goodson.

Absent were Members: Singer, Brooks and Bilotta.

Also Present: Moustis, Adamic and Friefeld.

Present from State's Attorney's Office: Melanie Manning and Phil Mock.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Adamic led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Request by Meijer, Inc. for Variances and Temporary Access on Weber Road (CH 88) and Renwick Road (CH 36)

Mr. Mondus stated this is for the northeast corner of Renwick Road and Weber Road, which is currently being annexed into Romeoville. This is a 41-acre site with a Meijer store and 6 outlots. There is an additional outlot currently proposed at the end of Gaskin Drive. There is a parcel at the very hard corner of Weber and Renwick Road that is not included and not part of this proposal at this time. This proposal is for 4 access points – 2 on Renwick and 2 on Weber Road. There is a full access with a signal that aligns with the full access to the south. The second right in right out aligns with the right in right out to the south. There are 2 right in right

out accesses on Weber Road and a 5th access point on Gaskin Drive that has access to the existing signal at Gaskin and Weber. The access points are strategic to the viability of the center. We are also asking for the ability to do some temporary roadway improvements; the county improvements are targeted for 2011 and our improvements will piggyback on to those improvements. This provides an option for the ability to do some interim improvements and would allow us to open our store and provide means to handle our traffic. The last variance is for a level of service request at the intersection of Weber and Renwick decreasing from C to D.

Mr. Weigel indicated the corner lot is not included. Will they request access to Weber Road?

Mr. Gould replied no; we will not allow it because of the close proximity to the intersection.

Mr. Mondus commented we have to provide access through our driveways.

Mr. Wisniewski arrived at this juncture.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Adamic, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the request by Meijer, Inc. for variances and temporary access at Weber Road and Renwick Road. On a roll call vote, Babich, Weigel, Wisniewski, Adamic and Goodson voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

NEW BUSINESS

Request by Talsma Builders, Inc. for Homer Elementary CCSD 33C for Temporary Access on Cedar Road (CH 4)

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Babich, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the request by Talsma Builders for a temporary access on Cedar Road. On a roll call vote, Babich, Weigel, Wisniewski, Adamic and Goodson voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

Request for a Revision to Resolution 08-397, Regarding Community Planning Grant for Coordinated Paratransit Study

Mr. Palmer stated we were not provided a template from the RTA when this resolution was passed in October. Once the RTA received a copy, they requested we submit their form of resolution. There are no substantive changes; this just allows us to move forward, using their language.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda revising resolution 08-397, regarding the Community Planning Grant for Coordinated Paratransit Study. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Resolution Rescinding Resolution 04-68, authorizing Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement – Number 3 between the County of Will, Plainfield Township Road District, village of Plainfield and Plainfield Township Park District for Renwick Road Corridor Improvements which include the design & construction of a structure spanning the DuPage River and the EJ&E Railroad tracks west of the DuPage River, County Board District #5

Ms. Goodson stated this was a request for an intergovernmental agreement where the county would pay 10% of the road improvement project to build a bridge; this was over 10 years ago. It seems that the township highway commissioner made a decision to place the bridge at grade level. In light of the recent proposed EJ&E acquisition by CN, it is not the best decision to place this at grade level. The village has withdrawn their 5% funding. Since the county has not seen the plans for the lower level bridge, she is requesting this be tabled so we have the opportunity to see those plans.

Mr. Babich asked if the Forest Preserve District has looked at this.

Ms. Goodson answered the bridge is an historic site; that will not be changed. Yesterday she requested that the highway commissioner forward the plans to us.

Mr. Adamic commented if everything goes through with CN, it would be better to have an above grade bridge.

Ms. Goodson indicated she does not disagree. The highway commissioner has the sole decision.

Mr. Friefeld and Mr. Mock arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Adamic questioned the difference in cost.

Ms. Goodson replied there is about a \$1 million difference.

Mr. Adamic indicated there are other factors to figure in – not just the cost of building a bridge.

Mr. Gould stated that is why this has been talked about at length for a long time. One way or another there has to be a new structure.

Mr. Adamic asked if there has been any discussion with CN to fund any of this.

Mr. Gould answered the bridge is paid for with 80% federal funding. We do not have funding available at this time.

Ms. Goodson indicated funding is not an issue. The village is willing to pay; it is a matter of residents in the area. The highway commissioner's goal is to not upset the pristine look of the area. We have tried to work through these issues over the last several months.

A motion was made by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Babich, to table this issue. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNTY BOARD

1. Resolution (Supplemental) for Providing Updated Title Commitment Reports for CH 37 (143rd Street) – Bell Road to Will-Cook Road, to assist with the right of way acquisition related services, Wheatland Title Guaranty Company, Section 01-00169-08-LA, County Board District #7, Using County's allotment of County Highway Tax funds (\$1,200.00)

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

2. Resolution for the Salary of County Engineer for Expenditure of MFT – December 1, 2008 and ending November 30, 2009.

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

3. Resolution for Improvements by County under the Illinois Highway Code for CH 11 (Veterans Parkway) from Crossroads Parkway south and east to Illinois Route 53, Section 04-00058-15-FP, County Board District #3, Using the County's allotment of County RTA Tax funds (\$11,000,000.00)

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

4. Resolution for Construction Supervision Engineering Services by County Under the IL Highway Code for the improvement of CH 11 (Veterans Parkway) from Crossroads Parkway to Normantown Road, Section 04-00058-15-FP, County Board District #3, Using County's allotment of County RTA Tax funds (\$807,104.00)

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

Mr. Gould indicated Resolutions 3 and 4 are in the Build Will Program.

5. Resolution Authorizing Approval of an Illinois Department of Transportation – County Letter of Intent for CH 88 (Weber Road) at the interchange with F.A.I. Route 55, County Board Districts #3, 4, & 7

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

6. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract – Let on December 3, 2008 2009 MFT Maintenance – Bituminous Patching Mixture – All County Board Districts

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

7. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract – Let on December 3, 2008 2009 MFT Maintenance – Bituminous Materials (Prime Coat) – All County Board Districts

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

8. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract – Let on December 3, 2008 2009 MFT Maintenance – Various Aggregates – All County Board Districts

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

9. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract – Let on December 3, 2008 to Hall Signs, Inc. 2009 MFT Maintenance – Sign Material – 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 December 3, 2008 to Hall Signs, Inc. 2009 MFT Maintenance – Sheet Aluminum Sign Panels "Type 1" – All County Board Districts

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

11. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract – Let on December 3, 2008 to Allied Municipal Supply – 2009 MFT Maintenance – Telescopic Metal Posts – All County Board Districts

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

12. Resolution for County 2009 MFT Maintenance Program using County's Allotment of Motor Fuel Tax Funds (\$1,200,000.00), County Board District (Entire County)

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

MOTION CARRIES.

Other Business

COUNTY ENGINEER DISCUSSION

Statement of Interest – Project Manager Phase II Engineering

Ms. Goodson stated there has been some discussion about putting together a committee for the project manager for the Build Will Program. The recommendation is for the public works chair and vice chair as well as 2 additional members, county leadership, representative from the County Executive's office and the County Engineer.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to establish a committee to select the project manager for Phase II engineering for the Build Will Program. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Gould indicated he has received statement of qualifications from 5 firms. The next step was to form the committee and start the interview process after the committee has received the SOQ's; then the selection process will take place and be brought to the county board for approval for the project manager who will oversee Phase II projects in the Build Will Program.

Ms. Goodson commented we want to start the interviews as soon as possible in January.

Mr. Adamic asked if staff does not have time to do this.

Mr. Gould answered no; because of the size of the Build Will. This is 60 projects that we expect to move forward.

Mr. Weigel questioned who chooses the other members of the committee.

Ms. Goodson suggested one Democrat and one Republican.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to amend the previous motion to include Ms. Goodson and Mr. Babich as committee members. On a roll call vote, Babich, Weigel, Wisniewski, Adamic and Goodson voting yes.

MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Gould stated a public meeting will be held on December 17 at the Homer Glen Village Hall for the 143rd corridor between I-355 and State Street.

STATE'S ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

MONTHLY WORK REPORTS - Attached

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Babich questioned the design at the intersection of Bronk and Black Road.

Mr. Gould replied the limits that we did on the improvements is where the City of Joliet wanted us to stop.

Mr. Babich commented it is in dire need of repair.

Mr. Gould stated he will contact Joliet.

Mr. Wisniewski asked for an update on the meeting in Naperville on December 4.

Mr. Gould answered this was regarding an issue with the homeowner's association's and noise walls. We do not have all the comments; he will provide that to Mr. Wisniewski as soon as possible.

Mr. Babich questioned if they will extend Boulder south to Renwick.

Mr. Gould replied he has not seen any plans but it may fall to Joliet.

Mr. Babich asked Mr. Gould to look into this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Goodson stated an executive session was necessary to discuss right of way negotiations.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to go into executive session at 9:40 a.m. to discuss right of way negotiations. On a roll call vote, Babich, Weigel, Wisniewski, Adamic and Goodson voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

Mrs. Goodson announced they were now in executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Babich, to come out of executive session at 9:54 a.m. On a roll call vote, Babich, Weigel, Wisniewski, Adamic and Goodson voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Weigel, to concur with the recommendation of the Assistant State's Attorney. On a roll call vote, Babich, Weigel, Wisniewski, Adamic and Goodson voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Adamic, second by Mr. Babich, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.