

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patty Cox
Kevin Greenfield
Kevin Meachum
Kevin Bird
Pat Dawson (arrived at 5:43 p.m.)
John Jackson

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Joe Moretti
Stuart Jacobs

Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Phil Hogan

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

MINUTES

Mr. Bird made a motion to approve the July, 27, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Greenfield, motion carried 5-0.

Note: no meeting was held in August, 2016.

CLAIMS

Mr. Meachum made a motion to accept the reports of the claims (for July & August) as presented, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and the motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments - None

Old Business - None

New Business:

Macon County Board Resolution Approving and Amended Funding Agreement on the 2015 HSIP Sign Upgrade Program

Mr. Moretti explained that they had made an initial estimate based on the needs, then there was a second sign order after the first one was received from different townships and had to get more. This was allowed in the contract, so this is to appropriate the balance and this is 100% funded by the state.

Mr. Meachum made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Jackson and the motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds to Sangamo Construction for Emergency Repairs to Reas Bridge Road over Lake Decatur

Mr. Moretti explained that this is the east bridge over Lake Decatur. During an inspection, they found some major deterioration in a couple of the beams. The Bridge Office wanted them repaired immediately and lowered the load limit to 8 tons. This is for the funding for those repairs which have already been made and were finished yesterday. Some other work that will be needed was found in the process, but will be covered at a later time.

Mr. Jackson 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 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Engineering Design Work for the Repair of Lost Bridge Road over Lake Decatur

Mr. Moretti explained that some close up inspection was done on that bridge. It is a hard one to get to, but a snoop truck from the state was obtained and they were able to get down in there real close and do a thorough inspection. Some needed repairs were found. This is to appropriate the funds to get the plans done to get the repairs done.

Mr. Meachum made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Bird and the motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Additional Funds for Land Acquisition and Right of Way Work for the CH41 Wyckles Road White Topping Project

Mr. Moretti explained that this is not for more land acquisition, but is for additional costs that were incurred during the land acquisition process. There were some different properties that needed to be split up and during the negotiations, some of those kinds of things. This also covers setting all the right of way pins for the property owners along the new right of way lines.

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. Jackson. Mr. Greenfield asked for further explanation on the added costs. Mr. Moretti said that during negotiations, there were several changes in right of way plats on the Wyckles Road project, so there were certain things that the property owner wanted as their conditions for selling the right of way. They were minor things, but they added up. Mr. Greenfield asked if this would really be the last bill. Mr. Moretti said it should be because all of the actual right of way has now been purchased. This is just the balance of the small things along the way. Mr. Jackson asked if this was the one they approved at the last meeting. Mr. Greenfield commented that he thought they'd been told last time that it was the last one. Mr. Moretti clarified that that was the last purchase of the right of way, the actual parcel. This is the final bill from the negotiations that ties up all the loose ends. Mr. Meachum explained that this is for the negotiations and it must have run over what Bruce anticipated. That does happen, but he wanted people to understand that there were like 32 parcels out there, so there may have been a lot more hours involved than what Bruce anticipated and budgeted for and that happens when you've got six miles and it eats up more time. The motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Additional Funds for Environmental Design Work on the Reas Bridge Road Bridge Replacement Project

Mr. Moretti explained that this is something that the design work has just gotten started and they are working through that.

Mr. Meachum made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Bird and the motion carried 5-0.

Sign Truck Discussion –

Mr. Jacobs explained that the sign truck is a 2001 and the frame rails are starting to rust apart and separating so the doors will not open properly. Two computers that cost from \$2,000 to \$2,500 each

have been put in it in the last 4 months. It has 150,000 miles on it and it is nickel & diming us to death. If a new one is ordered, it takes 300 days for the new one to come in. It is not paid for until it is received. Mr. Meachum wanted that made clear in the minutes that it is not paid for until we get it. Mr. Jacobs said no bids have been requested, but the estimate is about \$250,000. Chair Cox asked if it had been included in the budget for next year. Mr. Jacobs said this truck and a couple of dump trucks were included in the wind farm project money. It is a truck that is used every day to pick up signs, cut brush, etc. It goes out every day. Mr. Meachum commented that it has a boom on it. It is not just a truck. Mr. Jacobs explained that it is a bucket truck with an auger to drill holes. The \$250,000 includes everything brand new. Mr. Greenfield asked about the worth of the old one. Mr. Jacobs said no estimate had been given on it. Mr. Meachum said he had gotten the idea from Bruce that company wouldn't even want it because it is in such poor condition. Mr. Moretti said that when they start rusting out the frame rails, they're not worth much. He said it might be a possibility that someone may want to buy just the bed off of it. Mr. Jacobs said they've been talking with the MAC dealer who has no use for it, but All Tech who is going to bid the digger for it might be interested in it. The last truck was sold to one of the townships and one of them might be interested in it. Mr. Jackson recommended that it be auctioned. Mr. Jacobs said they had sold the wrecker for \$25,000. Mr. Meachum said he feels that the committee needs to move forward with it, but find out what it is going to cost to get the ball rolling and get this truck ordered because it is going to take every bit of 10 months to get here. That is clear into the next fiscal year. He said he feels that this is a critical piece of equipment. One cannot be leased and that is a problem. That is why we need to give Bruce direction to move forward and get things rolling. Chair Cox asked if the current one would last for the next 300 days. Mr. Meachum said we may have to put some investment into it. Chair Cox agreed that they should move forward on it and get some more information. Mr. Meachum said he feels they need to have Bruce get all the data for next month and push it on to get it ordered. Chair Cox asked for a consensus of the committee on telling Bruce to move forward. Mr. Meachum clarified that she did not want him to order it. She said no, she wanted Bruce to bring back the information to the committee. Mr. Greenfield said he can't just order. They need to get bids first. Everyone agreed. Mr. Jacobs asked if they could contact everyone and have them turn in a bid. Chair Cox confirmed.

County Engineer's Report:

Mr. Moretti reported on some of the bridge work. Work has just started on the Baker Road bridge (CH36). During the pre-con, they discussed being able to get that done and open yet this year. It won't have the oil and chip work done, but will have rock approaches and they will be able to plow it with no problem.

Bridge repairs on Kenney (CH18) will begin. Sangamo is the contractor and they are the ones that did the repairs on the Reas Bridge Road bridge so they will move from there and get started on this. Same thing, during the pre-con, they don't think that will be a problem to get that done yet this year. Again, it will have rock approaches.

The striping contract hand work is done. They will come back in in October and do the line work with the truck. They are not real thrilled that it is that late, but it got pushed off later in the year, but will still get it done. The contract expires the 31st of October. Mr. Meachum asked who the contractor was. Mr. Moretti said it is America's Parking Remarketing out of St. Louis.

Mr. Jacobs said they've been putting shoulders down on the Dalton City blacktop from Macon to Dalton City and back. They've started doing ditch work and they are in the second round of mowing.

Chair Cox asked again about when Baker Road would be done saying she had had some people asking about it. Mr. Moretti said it should be done this year. The contractor is a great contractor out of Quincy. They get in and get it done. They've already started piling so it is not going to take them long. He said

he wouldn't be surprised if it was done by the end of October. He said before winter. You just can't nail those opening dates down too much because you don't know what the weather is going to do.

Miscellaneous Business:

Closed Session:

Adjourn:

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

Minutes submitted by: Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office