

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 28, 2018

Chairman Tom Fraase called the meeting of the Road & Bridge Committee to order at 6:30 A.M. on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at the County Highway Department. The following committee members were present: David Mendenhall, Clyde Bunch, Craig Hall, Jeff Thomas, Brad Miller, and Lori Williams. Also present was Joe Harvath, attorney for JTC Petroleum Co., County Board Member Todd Smith and County Engineer and minute recorder Brian Davis.

A motion made by Bunch, seconded by Williams to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2018 meeting of the Road & Bridge Committee. Motion passed.

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

A motion was made by Williams, seconded by Hall to move Public Comment to this point of the agenda. Motion passed.

**Public Comment:**

- a. Attorney Joe Harvath addressed the committee. Mr. Harvath distributed a packet of information to the committee members and that information is on file in the County Engineer's Office. Mr. Harvath presented a case that his client should not be rejected from the approved bids that will be accepted by the committee later in the meeting. His explanation was that his client believes Sangamon County is misinterpreting the special provisions included in the bid. The packet outlines the reasoning behind JTC's bid check amount. Mr. Harvath thanked the committee for the opportunity to address the committee.

**Resolutions:**

- a. A resolution approving the low bids for the township oil letting was presented. Davis explained this is the annual oil and chip letting for the majority of the townships and that the bid prices are a few cents higher this year and the bids are below the estimate. Chairman Fraase asked Davis a question about the bidding and the rejection of the JTC bids. Davis explained that the bid check was not sufficient to cover all of the items bid and was, therefore, being rejected. Davis added that he sought guidance from IDOT regarding the rejection of the bid and IDOT concurred with the decision. A motion was made by Thomas, seconded by Bunch to recommend approval to the county board according to the County Engineer recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. A resolution approving the low bids for the County bituminous materials was presented. Davis explained that this is the bid for the county seal coat oil and mixing oil for patch. Davis mentioned that JTC Petroleum was the low bidder. A motion was made by Thomas, seconded by Miller to recommend approval to the county board. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. A resolution approving the low bids for the County miscellaneous materials was presented. Davis explained this is for the culverts and sign materials for this year and there were three bidders and the

low bids were below the engineer's estimate. A motion was made by Williams, seconded by Mendenhall to recommend approval to the county board. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. A resolution authorizing application for Surface Transportation – Urban Program funds was presented to the committee. Davis explained that these funds were being distributed by Springfield Area Transportation Study (SATS) and approximately \$6 million dollars were available. Davis mentioned Sangamon County was focusing on completing the funding necessary for the Iron Bridge Road overpass and Woodside Road underpass. This application would secure additional funds to bring this project to construction. Hall asked if rural funds would be used. Davis answered that rural funds could be used but were not part of the plan at this time. Davis added that rural funds were being used for the Woodside Road project that was currently under construction and that urban funds were being competed for with Springfield, Chatham, Sherman and other communities within the municipal planning area. A motion was made by Williams, seconded by Thomas to recommend approval to the County Board. Motion passed with Hall voting No.
- e. A resolution authorizing application for Illinois Competitive Freight Program Funds was presented to the committee. Davis mentioned that this application was made despite the focus being on relieving motor vehicle freight congestion and safety. Davis added that Sangamon County was encouraged to apply by IDOT and we would be competing against IDOT projects. Davis did add that, while our project does not directly impact motor vehicle freight congestion and safety, the South Growth Study affirmed that the Iron Bridge Road and Woodside Road projects would alleviate 10% of congestion from both IL Route 4 and Interstate 55. This application would be for \$13.8 Million with a county match of approximately \$3 Million. A motion was made by Mendenhall, seconded by Miller to recommend approval to the County Board. Motion passed.
- f. A resolution authorizing application for Highway Safety Improvement Program funds was presented to the committee. Davis explained that there were a few locations on the county system that showed up on priority maps provided by IDOT but that most involved intoxicated drivers. As a result, one location showed up as a candidate for propose lighting improvement. The location was the intersection of Mechanicsburg-Illiopolis Blacktop and Mt. Auburn Road. The application seeks to provide lighting similar to that recently installed at IL 104 and Waverly Road. Davis added there was one fatality at the location and it was a child. A motion was made by Bunch, seconded by Williams to recommend approval to the County Board. Motion passed.
- g. An engineering agreement with Hanson Professional Services was presented to the committee. Davis explained that this agreement was for the development of plans for the proposed relocated employee parking lot. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Hall to recommend approval to the County Board. Motion passed.
- h. A developer's agreement with Cedarhurst of Springfield Real Estate, LLC was presented to the committee. Davis explained that the developer was constructing a memory care and an assisted living facility. The development did not require improvements to the full five lane section currently in place on Old Jacksonville Road so Sangamon County would be participating in the cost of the development to ensure the continuation of the roadway typical section that is currently east of the proposed development. A motion was made by Williams, seconded by Hall to recommend approval to the County Board. Motion passed.

**Committee Approvals:**

- a. An approval for the purchase of a Cub Cadet Pro Z 760s mower was presented to the committee. Davis explained that with the addition of another 6 miles of trail, an additional mower was necessary to maintain the trailways. Additionally, the Springfield Park District would no longer be mowing the southern section of trail without a transfer of the trail to their jurisdiction. Davis explained that a used model with 85 hours of service was located and was a savings of at least \$3,000 from retail price. A motion was made by Williams, seconded by Mendenhall to approve the purchase. Motion passed.
- b. Approval for an engineering contract with Applied Research Associates for engineering and testing for accurate posting of seasonal weight limits was presented to the committee. Davis explained this contract would give Sangamon County a basis for our seasonal postings and could lead to raising the postings depending on the outcome of the study. A motion was made by Mendenhall and seconded by Miller to approve. Motion passed.

**Discussion Items:**

- a. Davis explained that the winter season was winding down. While trucks still had spreader boxes and plow blades on most of the fleet, again it was a relatively mild winter. Up to this point, Sangamon County had utilized 2,207 tons of materials with 10 callouts. The average winter has been 4,123 tons of material spread and 18 callouts. Davis added that 2007-2008 was the harshest winter with 6,044 tons on 27 callouts.
- b. Next meeting date is scheduled for April 25, 2018.
- c. A motion was made to adjourn by Bunch, seconded by Williams. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:29 AM.