

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

**5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Joe Moretti  
Stuart Jacobs

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**

Mr. Meachum made a motion to approve the March 23, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Greenfield, motion carried 6-0.

**CLAIMS**

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

**Public Comments** - None

**Old Business** - None

**New Business:**

***Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Upgrade of the Fuel Monitoring System***

Mr. Moretti explained that this was discussed before. The fuel system has been having problems. The pros and cons of either getting rid of it completely or having it repaired were discussed and the decision was made to upgrade.

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Hogan and the motion carried 6-0.

***Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Decatur***

Mr. Moretti explained that certain costs for the engineering study for the Beltway and Brush College Road will be shared. This is to pay the \$30,000 per year that was discussed for Ann Schneider's assistance.

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Hogan.

Ms. Cox asked if this was 2017 or 2016. Mr. Moretti said it is for FY17.

Mr. Meachum said a resolution had been approved about 2 months ago and he thought that it did not state that this was a multi-year commitment. In the future, if there are multi-year resolutions, it needs to be stated in the first resolution. He said the committee needs to know that they are making a multi-year commitment.

The motion carried 6-0.

***Macon County Board Resolution Approving an Engineering Agreement on Section 14-14126-00-BR, the Nevada Road Abutment Repair Project in Pleasant View Township***

Mr. Moretti explained that this is going to be taken out of the Township Bridge fund.

Mr. Bird made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Greenfield. Chair Cox asked if the project had already started. Mr. Moretti said he thought they had started working on the engineering.

The motion carried 6-0.

***Macon County Board Resolution to Dispose of a 2000 International Dump Truck Tandem***

Mr. Moretti explained that the motor had expired on this truck and the cost of a new motor is out of line. This was the oldest truck so the decision was made to dispose of it. The bidding process to the townships was completed. The low and only bidder was Oakley Township @ \$3,000. Mr. Jackson asked what the process was. Mr. Moretti said there is a minimum bid set and then it is put out to the townships first. If there are no bidders from townships, it is put out to the public. Mr. Jackson asked if there was any value in putting it out beyond that. Mr. Moretti said they were lucky to have gotten a bid. Mr. Jackson said you might be surprised. Mr. Meachum explained that some of the townships really struggle financially and if they have an opportunity to get something from the county inexpensively, put a little money in it and then get 5 or 6 years out of it, it helps them. He said that as a consortium, as board members, they made the decision that this is the best avenue to take. The profit margin to the county is not worth hurting the intergovernmental relationships with the townships. It's been this way for about the last 10 years. Mr. Moretti said the last truck was sold for \$8,500, but the motor ran in that. This one's bed is rusting out and the Internationals are not the best trucks anyway.

Mr. Bird made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Meachum and the motion carried 6-0.

**County Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Moretti reported that the FASTLANE Grant application was submitted on time. This is the federal grant application for funds for the northeast connector. It is quite an impressive document. It asks the federal government for \$84 million to help with the first four sections on the northeast part of the beltway. They are now waiting to see how that goes.

Construction on the CH30 project (Wyckles Road) has begun. The road was closed today. They've been moving equipment in and doing exploratory trench looking for field tiles so they know how to deal with them since last week. Mr. Moretti said he had gone to the pre-conference on the State's portion of that same project. Along with the County's project, they are going to realign that intersection, move the railroad crossing and rebuild part of Wyckles Road on the west side. That went pretty well. They are not going to get started right away, but they are going to get it going. Hopefully, that whole area will be

done by mid-summer. It doesn't sound like they are going to string that out. He said the county portion won't take that long.

Monday, the working days start; he said they start charging working days, so a drainage project will be started. Entler Construction will be fixing some drainage issues in six different locations on a contract.

They should be getting started back to work on the CH29 bridge. They'll be waiting for the dirt to dry up. Just the dirt and pavement are all that are left. The structure itself is already in place. That should wrap up fairly quickly.

The City is the lead agent on the microsurfacing project, but the county has the largest portion of it. That gets let on Wednesday of next week. That was let early so it could be started early because of timing. It is hoped that that will be going by late June.

There is a bridge on CH38 that will be on the July letting. That will wrap up the summer work as far as contracts go.

All the tractors are in and are being readied for the start of the mowing operations in late May.

The guys are working on regular maintenance such as field entrance culverts, tile repairs, patching cracks, etc...

**Miscellaneous Business:** none

**Closed Session:** none

Mr. Greenfield said he wondered if the next meeting could be at the highway garage at the regular 5:30 p.m. time with a tour scheduled at 5 so that anyone wanting a tour of the facility and to see the equipment could do so.

**Adjourn:**

Mr. Meachum made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bird, the motion carried 6-0 & meeting was adjourned @ 5:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office