

WILL COUNTY BOARD
PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 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 8:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were Members: Singer.

Also Present:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Lund led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Winfrey, second by Mr. Weigel, to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2011 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Ms. Winfrey, second by Ms. Goodson, to approve the executive session minutes from the May 3, 2011 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Winfrey, to approve the executive session minutes from the April 5, 2011 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

Request by Jacob and Hefner Associates, P.C. on behalf of Ridge Logistics Park I, LLC for Temporary Access Time Extension on Lorenzo Road (CH 80) associated with the Ridgeport Logistics Center

Mr. Gould stated the county had approved a temporary access on Lorenzo Road to get a water tower built; they have not gone forward and started construction yet. The permit runs out on July 1st and they are asking for an extension of 12 months.

A motion was made by Mr. Weigel, second by Mr. Babich, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda granting an extension on the temporary access permit for Ridgeport Logistics on Lorenzo Road. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

NEW BUSINESS

Request by CM Lavoie on behalf of Mistwood Golf Course for a Variance to Relieve the Developer from Improving Renwick Road (CH 36) to the 20-Year Project Traffic

Mr. Gould indicated we have had many meetings over the last 2 years concerning this location at Renwick and Gaylord Road; this is their access to the north. Due to the improvements the golf course will make for a new banquet facility, it is necessary to make improvements to the intersection, which includes signalization; this will be a good benefit not only for the facility and the county highway system but also to Gaylord Road to the south. Based on our ordinance they should do improvements for a 20-year design, which would require 5 lanes. We are not going to require that from the developer; we have negotiated and the final outcome is that they will build a 3 lane cross section with signals at Renwick Road and Gaylord Road.

Mr. Bilotta indicated this is a unique situation; we have three municipalities at this intersection – Joliet, Crest Hill and Romeoville; this is on the Romeoville side. On the Joliet and Crest Hill side, there has been major residential construction over the last 10 years. We do not have the ability to get funds from the municipalities. Everyone realizes this is a highly traveled intersection and this will make it much safer; it will be a great improvement.

Ms. Winfrey asked if the Meijer project at Renwick and Weber will have any impact to this intersection.

Mr. Gould answered the signalization at this intersection will help with traffic at Renwick and Weber.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Weigel, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda granting a variance for the 20-year traffic design for the development at the intersection of Renwick Road and Gaylord Road. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request by Jacob and Hefner Associates, P.C. on behalf of ML Realty Partners for Temporary Access on 143rd Street (CH 37) associated with the Heritage Crossing Commerce Center

Mr. Gould indicated this project has been in the works for a couple of years; this has to do with the extension of Gougar Road. There is a light industrial development coming in between where Gougar Road terminates to the north and 143rd Street. This development would include extending Gougar Road to 143rd Street. The developers want to move forward with this

development at this time and they want some access off of 143rd Street to do some mass grading and build some of the buildings. They are not selling anything until we build 143rd Street, which is one of our projects we are going forward with. Once that is constructed they will come in and do their permitted access with signals at that location. Currently they are asking for a temporary access.

Mr. Bilotta noted this will be a 24-month permit.

Ms. McPhillips arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Weigel asked if this is unincorporated.

Mr. Bilotta answered it is City of Lockport.

A motion was made by Mr. Babich, second by Ms. Goodson, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda granting a temporary access permit for Heritage Crossing on 143rd Street. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Discussion Re: Off-System Bridge Program

Mr. Bilotta stated he had received an e-mail from the NACo Transportation Steering committee chairman regarding this issue; Mr. Babich is on that committee. Washington is looking to cut funding wherever they can and one area is the off-system bridge program; towns use this funding for small bridges.

Mr. Gould indicated since 1978 federal law has required that each state spend 15% of its federal bridge funding on bridges; this is referred to as off-system bridges and they are not on the federal-aid system. These funds go to rehabilitate and replace deficient bridges. This requirement was put into place because almost 50% of the nation's bridges are not on the federal-aid system. Of the nation's 597,000 bridges, 283,000 are on non-federal-aid highways. We have used this program for our road district system for many years; it does not affect our system as most of our roads are on the federal highway system – very few are on the federal aid system. If this 15% funding is removed from this program it will really limit road districts to the amount of funding for bridge replacement.

Mr. Bilotta suggested asking the legislative committee to address this issue. We can also draft a letter for our federal lobbyist and have them monitor this; we have our voice in Washington. He also asked Mr. Babich keep track of it. This will definitely impact our road districts.

Ms. Goodson asked if we have heard from other counties if there is any group effort.

Mr. Gould answered he had received the notice from the County Engineer's Association; they are asking us to contact our local legislators and tell them to keep this funding as it is.

Ms. Goodson noted we should definitely take this up at legislative committee.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNTY BOARD

1. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to P.T. Ferro Construction Co. (\$95,047.36) – Let on May 25, 2011, Manhattan Road District, Section 11-12000-01-GM, County Board District #6
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Winfrey. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
2. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to P.T. Ferro Construction Co. (\$174,620.21) – Let on May 25, 2011, New Lenox Road District, Section 11-14000-01-GM, County Board Districts #2 & 6
Motion by Mr. Babich, second by Mr. Weigel. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
3. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Emulsicoat, Inc. (\$54,000.00) – Let on May 25, 2011, Will Road District, Section 11-22000-01-GM, County Board District #1
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. McPhillips. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
4. Resolution Confirming Award of Contract to Iroquois Paving Corporation (\$99,000.000) – Let on May 25, 2011, Monee Facility (Storage Bins), Section 11-00161-28-MG, County Board District #1, Using County Highway Tax funds
Motion by Ms. Goodson, second by Mr. Weigel. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
5. Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of County's Motor Fuel Tax for the 2008 County Maintenance Program, Section 08-00000-00-GM, additional sum of \$162,235.27
Mr. Gould indicated these expenses have been made; this is for general maintenance materials for multiple contracts. We are doing the final paperwork to send to IDOT. This will authorize additional amount of money and balance everything out of Springfield.
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. McPhillips. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
6. Resolution for Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement for Engineering Services, and Construction of Roadway Improvements, and Traffic Signal Modifications at the Intersection with Weber Road and Gaskin Drive in the County of Will
Mr. Bilotta stated this is an amendment to an existing resolution passed in 2008; this changes the funding aspect – when the dollars are due to us.
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Winfrey. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
7. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Professional Services Supplemental Agreement for Design Engineering Services (Phase II – contract plans and right of way documents) for Roadway and Appurtenant work on CH 49 (Exchange Street) from IL Route 1 to IL Route 394 with Hutchison Engineering, Inc., Using County Series A, B, or C Road Bond funds (\$22,500.00)
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. McPhillips. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
8. Resolution Authorizing Approval of an Illinois Department of Transportation – County Joint Agreement for the Improvement to CH 88 (Weber Road) at the Intersection of CH 36 (Renwick Road), Project No. M-CMF-0005(409), Job No. C-91-162-03, County Section 01-00170-26-TL, County Board Districts #7 & 9
Motion by Ms. Winfrey, second by Ms. McPhillips. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
9. Resolution Agreement for use of Easement over Lands of Commonwealth Edison Company for a Bridge Improvement Project on CH 88 (Weber Road) over the Canadian National Railroad, County Board Districts #8 & 9
Motion by Mr. Weigel, second by Ms. Goodson. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.
10. Resolution Authorizing the Will County's State's Attorney's Office to Proceed with Condemnation Cases Regarding the County's CH 24 (Indiana Avenue) over Trim Creek Project, Section 01-00042-07-BR, County Board District #1
Motion by Ms. Winfrey, second by Mr. Weigel. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

COUNTY ENGINEER DISCUSSION

Road Closure – Gougar Road @ CN Railroad

Mr. Gould stated CN is starting double tracking; they have received approval for Gougar Road near Lincoln-Way High School. They will start construction on June 20th and will extend until July 1st. The road will be closed for that period. The double tracking is already done on both sides of the road.

Mr. Bilotta questioned will they follow all standard procedures.

Mr. Gould replied yes; they have the alternate routes mapped out.

Mr. Weigel asked if Cedar Road will be next.

Mr. Gould answered no. The double tracking stops just west of Cedar Road; they will not be on Cedar Road.

Mr. Weigel asked what the detour route is.

Mr. Gould answered Cherry Hill Road to Ellis – through the industrial park.

Jurisdictional Transfer: Black Road (CH 56) from Route 59 to Essington Road

Mr. Gould stated they have been in discussions with Shorewood and Joliet concerning the jurisdictional transfer of our remaining section of Black Road – from Essington Road to Route 59. Shorewood is constructing a sewer line that is going to the lift station and it has to go down the center of Black Road at a depth of 20 feet. We do not want a sewer line on our county highway; especially a 20 foot depth. They could not get the easements along the shoulder; it is all single families. There will also be a water line in the future somewhere along Black Road. If it is necessary to have it going in the road we wanted to discuss jurisdictional transfer. We have a project to replace the on the bridge on Black Road over the DuPage River and we will not discontinue that work; it is in Phase II right now. We will continue the design work and build that prior to the jurisdictional transfer or as part of the jurisdictional transfer. Joliet has requested an overlay of the section that they will maintain from west of I-55 to Essington Road. The section from Essington Road to Route 59 will be in the Village of Shorewood. It does not make a lot of sense to overlay that since it will be tore up but the portion that Joliet will maintain will not be touched as part of this construction. If the committee approves that, we will write the jurisdictional transfer paperwork.

Mr. Bilotta noted typically we fix the road before we give it to them. He thinks this is great – we are getting rid of small pockets of roads where we are driving many miles to plow snow. He expressed concern that if these funds go away they will not have funds to maintain it; we may ask the county to commit to 50% funding and 25% from Joliet and 25% from Shorewood. He suggested bringing the proposal forward and we will discuss it then.

Mr. Gould commented he knows there have been discussions from Shorewood and Joliet about jointly maintaining it but he has not seen anything in writing.

Mr. Weigel questioned if the county has any jurisdiction remaining on Black Road.

Mr. Gould replied this would be the last section.

Ms. Goodson asked how quickly this would move forward.

Mr. Gould answered he believes it will be pretty quick. The project has already been let; they have to commit to it to keep some funding on it.

Mr. Bilotta noted this is a good thing, operationally for us.

Ms. McPhillips questioned if that section of road would be closed.

Mr. Gould replied they will probably close down and work on the inside lanes and have the outside lanes open.

STATE'S ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

MONTHLY WORK REPORTS – Attached

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Bilotta stated the quick take legislation has passed both the House and Senate and is on the Governor's desk. We will be putting a letter together urging him to sign this. Hats off to our consultant on getting this through.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Winfrey, second by Ms. McPhillips, to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES