

WILL COUNTY BOARD
PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 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 8:36 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were Members: Wisniewski.

Also Present: Moustis.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Singer 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 February 2, 2010 meeting. On a roll call vote, Singer, Babich, Goodson, Weigel and Bilotta voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Singer, to approve the executive session minutes from the February 2, 2010 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

Request for Intergovernmental Agreement for Traffic Signal Installation at the Brandon Road/Laraway Road Intersection

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Weigel, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing the intergovernmental agreement for traffic signal installation at the Brandon Road and Laraway Road intersection. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNTY BOARD

Mr. Gould stated at the last board meeting, one of the members had requested a summary of the award of contracts. This gives an explanation of the project and will be included with the confirming resolution.

1. Resolution (Supplemental) for Improvements by County under the Illinois Highway Code for Patching of Various County Highways, Section 09-00000-03-GM, All County Board Districts, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$173,485.63)

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

2. Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between the County of Will and Exxon Mobil Oil Corporation, for reimbursement for extending encasement on pipeline facilities CH 35 (135th Street) between New Avenue and IL Route 171, Section 99-00068-06-FP, County Board Districts #3 & 7, Using County's allotment of RTA Tax funds (\$29,183.78)

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

Ms. Winfrey arrived at this juncture.

3. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to _____ (\$_____) – Let on March 3, 2010 – for CH 88 (Weber Road) from north edge of the I-55 interchange bridge to Lily Cache Lane, Section 10-00170-35-RS, County Board Districts #3 & 4 – ***Bid to be Confirmed at Executive Committee on March 4, 2010***

Mr. Gould stated the bid letting for this project is tomorrow. This is part of the Emergency Repair Program; Weber Road was selected for that program. He would like to bring this forward for executive committee on Thursday for approval at county board this month; otherwise he will have to wait 5 weeks.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich, to move this resolution forward to executive committee. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

4. Resolution for Improvements by County under the Illinois Highway Code for CH 88 (Weber Road) from north edge of the I-55 interchange bridge to Lily Cache Lane, Section 10-00170-35-RS, County Board Districts #3 & 4, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$_____) – ***To be Confirmed at Executive Committee on March 4, 2010***

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Singer, to move this resolution forward to executive committee. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

5. Resolution Authorizing Approval of an Illinois Department of Transportation – County Joint Agreement for improvements at the intersection of CH 74 (Laraway Road) and Wolf Road, Section 07-00138-26-TL, County Board District #1, Using County's allotment of RTA Tax funds (\$101,000.00)

Mr. Gould indicated at the state bid letting certain documents were left out of the bid package; that project will have to be re-let so it will be delayed.

Mr. Singer commented it should not impact getting the construction finished by summer.

Mr. Gould stated it should not but it will be delayed a couple of months.

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

6. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Gallagher Asphalt Corporation (\$187,216.75) – Let on February 10, 2010 – for CH 42 (Brandon Road) from Laraway Road to U.S. Route 6, Section 10-00090-09-GM, County Board District #8

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

7. Resolution for Improvements by County under the Illinois Highway Code for CH 42 (Brandon Road) from Laraway Road to U.S. Route 6, Section 10-00090-09-GM, County Board District #8, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$225,000.00)
Motion by Ms. Winfrey, second by Mr. Singer. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
8. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Roadsafe Traffic Systems, Inc. (\$475,152.02) – Let on February 10, 2010 – for Striping (Various County Highways), Section 10-00000-01-GM, All County Board Districts
Mr. Gould – our crews will still do everything manual.....
Mr. Moustis arrived at this juncture.
Motion by Mr. Babich, second by Ms. Winfrey. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
9. Resolution for Improvements by County under the Illinois Highway Code for Striping (Various County Highways), Section 10-00000-01-GM, All County Board Districts, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$500,000.00)
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Goodson. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
10. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Glenn McCann Co. (\$54,096.44) – Let on February 10, 2010 – for Florence Township Road District, Section 10-05000-01-GM, County Board District #6
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
11. Resolution Authorizing Approval of an Illinois Department of Transportation – County Joint Agreement for improvements (Phase I) of CH 56 (Black Road) over the DuPage River, Section 04-00069-18-BR, County Board Districts #5 & 6
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
12. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Additional Professional Services (Supplemental) Agreement for Design Engineering (Phase I) with Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc., for roadway and appurtenant work thereto on CH 56 (Black Road) over the DuPage River, Section 04-00069-18-BR, County Board Districts #5 & 6, Using County's allotment of County Bridge funds (\$710.05)
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Other Business

COUNTY ENGINEER DISCUSSION

Update – Delay of Various Agreements through IDOT

Mr. Gould stated last month he had talked to the committee regarding a letter he sent to IDOT on delays. He received letter from IDOT today that gives an explanation of everything that was talked about. He has also spoken to some people – there is movement on many of these projects.

STATE'S ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

MONTHLY WORK REPORTS – Attached

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Singer asked for a follow up to the meeting with the school district in Frankfort. Is there anything we need to do – anything he can communicate to them?

Mr. Gould answered this does not take formal approval through the board.

Mr. Singer provided some background on the issue. This is at the intersections of Laraway Road and 116th and Laraway and Wolf Road. It was drawn into the plans to accept a crosswalk on one side – north-south across Laraway Road. The request of the school district is to have crossings on both sides; they will have children walking to the middle school from the neighborhood on the east and west and the school district wanted to have a safe crossing. They have committed to have a crossing guard on both sides of the intersection before and after school. The internal policy is that we would only have a pedestrian crossing on one side of the road. We agreed to pedestrian crossings on both sides of the road; this would require some minor changes to the contract.

Mr. Gould commented there are additional costs of approximately \$16,000 on each leg.

Mr. Singer indicated the village is cost sharing.

Mr. Gould stated the village has committed to taking over jurisdiction of the signal at 116th and is contributing part of the funding.

Mr. Bilotta expressed concern about setting a precedent in the future; we need to start looking at a formal policy.

Mr. Gould commented at this point children do not walk to school; the state pays to bus them.

Mr. Singer indicated there is no guarantee they will not choose to walk. On weekends that school is site of community activities; they will have children going back and forth to that school. We want to make good sense; if you are going to create opportunity to cross one side we need good sense on the other.

Mr. Bilotta agreed but reiterated his concern about setting a precedent.

Mr. Moustis expressed concern about county roads and these types of crossings; they are major arterial roads to move traffic. We need some type of concrete policy. He does not think cross walks are a good idea. If these schools continue to locate on the county roads these situations have to be worked out well in advance. He would like to see what the state does as well as what other counties have done.

Mr. Singer commented at both of these intersections we already had one in the plans anyway.

Mr. Moustis stated this road will not remain a 2 lane road as many of our roads probably will not.

Mr. Singer indicated if when it gets to be 6-lane road and someone makes the argument, take them out.

Mr. Bilotta requested Mr. Gould and staff work to provide some procedures on how to address this in the future.

Mr. Gould stated he will contact IDOT for their policy and some surrounding counties.

Mr. Singer indicated Old Plank Trail is just to the north of the intersection; people are crossing on bikes from the subdivisions. Cross walks with signals will create a safer environment.

Mr. Weigel suggested asking the school district to contribute.

Mr. Singer disagreed; the right way to do it was to have 2 cross walks. We have many children living on the east and west side of 116th. We cannot ask them to contribute \$8,000 towards the costs; it should have been designed originally with 2 crossings.

Mr. Bilotta questioned the time frame on these projects.

Mr. Gould replied Wolf Road is getting delayed.

Mr. Singer stated he has no problem asking local communities to pay their portion for any project but he does not remember going to local communities asking for additional funds. If we need to set a policy we should do that but not here.

Mr. Bilotta agreed on this particular project but we need to set a policy.

Mr. Moustis indicated we should separate the projects for this discussion and since Wolf Road is getting delayed. Since Frankfort has already contributed \$50,000 and will take over the long-term maintenance of signals and crosswalks on 116th, that could move forward. Wolf and Laraway is a totally different type of intersection.

Mr. Singer commented it has a different type of funding mechanism as well – state federal and county funds

Mr. Bilotta indicated this does not require any action by committee.

Mr. Moustis stated it should be noted in this case on 116th there is a contribution and local commitment to the long-term maintenance of the intersection. Based on the local participation at least it sends out the message if there is a variance from past practice, there has to be participation.

Mr. Signer commented we have made a lot of progress working with local municipalities in the last 3 to 4 years on intergovernmental agreements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Bilotta stated he will be going to Washington with other board members and will take our road initiatives; we have been successful in the past. He will keep the committee updated on how that proceeds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

A motion was made by Ms. Winfrey, second by Mr. Singer, to go into executive session at 9:25 a.m. to discuss right of way acquisition. On a roll call vote, Singer, Babich, Goodson, Weigel, Winfrey and Bilotta voting yes. MOTION CARRIES

Mr. Bilotta announced they were now in executive session.

Ms. Goodson and Mr. Singer left during executive session.

A motion was made by Ms. Winfrey, second by Mr. Babich to come out of executive session at 9:55 a.m. On a roll call vote, Babich, Weigel, Winfrey and Bilotta voting yes.

MOTION CARRIES.

ADJOURNMENT

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