



MACON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES

August 22, 2012

The Macon County Transportation Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. located at the Macon County Office Building, 141 S. Main St., Decatur, IL.

Transportation Committee Members Present:

Bryan Smith

David Williams

Kevin Meachum

Don Westerman

Mark Wicklund

Patty Cox

Jay Dunn

Susanna Zimmerman

Gary Minich

Highway Department Support Staff Present:

Bruce Bird, County Engineer

Joe Moretti, Assistant County Engineer

Mark Funk, Road Supervisor

Amanda Askew, Office Assistant

Others Present:

Ryan Voyles, Herald & Review

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bryan Smith at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Bryan Smith

David Williams

Kevin Meachum

Don Westerman

Mark Wicklund

Patty Cox

Jay Dunn

Susanna Zimmerman

Gary Minich

Approval of the Minutes:

Kevin Meachum made a motion to approve the minutes from July 25, 2012, seconded by Gary Minich. Motion Carried 9-0

Approval of the Bills:

Patty Cox made a motion to accept the bills as presented, seconded by Mark Wicklund. Motion Carried 9-0

No Public Comments

No Old Business

New Business:

Resolution appropriating funds for construction expenses on the Country Club Road (CH 26) Reconstruction Project:

Bruce explained this is to allow us to pay the Contractor. All the funds are coming out of the County Matching line item. We received a grant from the State and deposited that into that line about eight months ago. All the money is in there and ready to go. Motion made by Kevin Meachum to approve this resolution, seconded by Mark Wicklund. Motion Carried 9-0

Resolution to dispose of equipment:

Bruce explained that we have one truck that is a 2001 1500 Dodge Ram Truck. One difference was that we are going to dispose of it per the Equipment Policy. There is a copy of the present one in your packets. After talking to Jay prior to the meeting that policy itself may be tweaked. The policy basically is to follow what we have been doing for the last several years, which is offering the Townships and Small Municipalities the chance to purchase the equipment first by using the bid process and then if they are not interested we offer it to the General Public second. If that does not fly then it will be sold for scrap and disposed of in the most economical manner. David Williams made the motion to approve the Resolution as presented by the County Engineer, seconded by Kevin Meachum. Motion Carried 9-0

County Engineer's Report:

Elwin Road Project (CH 30 Reconstruction): We have gotten the entire asphalt base down and just have to do the small sections of mountable curb in front of people's houses. The paved shoulders are done and the Contractor is in the process of putting in the dirt shoulders, which they will be working on putting the surface down next Tuesday. After that they will put the pavement shoulder down and then dress up the dirt and seed it. Then it should be done and ready to go. It has really shaped up nicely.

Country Club Road Project (CH 26): We just barely got the section done in front of Muffley School in time for the first day of school, which allows you to drive into Muffley School from the south side. The Contractor is proceeding north with the storm sewer and the pavement work. They are working on the Fulton Road connection now. They should have that done in about a week and a half or so. That was the only deadline we had on the project. From this point forward they are going to keep proceeding north with the sections making sure that the Zoo and the Children's Museum stay open and that everyone that lives along there has access to the roadway.

Our guys started work on the parking lot project across the road from the County Building. We are doing the removal work for the Contractor in charge of that project.

They finished the blade mixing on CH 18 and most of the chip seal work, except for the final chip seal on CH 18. We have to wait for that to cure out for the next two weeks before we can finish that. We also have some asphalt work we are doing for Decatur Township as well.

David Williams stated that it is excellent thinking and cooperation to have the Highway Department do the work on the parking lot.

Bruce stated Schmidt got the bridge project on Washington Street. It will be maybe four weeks before they can get the materials to start the bridge, which is the earliest they could get the materials.

Miscellaneous Business:

Bruce informed the Committee that they all have a flyer for Monte's Retirement Party. It is a little different than we normally do. We are going to have it at Doherty's on Friday, September 28 so plan accordingly.

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Jay Dunn stated that he noticed out on Washington Street, the bridge that we put in not too long ago, that it looked like somebody has hit the end of it with their equipment. Bruce stated we periodically get a Contractor to come in and fix those little problems. We have several locations identified; we have to get one lined up this fall.

No Closed Session

Adjourn:

David Williams made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark Wicklund. Motion Carried 9-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

The next Transportation Meeting held at the Macon County Office Building will be Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Kathy Gerhold & Amanda Askew
Macon County Highway Department