

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patty Cox
Kevin Greenfield
Kevin Meachum
John Jackson
Kevin Bird
Phil Hogan
Pat Dawson (arrived 5:33 p.m.)

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Joe Moretti, Highway Department
Bruce Bird, County Engineer
Mark Funk, Highway Department

Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

MINUTES

Kevin Bird made a motion to approve the May 27, 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Phil Hogan, 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 Design Engineering of Section 14-14126-00-BR, a Bridge over a Drainage Ditch on Nevada Road in Pleasant View Township

Bruce Bird explained that this is on Nevada Road about ¼ mile north of CH32. It is in really poor shape. The cost of engineering is being split with the township. They will reimburse 50% of the cost. When they get around to building it, township bridge funds can be used to replace it.

Motion made to forward to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve by Kevin Bird, seconded by Phil Hogan and motion carried 7-0

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Purchase of Replacement 12 Portable Traffic Analyzers

Bruce Bird explained that these are the square traffic counters that are put out and used mainly for speed studies, but they can also be used to identify traffic at intersections, etc... They used to be called new metrics, but Mr. Bird was not sure what they are currently called. They've gone through 3 or 4 ownership changes. The quotation from the State of Illinois dealer is in the packet. With the trade in of

the existing ones, it will be \$15,593. 80% would be covered by federal planning dollars that go through DUATS. We would only be responsible for 20% of that.

Motion made to forward to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve by Kevin Meachum, seconded by Kevin Bird and motion carried 7-0

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating the 2015 Drainage Repair Project

Bruce Bird explained that no action would be needed on this due to receiving no bids at the bid letting held earlier in the day. The two contractors that picked up packets were called and they said they are just way too busy this year. They bid it, but it was bid at a busy price and Mr. Bird said he did not want to pay that price. He said they would take a look at it and possibly wait until early next year to see if they can get a good price then. He said if a capital bill is not done in Springfield, there should be a lot of interest next year because there won't be any work for everybody to do.

Mr. Meachum asked what kind of work it would be. Bruce said it is repairing and replacing some culverts, field tile in a couple of locations where they pass under roads next to culverts, there is one box culvert where the guard rail is not attached to the structure so the structure will be modified so the guard rail is attached to it. Kevin said he wondered if it was something that could be advertised and rebid around October and do it as some winter work. Bruce said probably, that they would take a look and evaluate it then. He said they would talk to the 2 contractors who took out plans, which are the ones that have done the work in the past, and get an idea from them as to when they will be available.

County Engineer's Report:

Bruce Bird reported that when the rain has allowed them to get out, they've been pulling shoulder stone up, doing some entrance work, trying to get things ready for chip seal work and some asphalt patching.

Contracts that are going on, including the Spacemark Project, are making pretty good progress right now. They can't pour in the rain, but they've gotten quite bit of stuff done there. The bridge in Boody is on hold because of the uncertainty as to whether the state will be able to pay contractors after July 1st.

Plans on CH30/41 have been received back, signed & sealed from IDOT today. The letting on that will be July 8th. All the right-of-way has been secured. It is definitely a go and we will be working on that. If the contractor wants to start working on that in the middle of July, we'll tell them to go get it.

Farm Progress is coming up so some patch work is being done out there. The August Transportation Committee meeting has typically and traditionally been held on the Farm Progress grounds. Everybody seems to enjoy that, so we will look to do that again this year. August 26 will be a week before the show, so pretty much everything will be out there.

We've been around once mowing.

Miscellaneous Business:

Closed Session: None needed

Adjourn:

The next Transportation Meeting will be Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Kevin Bird made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Phil Hogan, the motion carried 7-0 & meeting was adjourned @ 5:40 p.m. Minutes submitted by: Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office