

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 31, 2018

Vice Chairman David Mendenhall called the meeting of the Road & Bridge Committee to order at 6:30 A.M. on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at the County Highway Department. The following committee members were present: Craig Hall, Brad Miller, and Lori Williams. Committee members Tom Fraase, Clyde Bunch and Jeff Thomas were absent and excused. Also present was County Board Member Todd Smith, County Administrator Brian McFadden and County Engineer and minute recorder Brian Davis.

A motion made by Hall, seconded by Williams to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2017 meeting of the Road & Bridge Committee. Motion passed.

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Miller 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 low bids for the annual township motor fuel tax aggregate supply contracts was presented to the committee. Davis explained that there were 29 bid groups and four suppliers bid on all 29 of the groups. The bids were within the engineer's estimate and recommended for approval. Davis informed the committee that there was a small increase over last year's bids with the exception of the Air Cooled Blast Furnace Slag that saw an approximate 15% increase. A motion was made by Hall, seconded by Williams to recommend approval of the low bids to the County Board. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. A resolution authorizing application from Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program funds was presented to the committee. Davis explained that he had been working closely with Menard County on a possible application for funding a portion of the Sangamon Valley Trail to extend into the Village of Athens. Menard County decided not to make application this round so Davis consulted with the Sangamon County Board Office and a determination was made to keep the momentum going for the Sangamon Valley Trail and to prepare an application for preliminary engineering to extend the trail south to East Loami Road. Davis explained that there was a \$2,000,000 cap on award for the program now and the engineering for 8 structures in the next 6 mile segment is estimated to be \$1,346,000 which would require a local match of approximately \$269,000. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Williams to recommend approval to the County Board. Motion passed with Hall voting No.
- c. A resolution authorizing application for Statewide Planning and Research funds was presented. Davis explained this is for planning in the blocks around the proposed location for the multi-modal center. Davis added that the proposed \$400,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation would require a local match of \$100,000 and that the local match was being negotiated to be split evenly between Sangamon County, the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority and the Sangamon Mass Transit District. A motion was made by Williams, seconded by Miller to recommend approval to the county board. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Approvals:

- a. An approval of pre-travel for David Johnson and Brian Davis to attend the 104th Annual T.H.E. Conference at the University of Illinois was presented to the committee. Davis explained that the

attendance at this conference helped engineers gain professional development hours that were necessary to renew Professional Engineering licenses on a bi-annual basis. A motion was made by Hall, seconded by Williams to approve the travel. Motion passed.

- b. Approval of a Sangamon County Highway Department Qualification Based Selection Policy was presented to the committee. Davis reported that he was working with the States Attorney's office as they are developing the new Sangamon County procurement policy. This policy is simply a precursor as there are some projects coming up that will require the use of this policy. It was also highlighted that the policy had been based on policies previously adopted by Macon County and Menard County. Davis explained the process briefly and mentioned the board office and the States Attorney's office were both afforded input in the new selection policy. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Hall to approve. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

- a. Todd Smith asked whether County Engineer Davis had seen the proposed Sherman to Williamsville Trail plans. Davis responded that he had discussed the project with Kevin Kuhn but could not recall how the trail terminated near the southern limits. Todd Smith indicated that he would ask the project engineer to contact the Sangamon County Highway Department.

Discussion Items:

- a. Davis explained that he was working with IDOT District 6 searching for safety funds for the intersection of CH 23 – Spaulding Orchard Road and CH 18 – Curran Road. Davis mentioned that he had recently been contacted by County Board Member Craig Hall regarding the intersection as Hall had been approached by a citizen that lives near the intersection and the citizen was concerned about the fatality that had occurred at the intersection a few years prior. Davis explained that the safety fund applications are typically released in the spring of each year but that the application process and engineering could take as many as 18-20 months for completion. For this reason, Davis had reached out to IDOT, District 6 to seek remaining funds available in this fiscal year. Davis will keep the committee apprised of the progress on this project.
- b. Davis then brought up seasonal weight limits. Davis mentioned that County Board Member David Mendenhall had been approached by farmers in his district about the possibility of revising the weight limit to at least allow empty semis to operate which would require an upward revision of the current weight limits. Mendenhall added that the farmers wanted to follow the posted requirements but that changing the current posting by just a few tons could allow shortening the backhaul for empty trucks returning from markets. Davis explained that the research on the roads and the revisions necessary would be difficult to adjust in the remaining 2 ½ months of the posting period but that he would work with the pavement management consultant to attempt to review the posted roadways and seek revisions in time for the 2019 posting season.
- c. Personnel issues were raised. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Williams to enter into Executive Session at 7:02 AM. The committee returned from Executive Session at 7:18 AM.
- d. Next meeting date is scheduled for February 28, 2018.
- e. A motion was made to adjourn by Miller, seconded by Hall. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 AM.