

WILL COUNTY BOARD
PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 6, 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 8:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were Members: None.

Also Present:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Manning led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Goodson, to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2010 meeting. On a roll call vote, Babich, Goodson, Weigel, Wisniewski and Bilotta voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich, to approve the executive session minutes from the June 1, 2010 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Ms. Winfrey and Mr. Singer arrived at this juncture.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

**Request for Intergovernmental Agreement for Emergency Vehicle Pre-Emption
Equipment at the Intersection of Laraway Road and 80th Avenue**

Mr. Bilotta stated this is a standard EVP.

Mr. Gould indicated this is with the Frankfort Fire Protection District.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with Frankfort Fire Protection District for emergency vehicle pre-emption equipment at the intersection of Laraway Road and 80th Avenue. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request by Healy, Bender & Associates, Inc on behalf of Homer community Consolidated School District 33C for Variances on Cedar Road (CH 4) associated with the proposed addition to Luther J. Schilling Elementary School

Mr. Gould stated there are 2 variance requests. The first is regarding a 20" water main that is within the right turn lane just inside the pavement. They are asking for a variance so that it does not have to be relocated. The second request is for a variance from the requirement of a 75' right of way to 60' right of way. The 75 feet puts it right at the school property; that right of way would be adequate for widening we will be doing at a later date.

Mr. Bilotta asked if pavement repairs are necessary with issues pertaining to the water main, who will be responsible.

Mr. Gould answered those costs would be borne by American Water Company.

A motion as made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda approving two variances on Cedar Road associated with the proposed addition to Luther J. Schilling Elementary School. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNTY BOARD

Mr. Bilotta stated these first two resolutions are for bids for equipment where we have only received one bid; last month we had a bid for a brush chipper, which he thought was unusual and now we have 2 more today. How are we bidding these out?

Mr. Strohman answered we had six people pulling on both of these bids. He does not know why they are not bidding.

Mr. Bilotta questioned if he had followed up on that.

Mr. Strohman replied no; they do not normally do that.

Mr. Bilotta clarified we are buying a base truck from the state bid.

Mr. Gould stated we are getting a cab and chassis through the state; it is difficult to buy one of these units; it has to be custom made. We buy the chassis and then bid out the necessary pieces.

Mr. Bilotta indicated he would like to see some feedback on why we are not getting any other bids. He would like to hold off on these and re-evaluate if we re-bid or if there is a procedure that needs to be changed. This is three in a row.

Mr. Gould commented during the advertising for the bid process, we did not have anyone come up and question it; we did not hear anything to the contrary on these bids.

Mr. Bilotta stated there may be something we are missing.

Mr. Strohman commented if we write the bids ups, we want them to meet our specs.

Mr. Bilotta indicated you can write specs to meet one brand; we want to make sure that is not going on here.

Mr. Singer questioned if the six companies picked up the bids in a timely manner.

Mr. Strohman replied yes.

Mr. Singer commented there is a problem somewhere; six companies pick up the bid and only one company bids on it; we need to find out what that is.

1. Resolution Confirming Award of Purchase to Power Equipment Leasing Co., Inc. (\$40,430.00) for One (1) Aerial Bucket Truck, Current Model Year
Motion by Mr. Singer, second by Mr. Wisniewski to table this item. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

2. Resolution Confirming Award of Purchase to Power Equipment Leasing Co., Inc. (\$90,562.00) for One (1) Digger Derrick Truck, Current Model Year
Motion by Mr. Singer, second by Ms. Winfrey to table this item. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

3. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Additional Professional Services Agreement for Design Engineering Services with SEC Group, Inc, an HR Green Company, for the intersection improvement of County Highway 52 (Gougar Road) at US Route 30, Section 07-00154-11-EG, Using County's allotment of RTA Tax funds (\$39,691.36)

Mr. Gould commented this is additional work that needs to be reviewed because of the Metra line north of the intersection.

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

MOTION CARRIES.

4. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to James D. Fiala Paving Co., Inc. (\$497,994.34) for CH 4 (Cedar Road) North from Illinois Route 7 to north of US Route 6, Section 10-00051-07-GM, County Board District #7

Motion by Mr. Singer, second by Ms. Goodson. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

5. Resolution for Improvements by County under the Illinois Highway Code for CH 4 (Cedar Road) North from IL Route 7 to north of U.S. Route 6, Section 10-00051-07-GM, County Board District #7, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$525,000.00)

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

MOTION CARRIES.

6. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Austin Tyler Construction, LLC (\$967,521.26) for CH 4 (Cedar Road) South from Spencer Road to US Route 52, Section 10-00056-19-GM, County Board Districts #2 & 6

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

MOTION CARRIES.

7. Resolution for Improvements by County under the Illinois Highway Code for CH 4 (Cedar Road) South from Spencer Road to U.S. Route 52, Section 10-00056-19-GM, County Board Districts #2 & 6, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$975,000.00)

Motion by Mr. Singer, second by Ms. Goodson. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

8. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to P. T. Ferro Construction Co. (\$516,655.18) for CH 4 (Elevator Road) from US Route 52 to US Route 52, Section 10-00056-18-GM, County Board District #6

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

MOTION CARRIES.

9. Resolution for Improvements by County under the Illinois Highway Code for CH 4 (Elevator Road) from U.S. Route 52 to U.S. Route 52, Section 10-00056-18-GM, County Board District #6, Using County's allotment of MFT funds (\$525,000.00)

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

10. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to "D" Construction, Inc. (\$581,226.00) for Channahon Road District, bridge repair on Des Plaines River Road, Section 07-01112-01-BR, County Board District #6

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

11. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Vulcan Materials Company (\$6.13 per ton) for Jackson Road District, Section 10-09000-00-GM, County Board Districts #6 & 8

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

12. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Vulcan Materials Company (\$4.81 per ton) for Wilton Road District, Section 10-24000-00-GM, County Board District #6

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

13. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Additional Professional Services Agreement for Design Engineering Services (Phase I) with AECOM for roadway and appurtenant work on CH 16 (Bell Road) between IL Route 7 (159th Street) and 131st Street, Section 99-00147-07-FP, County Board District #7, Using County's allotment of the RTA Tax funds (\$115,899.62)

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

14. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Services for the 2010 biennial inspections on various structures in Will County, Section 10-00000-00-EG, County Board Districts #1 through 9, Using County's allotment of County Highway Tax funds (\$42,774.00)

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

15. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Supplemental Agreement for Design Engineering Services with Hutchison Engineering, Inc., for roadway improvement study and appurtenant work thereto on CH 8 (DeSelm Road), Section 06-00177-04-EG, County Board District #6, Using County's allotment of RTA funds (\$12,500.00)

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

16. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Lorig Construction Co., (\$532,178.00) for CH 14 (Plainfield-Naperville Road) from Saratoga Road to north of Winner's Cup Court, Section 07-00036-23-NW, County Board Districts #3 & 4, Using County's allotment of RTA Tax Funds

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

17. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to P.T. Ferro Construction Co., (\$376,367.76) for Green Garden Road District, Section 08-07102-02-BR, County Board District #1

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

COUNTY ENGINEER DISCUSSION

Mr. Gould stated CN will upgrade the railroad tracks on Gougar Road in the southbound lane. It has been pretty rough for a considerable length of time. Gougar Road will have to be closed while they do the upgrade. This will start on July 12th at 8:00 am through July 16th at 6:00 pm or earlier. The advance signs are already up. Another issue is the strike with the Operating Engineers Local 150. Some of our jobs have been affected; others have not because of the

contract that includes MARBA. Those that are not included are still working, such as D Construction. It depends on what local and what contractors are included. We do have jobs that are shut down.

Mr. Bilotta commented on the salt dome that is being constructed. It is an unusual building; not many people know how to build them. There was only one bidder and it was non-union so we have people picketing out at the Highway Department.

Mr. Gould stated Local 75 is picketing our job; they are not getting part of the work. He has had meetings with the local and the Executive's Office. The contractor has said he would hire some of the local workers and put them on his payroll to stop the protest. There are some other items that the union wants him to abide by that he is not willing to do; with the strike he could not hire right now; he is continuing to work. Unfortunately we are having these protests in front of the building.

Mr. Bilotta indicated road jobs have been created through our Build Will program through the state and federal government. An operator making \$68.00 per hour is not OK with a 2.5% increase; they want 4.5%. It makes absolutely no sense.

Mr. Singer asked for an update on Laraway Road and Wolf Road intersection as well as Laraway Road and 116th.

Mr. Gould indicated on 116th we are waiting on hardware. At the Wolf Road intersection, we are waiting for IDOT.

Mr. Catalano commented the pre construction meeting was June 29th but we did not get notified. Our consultant has all the data

Mr. Singer questioned if this will be done before school starts.

Mr. Catalano replied it will be close; they postponed the letting until April.

Mr. Gould indicated they pulled the award because of some new requirements; they had to re-let.

STATE'S ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

MONTHLY WORK REPORTS – Attached

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Weigel commented there is a pothole on Briggs Street Bridge over the Rock Island in the far right northbound lane. There is also another one on the Gougar Road Bridge over I-80 in the southbound lane that is developing.

Mr. Gould indicated we do not normally handle the bridge deck; that is an IDOT structure. But we will take care of it.

Mr. Weigel stated he was recently in New Hampshire and they put a groove in the pavement and their reflectors are below grade, not above grade like ours.

Mr. Gould commented the type of reflectors we use meet state standards; it is normally a steel shoe embedded into the pavement, which is plowable. Obviously, New Hampshire would have ones that are plowable as well.

Mr. Weigel indicated this could be an alternative; it may be less maintenance.

Mr. Bilotta suggested Mr. Weigel contact the New Hampshire state DOT and get the specs and we will forward them on to IDOT. We have to put that burden on the state.

Mr. Singer asked for an update on the project on Center Road and Laraway Road.

Mr. Gould answered the project has been let but he does not think the preconstruction meeting has been held; IDOT is letting that project since it was federally funded.

Mr. Singer asked about 80th Avenue.

Mr. Gould answered the Village of Frankfort has applied for a grant for the north leg. We included that as part of our professional services agreement to widen that and put in turning lane. They have also applied for a grant to do the same thing. We will see what happens; we have not pulled that from our contract. If the grant is funded we may end up deleting from our contract and let the village go forward with the widening. We were not aware they even applied.

Mr. Singer commented if it is a state grant, we should be planning on doing it ourselves. He will call the village and get more information. Are there any real major right of way issues?

Mr. Gould replied the one concern is the northeast corner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

A motion as made by Mr. Singer, second by Ms. Winfrey, to go into executive session at 9:18 a.m. to discuss right of way acquisition. On a roll call vote, Singer, 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. Babich, second by Ms. Goodson, to come out of executive session at 9:31 a.m. On a roll call vote, Singer, Babich, Goodson, Weigel, Winfrey, Wisniewski and Bilotta voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Singer, second by Mr. Weigel to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES