



## MACON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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### MINUTES

March 26, 2014

The Macon County Transportation Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. located at the Macon County Office Building, 141 S. Main St., Decatur, IL.

#### **Transportation Committee Members Present:**

Kevin Bird

Jerry Potts

Susanna Zimmerman

Kevin Meachum

Gary Minich

#### **Transportation Committee Members Absent:**

Keith Ashby

#### **Highway Department Support Staff Present:**

Bruce Bird, County Engineer

Amanda Askew, Office Assistant

Mark Funk, Road Supervisor

#### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Meachum at 5:30 p.m.

#### **Roll Call:**

Kevin Meachum

Gary Minich

Jerry Potts

Kevin Bird

Susanna Zimmerman

#### **Approval of the Minutes:**

Jerry Potts made a motion to approve the minutes from February 26, 2014, seconded by Gary Minich. Motion Carried 5-0

#### **Approval of the Bills:**

Kevin Bird made a motion to accept the bills as presented, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman. Motion Carried 5-0

#### **No Public Comments**

#### **No Old Business**

#### **New Business:**

*Resolution appropriating funds for Phase II Engineering expenses for Section 08-00220-00-EG, the Wyckles Road CH 41 South white topping project.*

Jerry Potts asked if that was close to that bad intersection at West Main and Wyckles Rd. Bruce stated no, it is north of Route 36. Thanks to the city of Decatur and Kevin, they did some research on another project and found that that intersection is on state jurisdiction. The state rules the day that we found that out. Motion made by Jerry Potts, seconded by Gary Minich. Motion carried 5-0

***Resolution approving an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation on State Section 128N, the improvement for FAP Route 714 (IL 48 State) at FAS 1539 (CH 41, Wyckles Road) southwest of Decatur.***

Motion made by Jerry Potts, seconded by Gary Minich. Bruce stated this is because they are realigning the intersection. There is no cost to us for the work at the intersection. We do have a cost to get our road to match up to it. This is the basic agreement. There will also be a couple of jurisdictional transfers to go with it. Kevin Meachum asked if this was on the south side or is this on the railroad side. Bruce replied both sides. The existing intersection is not at 90 degree angle, it is at an angle that makes it quite dangerous so to square it up and make it 90 the new intersection is going to be about 100 feet south of the current one. They have to put a new grade crossing with the railroad, and a new curve in on our County Highway west of the tracks. They are doing all this at their expense. Motion carried 5-0

**County Engineer's Report:**

Bruce stated one of these days it going to stop snowing. We are hoping that Tuesday was that day. Other than that we are transitioning into the spring time stuff. We have got all of our potholes patched that we are aware of. We are doing some ditch work, tree trimming, doing just a little bit of everything. We cleaned up the lot and got a whole bunch of old scrap pieces, mainly because the material prices shot way up. Things are looking really good around our shop. Our roads held up alright during the winter time.

We have got a pretty good schedule of projects coming up this year. I will say that on the north end of the Wyckles Rd. project, Allison met with the contractor; they would like to hold off until planting gets done and school is out of session. I agreed that that would work out pretty well. Once they get in there it should not take them to long to get that portion done. The Right of Way acquisition has started on the section south of there. We have got all the land owners contacted. I have not got any sheets yet, though I have signed off on a bunch of waiver evaluations, so we should start seeing those roll in. The bridge on County Highway 60 (Sefton Rd.) got bumped into next year because of the way the IDOT letting showed up. We have a bridge on Boody Rd. south of Boody that is lined up to go. We have another bridge on County Highway 21 north of Warrensburg that is going to go this year and we have a couple of bridge repairs that are good to go as well. We switched into Federal funding, last month, the County Highway 38 east of Maroa. That will be on the June letting. We took the money we saved from that and we are going to put that into the cape seal and micro surfacing. We will put the cape seal on County Highway 30 between Mt Zion and Elwin. The bridge on County 54 is closed and it is one the repair jobs, it has been closed for about 3 years now. We have a guardrail repair project, as soon as we set it up somebody hit another hunk of guardrail do we had to add to it. We are getting things ready for this year, I think we are going to be pretty busy this year and with any luck we might get a Capital Bill on the state side and have some other projects for the next four or five years.

The rental tractors we had through the state bid. We never really had too much of an issue with John Deere when we returned the tractors, until this year. We are talking thousands of dollars of repairs that they are dinging us for. As we found out on a lot of things in the bids the state puts in we have actually made some contacts with a couple other tractor manufacturers. They went to Altorfer and Central Illinois Ag up in Clinton and talked to them about what kind of rental deal we can get on their tractors. I think we will have more to choose from this time around. Maybe we will shake the folks up at Sloan's. When they start billing us for more than the rental cost of the tractor was, I was a little bit upset about that. Jerry Potts asked if that was in the agreement. Bruce replied it is in the agreement if there are any damages we are supposed to take care of it. Like little scratches, step bent, this was never a problem

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before, tires. They made us replace almost all the tires and we could not keep that tire. Jerry Potts stated that is in the agreement. Bruce replied it is part of the standard state agreement.

**No Miscellaneous Business**

**No Closed Session**

**Adjourn:**

Jerry Potts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman. Motion Carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

*The next Transportation Meeting will be Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.*

Minutes submitted by:  
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