

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

January 25, 2017

5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Meachum
Tim Dudley
Jay Dunn
Kevin Greenfield
Jerry Potts
Kevin Bird
Phil Hogan

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office
Bruce Bird, County Engineer
Joe Moretti
Stuart Jacobs
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kevin Meachum at the Macon County Office Building.

MINUTES

Mr. Bird made a motion to approve the October 26, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Hogan, motion carried 7-0.

CLAIMS

Mr. Potts made a motion to accept the report of the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Hogan, and the motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments - None

Old Business - None

New Business:

Macon County Board Resolution to Amend the FY 16 County Bridge Fund Budget

Mr. Bird explained that they occasionally do 50/50 projects with townships. One was done with Pleasant View Township. We front the money and then they pay us back. In the process of fronting the money, we went over on the county share of the bridges, but as seen in the budget, we went over by \$23,000, but are getting \$42,000 back from the townships. This is just to adjust the line items. It will end up being in the positive for the fund.

Mr. Dunn made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Bird, the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving an Increase in Appropriations for Construction Expenses on a Bridge on Boody Road in Pleasant View Township

Mr. Bird explained that this was a repair job. When they took the deck off, it was found that there were issues that called for a little more work. This is the 50/50 project that the previous resolution was for.

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, the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving an Increase in Appropriations for Construction Expenses on the 2015 Annual Drainage Project

Mr. Bird explained that when they did drainage work, there was a little more work to do to make sure they got everything to work right.

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, the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Construction Expenses for the Shoring of the Bridges on Reas Bridge Road over Lake Decatur

Mr. Bird explained that additional shoring was needed on this project so the weight limit could be put back up.

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, the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Cost Share Project for a Bridge Repair Project on a County Line Bridge with Logan County

Mr. Bird explained that this is a cost share project for a county line bridge. If a bridge is on a county line, by Statute, whether there is a township road or a county road, the counties split the cost based upon the relative assessed valuations of both counties. The surrounding counties really like to cost share with us because it ends up being about 75% to 80% our expense with the remainder going to them. This was some repair work to keep the bridge from washing out. Logan County went out for and got bids. They got some pretty good prices on it. Our share will be \$27,368.

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. Hogan, the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the 2017 Annual MFT Estimate of Maintenance Cost

Mr. Bird explained that this is the spending plan that we have to run through IDOT in order to spend the Motor Fuel Tax dollars for rock, oil, salt, striping, etc.

Mr. Bird made motion to approve forwarding the resolution to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Greenfield, the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Salary Reimbursement Program for the County Engineer

Mr. Bird explained that this is the annual resolution for the salary reimbursement program for his salary.

Mr. Greenfield asked if the state was current with this. Mr. Bird confirmed that they are. They've never held back and we've never had issues with that. He reminded members that when budgets were done last year, IDOT was one of the departments that got the full year budget. Their authority did not expire at the end of the year.

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Bid from Cloudpoint Geographics for a Sign Inventory Mapping System

Mr. Bird explained that there was a sign program with federal money to upgrade the signs. We are required to maintain reflectivity of the signs which includes regular inspections. They have a database

and know where the signs are. They all meet the current standards. This is a process and a program that will take the inventory, match up the signs and give an inspection program so they can be maintained. It also gives an inventory database so when the signs are brought in and on the rack, they can be tracked. It goes hand in hand with the federal program but allows stepping into the next phase where the signs now have to be tracked and know whether they meet the standards or not. Chair Meachum interjected that it sounds like it will be more efficient. Mr. Bird confirmed that it is more efficient and added that this is a turnkey thing. They will come in and do all the signs in the county and actually put a bar code on the backs of all the signs. Then, whenever the signs are tracked, all that has to be done is to go out with a scanner that can be downloaded onto a cell phone and its right in the system. It is real slick. Mr. Greenfield asked if this is something we could do ourselves. Mr. Bird explained that it would be very difficult because there are 7,500 signs and it would pull people away from doing construction work, etc. The advantage is that once the inventory thing is up, it involves training. The sign shop guys will be trained so that whenever they get a load of signs in, they will be putting the barcodes on and putting them into inventory. Whenever they put out a sign, for example if one gets knocked down and they have to replace it, they will just go out and scan it and it will automatically start all the inventory process. All we have to do is what we've done before plus scan some barcodes and we're legal. Mr. Bird was asked how soon this needs to be done and if this is a part of the federal grant money. Mr. Bird replied that the sooner the better on the timeframe and it is not a part of federal grant money. That money was to pay for the new signs. We are supposed to be doing the ongoing inspections currently. We can do it by pen and paper or we can use this system. Once this system is in place, it will make the inspection part really simple. This company specializes in this. It is a pretty small company that started about six or seven years ago because they knew that this requirement would be kicking in. All the large municipalities and about half the counties in the state use it. Mr. Bird said he has spoken with other users and they say they've looked at other competitor's programs and they say this is a piece of cake to use. A lot of the other programs are very cumbersome and difficult. It is easy to train people to use it.

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. Hogan, the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Additional Right of Way Negotiation Expenses for the Sefton Road Bridge Project

Mr. Bird explained that about 3 years ago they had initially started doing the right of way negotiations and the state said stop, you can't do that. We've got to redo all the environmental work on that bridge. When we started back up, the appraisals had to be updated before going out to talk to them.

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. Hogan, the motion carried -0.

(There was discussion about combining some of the resolutions and voting on them as one. Mr. Baggett cautioned about doing this due to the fact that some of the resolutions involve the expenditure of funds. When you come up with any financial obligations of the county, it is best to take that resolution by resolution. He said he was currently reading a Supreme Court case on violations of the Open Meetings Act where matters were not publicly proclaimed the correct way. He said it is better safe than sorry and to take them one at a time.)

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Proposal from Hanson Professional Services for Appraisal and Appraisal Reviews on the CH 57 85th St. Bridge Replacement Project

Mr. Bird explained that this is the Dalton City Blacktop Bridge project. There are 19 parcels there.

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Design Engineering for a Bridge on Lake Fork Road over a Ditch in Friends Creek Township

Mr. Bird explained that this is on the north end of Friends Creek.

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. Dudley, the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Design Engineering for Bridge Repairs on a bridge carrying CH 27 Lincoln Memorial Parkway over the Sangamon River

Mr. Bird explained that this is out by the State Park and it is just repair work to keep it functional.

Mr. Dunn made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Bird, the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Right of Way Plats and Staking Expenses on a Bridge Carrying CH 21 Kenney Road over South Fork Lake Fork Creek

Mr. Bird explained that this is north and west of Warrensburg.

Mr. Dunn made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Technical Amendment to the Twin Forks a.k.a. Radford's Run Wind Farm Road Use Agreement

Mr. Bird explained that they had changed the name of the wind farm from Twin Forks to Radford's Run to honor a former employee of theirs. The only thing this technical amendment does is allows them a couple of different choices of road oil to finish the roads next year. It has been discussed at length with the road commissioners and everyone is in agreement with it. It just gives them a couple more options.

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Bird, the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Right of Way Parcel 01 from William Penhallagon, G. Patton Penhallagon, and Barbara McKay for the CH 60 Sefton Road Bridge Replacement Project

Mr. Dunn made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Right of Way Parcel 02 from Rebecca Seay for the CH 60 Sefton Road Bridge Replacement Project

Mr. Dunn asked how much property they were talking about.

Mr. Bird explained it was pretty decent size because they were along the alignment of the beltway. It was a little more than an acre. It was a pretty good sized piece.

Mr. Dunn asked why so much was needed. Mr. Bird explained that when they build the bridge, the new bridge will be about 12' higher than the old bridge. When you bring it up, the ditches come out and you need more right of way.

Mr. Dunn made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Right of Way Parcel 03 from Joann Sefton for the CH 60 Sefton Road Bridge Replacement Project

Mr. Dudley made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Right of Way Parcel 008 from Nathan Hale for the CH 7 Baltimore Avenue Bike Path Project

Mr. Dunn made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Bird, the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Right of Way Parcel 002 from Cecil McKean for the CH 7 Baltimore Avenue Bike Path Project

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Right of Way Parcel 010 from Susan Plies for the CH7 Baltimore Avenue Bike Path Project

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. Hogan, the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Expenses for a Right of Way Vacation Plat and Survey for the CH30 and CH41 Intersection Project

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. Hogan, the motion carried 7-0.

County Engineer's Report:

Mr. Bruce Bird reported that he had 2 more resolutions after the agenda was posted. There are two more people signed for the bike path project. He requested permission to take it on to the finance committee so the people being negotiated with can be paid a month earlier. Members of the committee were agreeable to Mr. Bird taking the resolutions straight to the finance committee.

Chair Meachum asked for an explanation on the two resolutions.

Mr. Bird said that they are both for temporary easements and they are both on the Baltimore Avenue Bike Path. He said he had been talking with everyone out there for a month and a half now and they just missed the agenda. Both are now signed and this will just get them paid a month early. Both were very agreeable.

Not much plowing or salting has been needed, but a lot of tree trimming work and patching are being done. Mr. Bird said they are getting a good grasp on the trimming, especially on the bike path project because of the bat limitations the feds have now. Some clearing is also going to have to be done on the Sefton Road Bridge for the same reason. That will help when the construction is actually started because there won't be any limitations and they will be able to just jump right in on that.

They are currently working with Richland on getting a patching project put together for Farm Progress because this is another Farm Progress year.

Bridge Inspections are being taken care of. There was a little surprise that popped up a couple of days ago on the Kruse Road Bridge in Mount Zion Township. There is a hole in the deck. It has a pretty strict weight limit on it and is down to one lane. The Bridge Office wants the County to do a full deck concrete patch which in talking with the Road Commissioner and the highway guys, that is something we can easily do. It does not require a Consulting Engineer. It's pretty simple. Joe has done it before

with IDOT. Mr. Bird says he has done it before too. When there is a little break in the weather, they will probably run out there and do that. The Central Bridge Office is really curious about us and wanted us to try to do it because they are having a lot of problems with the same type of bridges and they just put a big steel plate over it. That just adds a lot of dead weight and ends up causing the bridge to be closed prematurely. If what we do is successful, it will probably give us a lot more life on the bridge. Mr. Bird said that he talked with John, the Road Commissioner, and they are going to get the engineering started and get that thing replaced too. That will probably be next month. It is an 8 ton limit so a school bus can't cross it. They had to reroute the buses. Bad deal for them, but we'll get it back open for them.

About a month ago, there was a guy out on Sangamon Avenue approach about making the crossing at Sangamon a quiet zone so that the trains would not have to blow their whistles. He had read something in the Effingham paper about trying to do that there. Mr. Bird said he had done some investigation on it. It doesn't meet the requirements and it is a difficult thing to get to. You have to modify the road on the approach which would be costly out there because of all the intersecting side roads right at the crossing. In speaking with the Effingham City Engineer, they have been working on their project process for 24 years now.

Miscellaneous Business:

Jay Dunn said he had noticed, for example on the Sefton Road for \$14,000 and one for \$12,600, and wondered if there would be a chance to ask them in the future about if the high dollar land owners in the area would want a bridge named after them and skip the payment. Mr. Bird said it wouldn't hurt to ask, but added that the three parcels on Sefton were done through the appraisal process by an appraiser, so that was an assigned appraisal value, but yes, you can literally negotiate for anything.

Closed Session:

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Section 2 (c) (5) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of real property for the use of the public body, seconded by Mr. Hogan, motion carried 7-0.

Return to Open Session:

Mr. Hogan made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Mr. Dunn, motion carried 7-0.

Adjourn:

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion carried 7-0 & meeting was adjourned @ 6:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office