

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, May 27, 2015
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patty Cox
Kevin Greenfield
Kevin Meachum
John Jackson
Kevin Bird
Phil Hogan

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Joe Moretti, Highway Department
Bruce Bird, County Engineer
Mark Funk, Highway Department
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Pat Dawson

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patty Cox at the Macon County Office Building.

MINUTES

Phil Hogan made a motion to approve the April 22, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Kevin Greenfield, motion carried 6-0.

CLAIMS

Kevin Meachum made a motion to accept the report of the claims as presented, seconded by John Jackson and motion carried 6-0.

Public Comments

None

Old Business -

None

New Business:

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Additional Environmental Coordination on the 85th Street (CH 57) Bridge over a Tributary to Big Creek

Bruce Bird explained that this is for additional environmental coordination as required by the feds & the state not to exceed amounts of \$15,004.

Motion made to forward to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve by Phil Hogan, seconded by Kevin Meachum and motion carried 6-0

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Additional Environmental Coordination on the Sefton Road (CH 60) Bridge over Big Creek

Bruce Bird explained that this is a different location, but the exact same reasons as the first resolution. It is for further work required by the fed & the state so they can move forward on the project.

Phil Hogan asked when that would happen. Mr. Bird said it should be next year.

Motion made to forward to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve by Kevin Meachum, seconded by Kevin Greenfield and motion carried 6-0

Mr. Bird said he needed to mention that 80% of the cost for both resolution's additional environmental work will be covered by funds left over from the Beltway study, so we are only matching about 20% of that.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for the I-72 and IL Route 48 Interchange Modification Study

Bruce Bird explained that this is one of the things that came out of the \$10 million from the Governor's office. There have been several meetings with the community leaders and this is one of the things they definitely want to take a look at, not only for the Beltway, but also for better access to the northeast side where it looks like there will be quite a bit of growth over the next few years. The existing interchange at 48 & 72 was designed for traffic that used it 30 to 35 years ago and the traffic pattern has changed. There are a lot more trucks that run through there and a lot more cars. Overall traffic has gone up. This is, hopefully, a kick start to take a look at that to see if there's a way to modify that existing interchange to get the traffic flow through that congested area a lot smoother. This is a less than \$50,000 study and we are hoping to use this as a kickoff with the intent that everything else from here on out will be covered by the state since it is their interstate and their routes that are intersecting there. It is something that was brought up in our meetings that the community felt was very important, so we are going to try to move forward with it.

Motion made to forward to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve by Kevin Greenfield, seconded by John Jackson.

Chair Cox asked if the county's part was \$49,247. Mr. Bird confirmed and reminded the committee that this is a part of the \$10 million so it's 100% reimbursement from the state. We have to front it, but we will get it all back.

The motion carried 6-0

Macon County Board Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Richland Community College and Brush College LLC Covering Maintenance Work on Farm Progress City grounds

Bruce Bird explained that this is very similar to the past resolutions that were passed when work was being done at Progress City.

Motion made to forward to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve by Kevin Meachum, seconded by Kevin Bird and motion carried 6-0

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Construction of Section 15-00273-00-SM, the 2015 Farm Progress City Patching Project

Bruce Bird explained that this is a partner to the previous resolution and explained that they have been working with Greg Florian at Richland Community College. He has identified a source of funds that he can use for patching work out there. He is also working with the drillers that are out there doing drill work for ADM because the access road for the drill site is right down Central Avenue. They've done

some damage to the road, so he is working with them to come up with an agreement. They've pretty much agreed on what they are going to cover and pay for. Mr. Florian will collect the money. The money will flow through Richland to us. We do the work for them, but it's just a pass through where we oversee the work and make sure everything is done properly, but they cover the costs.

Motion made to forward to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve by Kevin Greenfield, seconded by John Jackson and motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Construction of Section 13-00200-01-PV, the CH 30 & CH 41 Connector Project

Bruce Bird explained that this is off the west end of the portion of CH30 west of Elwin that we have reconstructed. It is just a little past Hibbard Road. We are going to take CH30 and bend it up on a new alignment and have it tie directly into CH41. It is part of a larger project that IDOT is doing to reconstruct the entire intersection, put in center left turn lanes and relocate the intersection so it squares it up. This will also relocate the grade crossing across the railroad which is also going to relocate our curve on Wyckles across the road. Our portion of the work that is covered under this resolution just goes up to the radius point on the east side of 48 and that is as far as we go. The state is covering and has covered all of the expenses for everything else including realigning our curve on Wyckles on the other side of the railroad tracks and dealing with the railroad. A portion of the money that was originally appropriated out on CH30 is covering the cost of this. It is probably going to be in the neighborhood of \$850,000 to \$875,000 and that is state money. The appropriation on this resolution for the MFT is \$998,000. That will probably be a little less than that depending on the bid prices. Some bid prices on comparable projects have come in under the estimates lately. Bruce said he was hopeful that when it is let, that will be the case.

Motion made to forward to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve by Kevin Bird, seconded by Kevin Meachum and motion carried 6-0

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Construction of Section 11-00241-00-BR, a Bridge on Boody Road (CH 29) over Mosquito Creek

Bruce Bird explained that this is south of Boody. It was actually let last year and is being paid for with federal funds. This is our 20% match. Schmidt Construction is doing the work. They plan to start in the next 2 weeks on that project.

Motion made to forward to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve by Kevin Greenfield, seconded by Phil Hogan and motion carried 6-0

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Purchase of Right of Way on the CH 30 & CH 41 Connector Project from James and Karla Hibbard

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Purchase of Right of Way on the CH 30 & CH 41 Connector Project from John and Linda Hill.

Bruce Bird explained that these two resolutions are appropriating funds for the purchase of right of way for the CH41 project. There are 2 parcels that need to be purchased from 2 different individuals. There was a small drainage easement from a 3rd, but that has already been acquired. Mr. Bird went on to explain that since this is a purchase of real property, a closed session may be needed.

Mr. Baggett clarified, saying that it depends on the committee's preference. He said he was not aware of the details regarding the negotiations, but if the committee felt more comfortable discussing it off the record at this time, a closed session would be prudent. He said that if there is no discussion to be had, there would be no need for a closed session. He reminded the committee that if the purchase is ultimately approved, the closed minutes would become open. Any discussion that occurs would be a matter of public record.

Motion made to approve both resolutions as presented and forward to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve by Kevin Meachum, seconded by Kevin Bird.

Kevin Greenfield asked, in regard to the Hibbard purchase, how much ground was involved. Bruce explained that it is 1.786 acres. Mr. Greenfield asked how much ground was involved with the Hill purchase. Bruce said it was 4.596 acres.

Bruce explained that the total amounts are what appear on the resolution. That is not the per acre price. There is a per acre price plus damages because we are imposing dead end point rows where they cannot farm. Those are considered damages based upon comparable damage payments and other local sales.

Mr. Greenfield asked if, when property is purchased from someone, there is a formula used to figure the purchase price. Bruce said there is a federal law that came into place in the 1970's that has become known as the Uniform Act. It basically says that if you're going to buy property for any kind of public purchases, you have to follow a uniform set of rules. It says you have to get an appraisal and you have to offer an honest amount based upon comparable sales. That honest amount includes the actual sale per acre price & whatever damages are. On both of these, there is also payment for permanent and temporary easements. The end price is a combination of 3 or 4 things. It is not just one amount for a certain amount per acre. The appraisal was done by Jerry Greenwood. Kevin Greenfield asked who hired the appraiser. Bruce said they hire and because they know they're going to be doing this, they hire someone to do the negotiations and appraisal. It is not the same person. It can't be the same person. There is a separate appraiser who will go out and identify the property, look for comparable sales and come up with an appraisal. Then the negotiator will get that appraisal and take it to the landowner to start the negotiation process. The negotiation process is a very formal process. They have to be given a booklet and a copy of the federal Uniform Law. It is a very strict process and the appraisers they use have to have a separate license to do this.

The motion carried 6-0

County Engineer's Report:

The dirt work is done on the Spacemark Project off of 51. The contractor has been hanging their hat on rainy weather, but Bruce said they told them this week that they couldn't do that anymore. They are way out of whack on their schedule so we told them to get out there because we're tired of waiting on them.

The bridge on CH21 that was opened temporarily last year: They came back in and got the asphalt in; The driveway is in; Everything is done except for the seeding. The bridge is open and looks great

The Boody Road bridge will be starting up in a couple of weeks.

The bridge on Wise, which will be a box culvert when finished, should be started within a couple of weeks.

A lot of stuff done today will allow things to get let. A drainage project is being worked on this year, there is the patching project and the striping through MFT that is done every year. Part of the guys have been mowing since last Monday while the other part of the crew is working on getting roads prepped for the chip seal & patching work.

Miscellaneous Business:

Bruce presented the official letter from the state saying they are going to sweep the motor fuel tax account the month of April. Bruce said they ended up getting about \$56,000. Normally they have been receiving the last couple of months about \$135,000 to \$140,000. The difference is what was lost for that month.

Bruce handed out information on the IDOT Listening Tour that explains and details our loss of purchasing power since 2000. There was a bus tour prior to the Listening Tour that folks from IDOT participated in. The folks at ADM put that on using a Mt. Zion school district bus. They went down Brush College Road showing the restrictions there, through the Inland Port where they were able to watch a couple of containers get loaded onto the cars and taken out of there, did a big loop going up 48 & Brush College and then down Brush College again. Bruce said he went to another meeting in Springfield with the State Freight Advisory Task Force the next day where the same folks from IDOT were. They could just not stop talking about the tour. It made a very big impression on them. There was a good turnout for the Listening Tour.

Closed Session: None needed

Adjourn:

The next Transportation Meeting will be Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Kevin Meachum made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Jackson. Motion carried 6-0 & meeting was adjourned @ 5:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office