

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 29, 2017

Chairman Tom Fraase called the meeting of the Road & Bridge Committee to order at 6:30 A.M. on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at the County Highway Department. The following committee members were present: Clyde Bunch, Craig Hall, Jeff Thomas, Brad Miller, and Lori Williams. Committee member David Mendenhall was absent and excused. Also present was County Board Member Todd Smith and County Engineer and minute recorder Brian Davis.

A motion made by Williams, seconded by bunch to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2017 meeting of the Road & Bridge Committee. Motion passed.

Motion made by Bunch, seconded by Thomas to approve the payment vouchers and to have them signed by the members of the Road and Bridge Committee. Motion passed.

Resolutions:

- a. A resolution approving the purchase of two (2) tandem snow plows from the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing contract was presented by Davis. Davis explained that this is the annual purchase of two plows to keep the fleet of 20 plows in circulation for replacement every 10 years. The total cost was estimated to be \$148,750 per plow with estimated trade-in values of \$25,000 per plow for the plows being removed from the fleet. Davis mentioned that the purchase price this year increased by approximately \$2,500 per plow from the previous years purchase. A motion was made by Hall, seconded by Miller to recommend approval to the County Board. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. A resolution appropriating motor fuel tax funds for FY18 IMRF expenses was presented to the committee. Davis explained this is the annual resolution that appropriates our motor fuel tax for the IMRF expenses for those employees paid out of the motor fuel tax fund. The total being appropriated is \$275,000.00 for FY18. There is no change from the amount appropriated for FY17. The appropriation needs to happen before we are able to spend the funds. A motion was made by Williams, seconded by Bunch to recommend approval to the County Board. Motion passed.
- c. A resolution appropriating Motor Fuel Tax funds for county engineer salary and expenses was presented. Davis explained this is the annual resolution and it includes a performance increase of 2.60% per the evaluation completed by the county administrator. A motion was made by Williams, seconded by Thomas to recommend approval to the county board. Motion passed.
- d. A resolution approving an Agreement between Sangamon County and the Illinois Department of Transportation to transfer Surface Transportation Program Funds for State Funds was presented. Davis explained that this reimburses the county for ½ of the salary approved in item "f" above per the county engineer salary program. A motion for approval was made by Bunch, seconded by Williams to recommend approval to the county board. Motion passed.

Committee Approvals:

- a. Approval of a stockpile agreement with White, et. al. for the Pleasant Plains Stockpile #5 was presented by Davis. Davis explained that this was a three (3) year contract and that the payments would be made in December of each year. There was no change in the annual payment for the lease of this stockpile from

the previous three (3) year contract. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Miller to approve the purchase. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Approval to hire an Assistant County Engineer for Program Development was presented by Davis. Davis notified the committee that the Planning Engineer, Brian Wright, had left the department to accept a position with the Illinois Department of Transportation. This proposed position was another step in the reorganization of the Highway Department and essentially combined a majority of the duties of the former Assistant County Engineer position and the Planning Engineer position. Davis explained that this hire would complete the contraction from 4 engineer positions to 3 engineer positions within the Highway Department. A motion was made by Thomas and seconded by Bunch to approve. Motion passed with Williams voting present.

Public Comment:

- a. Todd Smith asked about the maps on Phase I of the Sangamon Valley Trail being updated. Davis replied that the replacement maps were provided as part of the Phase II contract and that the County Highway Department sign shop was working to replace the existing signs on Phase I of the trail.

Discussion Items:

- a. Davis informed the committee we have 5,100 tons of salt/aggregate mix in the dome with another 1,200 tons of material ordered through CMS joint purchase program. Davis also mentioned the CMS awards were almost one month later than usual this year. We have all 20 routes covered and currently have 1 employee "on the bench" to cover if someone is off. The weather forecast service is predicting a colder winter with above average precipitation for our area due to the "La Niña" effect. Over the past 25 years we average 4,194 tons spread per year on 18 call outs. The most spread was in 2007-08 at 6,044 tons and least was 1,616 tons in 2011-12. Davis also reminded the committee that the past two winters have been below average on material spread and callouts.
- b. Next meeting date is scheduled for December 27, 2017.
- c. A motion was made to adjourn by Williams, seconded by Thomas. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:53 AM.