

WILL COUNTY BOARD
PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2011

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: Babich, Goodson, McPhillips, Weigel, Winfrey and Bilotta.

Absent were Members: Singer.

Also Present: Moustis.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Winfrey, second by Ms. Goodson, to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2011 meeting. On a roll call vote, Babich, Goodson, McPhillips, Weigel, Winfrey and Bilotta voting yes. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Federal Department of Transportation – Roundabout Presentation

No report.

Request by Vijay Patel, Developer of a Taco Bell Restaurant, for an Access

Location to Manhattan-Monee Road (County Highway 6) and a Variance on the Spacing for Full Access

Mr. Wesel stated we were approached by a developer in Monee regarding a vacant lot on the south side of Manhattan-Monee Road where they are planning a KFC/Taco Bell Restaurant. We have been working with them on the restriping of Manhattan-Monee Road. They are looking for an entrance on Manhattan-Monee Road. Under the Ordinance,

Manhattan-Monee Road is considered a county freeway, which requires board approval. Because it is a county freeway, full access is required every ¼ mile so we are looking at a variance for that. We have met with the developer and engineer to work out details regarding restriping of Manhattan-Monee Road and to continue a 3 lane section west to Hamilton Ave.

Mr. Gould noted Monee is on board with this.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda granting an access location on Manhattan-Monee Road and a variance on the spacing for full access. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request by KPRG and Associates, Inc. on Behalf of Midwest Generation for a Variance of Right of Way Dedication on Brandon Road (County Highway 42)

Mr. Wesel indicated Midwest Generation is working with Lincoln Stone Quarry; they have to put in some monitoring wells to monitor water quality. In order to get access to the strip of land they have to put in a field entrance. The request is for a variance of the right of way dedication. This field entrance will generate about 20 vehicles per year. The reason we are in agreement with the waiver is that this is between a quarry pit that is not in use and Gallagher Asphalt; for us to acquire 60 feet – it would not serve any purpose for us.

A motion was made by Ms. Winfrey, second by Mr. Babich, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda granting a variance on the right of way dedication on Brandon Road. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNTY BOARD

1. Resolution (Supplemental) for Improvements by County Under the IL Highway Code for the Raised Reflector Installations and Lens Replacements, County Section 11-00000-05-GM, Using the additional sum from the County's allotment of MFT funds (\$28,334.00)

Motion by Mr. Babich, second by Ms. Goodson. All in favor, with Mr. Weigel voting no. MOTION CARRIES.

2. Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of IL Dept of Transportation County Maintenance Resolution to effect the appropriation of \$1,055,855.00 from the MFT allotment for the maintenance on County Highways through the year ending December 31, 2012, County Section 12-00000-00-GM

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

3. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Extension of Existing Agreement for Phase II Consultant Program Coordinator for engineering services with H.R. Green, Inc., Section 12-00200-11-EG, County Board Districts #1 through 9, Using County RTA Tax funds (\$1,000,004.44)

Mr. Bilotta noted the original contract was for 18 month; this is for 12 months with two 12-month options by the County Engineer with approval by this committee.

Mr. Moustis arrived at this juncture.

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

4. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Services with Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. for biennial bridge inspections on various structures in Will County, Section 12-00000-00-EG, County Board Districts #1 through 9, Using County Highway Tax funds (\$65,300.00)

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

5. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Additional Professional Engineering Services Agreement for Design Engineering Services (Phase I) with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., for roadway and appurtenant for the Caton Farm Road – Bruce Road Corridor Study, Section 99-00074-20-EG, County Board Districts #7, 8 and 9, Using County MFT funds (\$247,674.22)

Mr. Catalano stated this work is required by IDOT; additional studies need to be done and the drainage studies need to be updated and also finish the update for dragonfly.

Mr. Bilotta asked what the next steps for this project are.

Mr. Catalano answered we should get design approval sometime in 2012.

Mr. Gould noted then we can move forward with the actual plans; that will take some significant funding. The first thing is to work on the grade separation between Route 171 and Route 53; this will be similar to the Lockport high level bridge. The design alone will be \$25 million plus. Once we get design approval we will be looking for some federal participation

Mr. Bilotta commented we cannot do this without federal money – the size of the project is massive.

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

6. Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between the County of Will and BP Pipelines (North America) Inc. for reimbursement for relocating facilities along CH 7 (Old Chicago Road), County Section 10-00116-09-BR, County Board District #6, Using County Series A, B, or C Road Bond funds (\$447,417.00)
- Mr. Gould stated this is a big project we are doing; Resolution #10 is awarding the contract; this pipeline crosses Old Chicago Road and Wilmington-Peotone Road; we are being impacted by that pipeline on both roads with our reconstruction of the two bridges and roadway project. This relocation will require extensive work on that pipeline; we need to have work completed so we can build the intersection.

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

7. Resolution for Construction Engineering Services by County Under the IL Highway Code with Robinson Engineering Ltd, for the reconstruction of CH 8 (DeSelm Road) from IL Route 102 to Old Chicago Road, Section 06-00177-04-FP, County Board District #6, Using County Series A, B, or C Road Bond funds (\$232,183.00)

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

8. Resolution for Construction Engineering Services by County Under the IL Highway Code with Knight E/A Inc., for the construction of new structures carrying CH 25 (Wilmington Peotone Road) and CH 7 (Old Chicago Road) over Jordan Creek, County Section 10-00116-09-BR, County Board District #6, Using County Series A, B, or C Road Bond funds (\$696,387.96)

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

9. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Supplemental Agreement for Right of Way Acquisition Services with Polach Appraisal Group, Inc. for updated appraisals for several parcels of property along CH 49 (Exchange Street) between Crete Road and Cottage Grove Avenue, County Section 08-00086-14-LA, County Board District #1, Using County Series A, B, or C Road Bond funds (\$6,500.00)

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

10. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to "D" Construction, Inc. (\$4,066,977.07) – Let on November 23, 2011, CH 25 (Wilmington Peotone Road) and CH 7 (Old Chicago Road) over Jordan Creek, Section 10-00116-09-BR, County Board District #6, Using County Series A, B, or C Road Bond funds

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

11. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract – Let on November 23, 2011-2012 MFT Maintenance – Bituminous Patching Mixture – All County Board Districts, Section 12-00000-00-GM

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

12. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract – Let on November 23, 2011 2012 MFT Maintenance – Bituminous Materials (Prime Coat) – All County Board Districts, Section 12-00000-00-GM

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

13. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract – Let on November 23, 2011 2012 MFT Maintenance – Various Aggregates – All County Board Districts, Section 12-00000-00-GM

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

14. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Hall Signs, Inc. (\$17,836.30) – Let on November 23, 2011 to - 2012 MFT Maintenance – Sign Material – All County Board Districts, Section 12-00000-00-GM

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

15. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to TAPCO Inc. (\$3,451.80) – Let on November 23, 2011 to – 2012 MFT Maintenance – Sheet Aluminum Sign Panel "Type 1" – All County Board Districts, Section 12-00000-00-GM

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

16. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to TAPCO Inc. (\$19,345.00) – Let on November 23, 2011 to – 2012 MFT Maintenance – Telescopic Metal Posts – All County Board Districts, Section 12-00000-00-GM

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

17. Resolution Authorizing Will County's State's Attorney's Office to Proceed with Condemnation Cases Regarding the County's CH 49 (Exchange Street) Project from Crete Road to Cottage Grove Avenue, Section 05-00086-14-FP, County Board District #1

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

COUNTY ENGINEER DISCUSSION – CH 42 (Brandon Road) Closure

Mr. Gould stated he had received a letter from CN regarding the Brandon Road railroad bridge just south of the DesPlaines River. This bridge has a limited height – 12' 1" and has been hit many times from trucks going underneath it and we have had to close Brandon Road many times especially with CenterPoint picking up steam with the expansion. Because of the amount of hits, CN has to upgrade the beams underneath the rail; in order to do that they have to close the road on December 15th for a full 24 hours to take out the old beams and put in new

ones to make it more crashworthy. Until that structure is raised it will be a problem; at least this will help. It will be closed for the one day and there will be signs for the detour routes. There will also be a message board up 10 days in advance to notify the public.

Ms. Goodson asked what the traffic count is.

Mr. Gould answered 5000 vehicles in a 24 hour period.

Ms. Winfrey questioned if the beams will improve the height.

Mr. Gould answered he is curious to see what the height will be after they do this. We will have to go out and check the height; if it changes, all signs will have to be changed.

STATE'S ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

MONTHLY WORK REPORTS – Attached

Mr. Bilotta asked the Highway Department to expand the report a little bit and list the projects that are under design and the estimated completion.

Mr. Gould indicated through HR Green, we have formulated a spreadsheet for all the work that they are reviewing on our behalf; it shows target letting dates, what phase it is currently in, what we need to complete before it goes to letting. We can provide that in the packet; it really does explain all projects in the Build Will program.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Goodson commented on the Black Road Bridge and the pedestrian bridge that we are in discussions on now; the Forest Preserve District is doing a study whether it is feasible to have a pedestrian bridge and what type of structure. It came up at Forest Preserve last week about whether it is possible to incorporate that pedestrian bridge with the road project – do it simultaneously. During the Phase 1 discussion it was determined the pedestrian bridge was not warranted.

Mr. Gould indicated they are doing a cost comparison analysis to see what the most feasible structure is - attached or not attached to not only that structure but the structure over I-55 just east of DuPage River. If they attach it to the river structure they will also have to attach it to the I-55 structure. Based on what the results are; if the decision is made to move forward to attach to our structure, we will go back and revisit Phase 1 to include that and we will include that as part of our project. There will have to be some type of agreement with the Forest Preserve regarding funding.

Ms. Goodson noted the plan is for the Forest Preserve to apply for an ITOP grant; this is the perfect project for these types of funds.

Mr. Bilotta indicated once the study is done we will have an idea of the best way to do it; it is an important part of our transportation system to include pedestrians. The study should be done by the end of February or beginning of March.

Mr. Gould commented this is part of the JT between the County, Joliet and Shorewood; they will take over the road because of the water lines going down the center of the road. We will continue with our bridge reconstruction even though the JT takes place.

Mr. Babich questioned the status of Weber Road.

Mr. Gould replied it should be done this week. He also informed the committee that the bridge on North Briggs Street over Spring Creek is completed.

Mr. Weigel asked about the speed limit on Cherry Hill Road – when the signs will be changed.

Mr. Gould answered we have not received the signed resolution back yet; once we get that the signs will be changed.

Mr. Weigel noted the Briggs Street Bridge has a dip on the north lane.

Mr. Gould indicated they will take a look at that.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Bilotta stated next month HR Green will do a presentation on the projects they are working on; the following month there will be a Build Will presentation at the full county board. There is a meeting today at 1:00 in Matteson regarding the Illiana Expressway; he has been attending these meetings with Mr. Moustis and Mr. Friefeld. There is a public meeting in Indiana on December 13th and in Illinois on December 14th.

Mr. Gould advised the committee that Naperville is bringing forward a cost participation agreement tonight for the 95th Street extension. Mr. Catalano will attend for informational only.

Mr. Bilotta noted they have to take action by the end of the year for their funding and bonding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Ms. Winfrey, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES