

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

December 20, 2017

5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Meachum
Jay Dunn
Kevin Bird
Jerry Potts
Tim Dudley

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Bruce Bird, County Engineer

Stuart Jacobs, Highway Department
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kevin Greenfield
Phil Hogan

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

MINUTES

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve the November 15, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Dunn, motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS

Mr. Bird made a motion to accept the report of the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Dudley, and the motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments – None

Old Business - None

New Business:

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for the 2018 Annual MFT Estimate of Maintenance

Mr. Bird explained that this has to be done every year. It has to be passed on to IDOT in order to spend the MFT dollars.

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Dudley, and the motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Right of Way from the Central Illinois Bank Trust for the CH 21 Kenney Road Bridge Replacement Project

Mr. Bird explained that this is the 3rd of 4 that we need. The rest are moving right along.

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

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Right of Way from Donald D. Dipper, et.al, for the CH 41 Wyckles Road White Topping Project

Mr. Dunn made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Potts, and the motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Awarding the CHI Brush College Road Connector Project to Otto Baum Company, Inc.

Mr. Bird explained that there were 8 bidders for this project. There was a LOT of interest in this project. The engineer's estimate was \$3,994,536. Otto Baum was the low bidder at \$2,852,250.62. That is 31% under the engineer's estimate. We got really good prices.

Chair Meachum asked if Joe would be overseeing the project. Mr. Bird said his crew would be overseeing it. It will be a combination of Joe & Grant that are out there. The contractor says they want to get started as soon as they can in the spring. Chair Meachum asked when the pre-construction meeting was slated for. Mr. Bird said it hasn't been scheduled yet. Mr. Meachum asked if the state has not turned in their paperwork to him yet. Mr. Bird said this is a local let project using state funds, so a pre-construction conference will have to be held. He said they would probably host it, but in talking with the contractor, it will be after the first of the year before they do that.

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

County Engineer's Report:

Mr. Bird reported that the Wyckles Road work has been finished up for this year. It is opened up all the time now, so hopefully the traffic on the Facebook page will come down a little bit on that. Mr. Bird said that when starting back up in the springtime, it will be closed all the time just because they will be doing paving work and stuff and they just want to get people accustomed to that. They got a lot more work done this year than they thought would get done.

Mr. Meachum asked, when they get ready to close the road permanently, what the cost would be to put up message boards at each end that said the road is going to be closed. He suggested two signs for about a week. Mr. Bird said that the last time he had checked on just one message board for a week, he thought the cost was going to be about \$2,500. Mr. Meachum asked if that would be realistic or if even just some bigger signs could be used. Mr. Bird said they could have the sign crew make up a sign that says the road will be closed to all traffic starting (date) and post those. Mr. Meachum said he just wanted to take a more proactive approach on that so they wouldn't have any excuses for saying they didn't know about it. He said the problem is that they get complacent and if you put one on each side of the road telling them the road is going to be closed, they might get the hint. Mr. Bird said he would take a look at it.

The crews have been doing a lot of patchwork, a little cutting brush, etc. It is nice to be able to keep doing that stuff and not have to worry about chasing snowplows around. The forecast looks like that may change.

The Public Building Commission took over the maintenance and ownership of the building on the first of the month. The guy they've had out there has been real good. He picks up on little things here and there that need to be taken care of. So far so good with that.

Mr. Dudley asked what the original estimate had been on the connector road. Mr. Bird said it was just a shade under \$4 million. The top four bidders were within \$45,000 of each other. The #2 bidder was \$7,500 away. It was not a fluke. Everybody was there. The highest bidder was still \$750,000 under the

engineer's estimate. There were bids from people we've never had bids from before. There was one happy person and 7 upset when they left.

Miscellaneous Business: None

Closed Session: None

Adjourn:

Mr. Potts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dunn, the motion carried 5-0 & meeting was adjourned @ 5:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office