

WILL COUNTY BOARD
PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2010

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 8:38 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were Members: Singer.

Also Present:

Present from State's Attorney's Office: Mary Tatroe

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Bilotta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Ms. Winfrey, to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2010 meeting. On a roll call vote, Babich, Goodson, Weigel, Winfrey, Wisniewski and Bilotta voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Ms. Winfrey, second by Mr. Weigel, to approve the Executive Session minutes from the January 5, 2010 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Authorizing State's Attorney to Review Executive Session Minutes

Assistant State's Attorney Mary Tatroe advised that under the Open Meetings Act we are required to review the closed session minutes twice a year and open any that are no longer needed to be kept confidential. The State's Attorney's Office reviews those twice a year and recommends those that should be opened up for public viewing and those that should remain closed.

ASA Tatroe advised that they need to vote to allow the State's Attorney to review the minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Winfrey, second by Mr. Weigel, to request the State's Attorney's Office review the Executive Session minutes. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES

RESOLUTIONS TO BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNTY BOARD

Mr. Bilotta stated the first resolution is for an overlay as follows:

1. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to P.T. Ferro Construction Co. (\$514,738.92) – Let on January 13, 2010 – for CH 28 (Essex Road) from Illinois Route 113 to the County Line, Section 10-00129-03-GM, County Board District #6

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

2. Resolution for Improvements by County Under the Illinois Highway Code for CH 28 (Essex Road) from Illinois Route 113 to the County Line, Section 10-00129-03-GM, County Board District #6, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$550,000.00)

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

3. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to P.T. Ferro Construction Co. (\$340,570.16) – Let on January 13, 2010 – for CH 48 (Old Monee Road) from Exchange Street to Crete-Monee Road, Section 10-00133-09-GM, County Board District #1

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

4. Resolution for Improvements by County Under the Illinois Highway Code for CH 48 (Old Monee Road) from Exchange Street to Crete-Monee Road, Section 10-00133-09-GM, County Board District #1, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$375,000.00)

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

5. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to P.T. Ferro Construction Co. (\$82,425.77) – Let on January 13, 2010 – for CH 55 (Cherry Hill Road) from Route 30 to Washington Street, Section 10-00047-09-GM, County Board Districts #2, 6 & 8

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

6. Resolution for Improvements by County Under the Illinois Highway Code for CH 55 (Cherry Hill Road) from Route 30 to Washington Street, Section 10-00047-09-GM, County Board Districts #2, 6 & 8, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$100,000.00)

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

7. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Homer Tree Service, Inc. (\$42,420.00) – Let on January 13, 2010 – for Tree Removal, Various County Highways, Section 10-00000-02-GM, All County Board Districts

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

8. Resolution for Improvements by County Under the Illinois Highway Code for Tree Removal, Various County Highways, Section 10-00000-02-GM, All County Board Districts, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$50,000.00)
Motion by Ms. Winfrey, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES
9. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Herlihy Mid-Continent Co. (\$428,764.20) – Let January 13, 2010 – for CH 14 (Plainfield-Naperville Road) from 104th Street to 95th Street, Section 07-00036-23-NW, County Board District #3, Using County's allotment of RTA Tax funds (\$428,764.20)
Mr. Bilotta advised this is regarding the noise walls on Plainfield/Naperville Road.
Motion by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Ms. Goodson. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES
10. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Van Mack Electric (\$165,204.25) – Let January 13, 2010 – for CH 74 (Laraway Road) at 116th Street intersection, Section 09-00138-30-TL, County Board District #1, Using County's allotment of RTA Tax funds (\$165,204.25)
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Winfrey. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES
11. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Vulcan Materials Company (\$4.81/Ton) – Let on January 13, 2010 – Washington Township Road District, Section 10-19000-00-GM, County Board District #1
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES
12. Resolution for Providing Title Commitment Reports for use by County with Wheatland Title Guaranty Company to assist with the right of way acquisition for CH 49 (Exchange Street) between Crete Road and Cottage Grove Avenue, Section 08-00086-14-LA, County Board District #1, Using County's allotment of County Highway Tax funds (\$8,000.00)
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Wisniewski. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES
13. Resolution for Providing Title Commitment Reports for use by County with Wheatland Title Guaranty Company to assist with the right of way acquisition for CH 88 (Weber Road) at CH 36 (Renwick Road), Section 01-00170-26-LA, County Board Districts #7 & 9, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$2,000.00)
Motion by Ms. Goodson, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES
14. Resolution Authorizing Approval of an IDOT – County Joint Agreement for the improvements to the intersection of CH 74 (Laraway Road) at U.S. Route 52, Section 09-00138-32-TL, County Board District #8, Using County's allotment of County Highway Tax funds (\$7,187.50)
Mr. Bilotta stated this was great because our share is 2.5% and we definitely reap the most benefit.
Mr. Gould advised that we have needed these signals for a long time plus we are doing the one right at Cherry Hill Road which will help with moving the traffic along.
Motion by Ms. Winfrey, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES

15. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Design Engineering Services (Phase II) for bridge, roadway and appurtenant work thereto on CH 58 (County Line Road) over Bull Creek with Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Section 10-00093-07-EG, County Board District #1, Using County's allotment of RTA Tax funds (\$98,262.15)

Mr. Bilotta advised this is one of the bridges that after inspection needed structural improvements right away. We will be posting speed limits and awarding the contract to get it fixed.

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

16. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Structural Engineering Services for repairs to the County Highway Department's Monee Maintenance Garage Building with Bowman, Barrett & Associates, Inc., Section 10-00161-24-MG, County Board District #1

Mr. Gould stated that we saw some problems with the roof on the Monee Maintenance Garage. The building was built in 1972 and from the years the water running off the edges, this is damage to the overhang of the building, the beams. We had this structural engineering firm do an initial evaluation to see what extent the damage was. His concern was that inside the building, over the overhang, we were concerned we might have to remove the entire roof. It was determined that it is basically the overhang fascia portion of the beams and everything inside the walls of the whole building seem to be pretty secure. We discussed with them to do an additional contract with them to put together a set of plans, specs and proposal and then have it bid so we can take care of this problem.

Mr. Bilotta stated that we follow IDOT standards when we do our roads and the pay structure is the same but this is outside of the normal realm. We did not get another bid, they came in and did their initial Phase I for \$5,565.00 which has already been paid and they want another contract for \$36,980.00. He asked the committee if we accept this as is or do we direct the staff to get another price on it.

Mr. Gould advised that because of the damage that was initially done we had to get a contractor in there to do some initial repairs quickly where it was at the overhang of the doorway. As far as the cost is concerned, we are prohibited to negotiate costs for professional engineering services. State law prohibits that so I can't go out and ask for quotations for engineering.

Mr. Gould advised that he would put the plans and specs out for bid.

Mr. Babich inquired if they will check the rest of the structure, not just what Mr. Gould's concern is today.

Mr. Gould replied yes, they will have to do some additional work on the roof to get the water to flow properly.

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

17. Resolution for Structural Engineering Services by County Under the Illinois Highway Code for repairs of the County Highway Department's Monee Maintenance Garage Building with Bowman, Barrett & Associates, Inc., Section 10-00161-24-MG, County Board District #1, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$36,980.00)

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

18. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Design Engineering Services (Phase II) with Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc., for roadway and appurtenant work on thereto on CH 62 (Briggs Street) over Spring Creek, Section 10-00150-14-EG, County Board District #8, Using County's allotment of RTA Tax funds (\$157,446.36)

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

19. Resolution for weight limit on CH 62 (N. Briggs Street) over Spring Creek, a structural analysis performed by Willett, Hofmann & Associates, County Board District #8

Mr. Bilotta advised that after the inspections of the bridges showing we had some structural issues with these bridges, we are awarding the contract to Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick for the Briggs Street bridge but we need to post weight limits on it until that work is done.

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

Mr. Gould stated that we can do an official notice in the paper and we will have advance signing all over in the areas where the bridge work will be done. He did not believe that Briggs Street receives a lot of truck traffic once you get to the north end of Division Street.

20. Resolution for weight limit on CH 58 (Will/Kankakee County Line Road) over Bull Creek, a structural analysis performed by Willett, Hofmann & Associates, County Board District #1

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

21. Resolution for weight limit on CH 25 (Wilmington-Peotone Road) over Jordan Creek, a structural analysis performed by Willett, Hofmann & Associates, County Board District #6

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

22. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Construction Supervision (Phase III) with Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers for CH 74 (Laraway Road) at Wolf Road, Section 07-00138-26-TL, County Board District #1, Using County's allotment of RTA Tax funds (\$21,000.00)

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

Mr. Gould stated that this is a federally funded project so it was let in Springfield but we had the letting of 116th and Laraway on the 13th of January and Laraway and Wolf was let on the 15th of January in Springfield. Hopefully, both these projects will be going on simultaneously. These are two different contractors and hopefully both of these intersections will be completed and signalized. We also have two signals going in on Laraway Road down by the Highway Department office.

23. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Construction Engineering with Thomas Engineering Group, LLC, for the improvement of CH 42 (River Road) between Interstate 55 and Illinois Route 53, Section 09-00034-06-RS, County Board District #6

Mr. Bilotta advised that the total contract amount is \$115, 957.75 with the testing services receiving \$6,744.00 of that amount. This amount was not in the resolution and requested that it be placed in the resolution like all the other contracts we award.

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

Mr. Gould stated that this is the stimulus project that the county received, \$1,260,000.00 in stimulus money. Our share of that entire project is only approximately \$100,000.00 for construction and engineering. It is a well needed project down there with a lot of truck traffic.

Mr. Bilotta stated it feeds the intermodal, Prairie View landfill and a lot of truck traffic.

Mr. Gould stated the granary is just to the north.

Other Business

COUNTY ENGINEER DISCUSSION

IDOT Multi-Year Program

Mr. Gould advised that he provided a packet in all the County Board member's mailboxes this past week with a memo explaining that there was an open house last week in New Lenox that he attended where IDOT is unveiling their multi-year program. They are having these open houses throughout the Chicago metro areas and the collar counties. This was at LincolnWay Central High School and he copied the Will County portion of their program for all the board members along with the comment form that was distributed. If any of the board members want to comment on the plan they can either submit it directly to IDOT or to his office and he will forward them. The comment forms need to be received by February 11th.

Mr. Weigel stated that it mentions improvements at Parker and Route 6 intersection and asked if that means signals and turn lanes.

Mr. Gould replied yes. There are two fundings, land acquisition and construction.

Mr. Weigel stated he did not see anything there for Route 6 and Gougar Road and asked if there were any plans for that.

Mr. Gould replied not that he knew of, and if it is not in the packet then it is not in their 5 year plan. He advised that the County also does not have any plans for it.

Mr. Weigel stated then he has a comment sheet which he will provide to Mr. Gould.

Mr. Bilotta stated this is something we should probably address, especially with I-355 and the opening of the hospital. We might be able to speak with the state and work on an agreement to do it together.

Mr. Bilotta advised in the 5 year plan, the last column is the year and that this is a wish list unless it is under 2010 because the money has already been allocated. The 2011-2015 list does not mean that it will happen especially in light of the state, federal government and the dollars. If the dollars are available it may get done.

Delay

Mr. Gould advised that he put a letter in all the committee members' mailboxes concerning problems we have been experiencing with IDOT's review process with our various projects that we have up there. There are a multitude of projects with the Build Will program that we are trying to push forward, get approvals and go out for bid. This letter explains 11 projects that we have experienced delays. In one case, since April we have had supplemental agreements at IDOT that we have not received approval from. The main portion of the letter that we wrote to Diane O'Keefe is regarding the 95th Street extension. The reason we focused on that one is because that has the most amount of federal money that could be put in jeopardy. If we do not get the approvals done and do not get this project authorized for letting by September 30, 2011 we could be in jeopardy of losing \$7.2 million of DuPage Mayors and Managers money that Naperville stepped forward and got for this project.

Mr. Gould advised that at this point in time he just wanted the committee members to be aware of the issue that is going on with IDOT. There could be a time that he might ask committee members for some assistance to help expedite some of these. He has been told there are some things happening at IDOT since he sent the letter out. A couple of projects on the list have been sent back to us.

Eric Wesel from Smith Engineering advised that three projects have been sent back.

Mr. Gould stated he is really concerned about the 95th Street project.

Mr. Bilotta asked if he spoke with Diane personally about it.

Mr. Gould replied that he has spoken to Springfield about it because there were some issues on the delays of the approval but not Diane personally. We have sent a lot of correspondence but have not received any feedback.

Mr. Gould stated that he would provide an update next month.

Ms. Goodson stated that we could organize a meeting between now and the next meeting to sit down with Diane.

Mr. Bilotta agreed.

Mr. Weigel inquired what the normal turn around on some of these was.

Mr. Gould replied that we have some from April, July, and 4 in September. They can't operate with that type of a turn over with IDOT. He realizes that there are a lot of projects going on. He suggested that if IDOT wants to give the county authority to go forward at least to get things moving as an interim until we get final approval. We can't start any of the phases, either in supplements or next phases of engineering, construction, anything until they give us approval. We can't advertise the projects if it is ready for letting and as far as engineering is

concerned if we were to start engineering for federally funded projects prior to IDOT approving it that could jeopardize the federal funding.

Mr. Bilotta said on a typical project when we go in, obviously we have to get IDOT approval, how many changes are made, are there drastic changes or are they minor if any at all.

Mr. Catalano replied it has to do when they do their auditing, they may do some adjustments on overhead rates or fringes or something. They don't usually change the man hours, it is more for charges.

Mr. Gould advised that all the federal are submitted for initial review anyway. These are final submittals.

Mr. Catalano stated that most of the problem is down in Springfield.

Mr. Gould advised that Springfield wants us to work through our local office, in Schaumburg with Diane and they provide the approval but they have not been approved in Springfield.

Mr. Wisniewski stated that there are some historical challenges with that project and either the state has to take charge of that historical review or can we have the engineering firm we hired do it.

Mr. Gould replied that the state is going to do all the archeological survey out there. We can't do that until the Phase II agreement is approved by IDOT.

Ms. Goodson inquired what three projects have we heard back on.

Mr. Wesel replied River Road, Wolf Road and Cedar over Jackson.

After a short discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Bilotta, Ms. Goodson and Mr. Gould will sit down to discuss the best way to handle this situation.

STATE'S ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

ASA Tatroe advised that she has distributed the various cases that we have pending. We will be asking the court, within the next week or so, to set them for trial so hopefully those will be resolved quickly.

ASA Tatroe stated, in part because we will be having so many going to trial as well as her understanding that there will be another 40 parcels for condemnation and in order to be more efficient and expedite these cases faster, she is assigning two more attorneys to do the eminent domain cases. There will be two attorneys for each case so in the event one attorney is out sick there won't be a continuance of a trial and they can tag team the preparation of the witnesses, etc. We will be meeting tomorrow and will be distributing the cases among the three attorneys and hopefully these will move forward more quickly.

Mr. Bilotta stated he had discussed with ASA Tatroe that we may have to bond some money out to expedite these projects and get them done and we can't do that until we obviously know where we need the money and obviously right of ways are an issue and he appreciates them stepping up to get this done.

MONTHLY WORK REPORTS – Attached

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Bilotta advised that on March 7th we will be going to Washington to present our capital project needs and last year we were very successful. Through the Health Department alone we received over \$3 million. We will be doing that again and hopefully have more dollars and have an idea of what is going on with the funding and the capital bills out of Washington.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

A motion was made by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Babich, to go into Executive Session at 9:24 a.m. to discuss right of way acquisition. On a roll call vote, Babich, Goodson, Weigel, Winfrey, Wisniewski and Bilotta voting yes. MOTION CARRIES

Mr. Bilotta announced they were now in executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Winfrey, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to come out of Executive Session at 9:34 a.m. On a roll call vote, Babich, Goodson, Weigel, Winfrey, Wisniewski and Bilotta voting yes. MOTION CARRIES

The committee directed Mr. Catalano to prepare a resolution for condemnation for property along 135th Street, to be provided to County Board staff prior to the Executive Committee on February 11, 2010.

A motion was made by Ms. Winfrey, second by Mr. Weigel, to concur with the Assistant State's Attorney's recommendation regarding negotiating amount for right of way acquisition and that a resolution for condemnation for property along 135th Street would be prepared by Mr. Catalano and provided to County Board staff prior to the Executive Committee on February 11, 2010. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Winfrey, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES