



MACON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES

June 27, 2012

The Macon County Transportation Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. located at the Macon County Office Building, 141 S. Main St., Decatur, IL.

Transportation Committee Members Present:

David Williams

Kevin Meachum

Don Westerman

Mark Wicklund

Patty Cox

Bryan Smith

Jay Dunn

Susanna Zimmerman

Gary Minich

Highway Department Support Staff Present:

Bruce Bird, County Engineer

Mark Funk, Road Supervisor

Amanda Askew, Office Assistant

Others Present:

Theresa Churchill, Herald & Review

Laura Dick, Show Bus

Mark Smith, City of Decatur

Terrill Grigsby, Walker Limousine

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

Bryan Smith

Mark Wicklund

Kevin Meachum

Don Westerman

Patty Cox

Jay Dunn

David Williams

Susanna Zimmerman

Gary Minich

Approval of the Minutes:

Kevin Meachum made a motion to approve the minutes from May 23, 2012, seconded by Gary Minich. Motion Carried 9-0

Approval of the Bills:

Bryan Smith asked the Committee if anyone had a problem with the bills being emailed instead of mailed to them in the future. Everyone was agreed that would be fine. David Williams made a motion to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Patty Cox. Motion Carried 9-0

No Public Comments

No Old Business:

New Business:

Resolution approving the bylaws of the Macon County Transit Advisory Group:

Mark Wicklund discussed a few changes that needed to be made in the bylaws. Motion made by David Williams to approve the bylaws with the corrections made presented by Mr. Wicklund, seconded by Kevin Meachum. Motion Carried 9-0

Resolution amending the speed limit on Illiniwick Road (CH 20) in Forsyth:

Bruce informed the Committee that he received a letter from the Village of Forsyth requesting a speed limit change on the west side of US 51 between Jack Lane and West Forsyth Parkway/Oakland Avenue to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph. I put the traffic counters out and sent a recommendation to the Village to change it to 45 mph, because 30 mph is way too slow. I also recommended they run some traffic control out there because the speeds in both directions were exceeding 55 mph. My recommendation is to make it a 45 mph speed limit. Kevin Meachum made the motion to approve the resolution as presented by the County Engineer, seconded by Gary Minich. Motion Carried 9-0

Resolution appropriating funds for the Phase II Design of Section 10-00237-00-BR, a bridge on Kenney Rd (CH 21) north of Warrensburg:

Bruce stated Phase II is basically finishing up design work and putting the plans together. If they get the plans put together we are looking at late 2013 early 2014 to get that replaced. Motion made by Kevin Meachum to approve the resolution appropriating funds, seconded by Patty Cox. Motion carried 9-0

Resolution appropriating funds for the DATES project:

Bruce explained this is a study that both ADM and Tate & Lyle supported to look at the truck and train routes. The cost of the study will be split three ways between the County, The Economic Development Corporation of Decatur/Macon County, and the City of Decatur. This is the total portion of our share which is \$25,000.00. Motion made by Mark Wicklund to approve the Resolution appropriating funds, seconded by David Williams. Motion carried 9-0

County Engineer's Report:

Bruce stated Bryan gave me a call to set up a special meeting to go over our budget. We looked at dates in July. Bryan Smith stated the meeting is set for July 17, 2012 at 5:30 in the Macon County Office Building.

The last major concrete pour was done on the south bridge on Baltimore Avenue and by the end of the week they will have the asphalt approach done on that south bridge. The only thing left on that bridge is one guardrail, seeding, and striping. The north bridge had a utility that had to be moved. They are almost done with that. Friday they should be striping that and seeding the following week. Sometime within the next two weeks we should have the whole thing opened up and ready to go.

On Monday we started the Country Club Road Project. The first part that will be closed is the very south end from Lost Bridge Road past Muffley School and past where Fulton Avenue ties in south of Muffley. That section has to be replaced and done by the time school starts August 20, 2012. We will have that done by that time and then continue to move further to the north from there.

The bridge on CH 25 north of Argenta was on the IDOT letting last Friday. We will get started on that towards the middle or the end of August. It came in 25% under the Engineers Estimate.

We are opening bids Thursday on the plans for the bridge on Firehouse Road in Long Creek. We have four bidders on that small repair project.

The Consultants said that they would have the plans done by the end of the week for the bridge on Washington Street in Austin Township. Once we get them it is a matter of getting signatures on the plans. Then we will get those advertised ASAP. The bridge is already removed so their estimated time will be about 2 ½ or 3 weeks to get that put back in there.

Our guys are getting all the prep work done to get out and do the chip and seal work. They have already made the first round of mowing. They also have done some patching and things like that. They got the areas on Baltimore patched and cleaned up and ready to go. They have got a lot done in the past month and have a lot of work coming up. It is one of the busiest years we have had altogether.

Bryan Smith asked if the bridges on Baltimore were going to both open on the same day and how will that work. Bruce replied that all the work left is going to be done by subcontractors. It will depend on what their schedules are. At this point I would say probably not, it would be awesome if we could. If the north bridge opens before the south bridge we will put a warning sign up at Lost Bridge saying road still closed ahead so we won't have a flood of traffic going down there.

Don Westerman asked if the Contractors know the Engineers Estimate before they bid. Bruce replied on the State letting yes, but for the County letting I do not give that information to them. Don stated can't they have it? Bruce replied they would love to have it; I want them to bid honestly.

No Miscellaneous Business:

No Closed Session:

Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

The next Transportation Meeting held at the Macon County Office Building will be Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

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