

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

April 25, 2018

5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Joe Moretti, Asst. County Engineer
Stuart Jacobs, Highway Department
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Phil Hogan

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

MINUTES

Mr. Dudley made a motion to approve the 3/21/18 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Potts, motion carried 6-0.

CLAIMS

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

Public Comments – None

Old Business - None

New Business:

Macon County Board Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Sharing of Certain Costs Related to Pavement Striping with the City of Decatur

Mr. Dudley made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Bird. Mr. Meachum excused himself from the vote and the motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Awarding the Annual Pavement Striping Contract to Varsity Striping

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 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for the 2018 Pavement Patching Project

Mr. Bird made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Dudley.

Mr. Greenfield commented on the \$400,000 figure and asked if the work would be scattered out or what it was for. Mr. Moretti confirmed that it is spread out. The biggest part of the project is concrete

pavement patching. Brush College is a part of it. CH25 over the interstate. A lot of the concrete pavement coming off the state routes onto our county roads is where a big portion of that is. Mr. Greenfield asked if it is a lot of overhead. Mr. Moretti said it's really only the one overhead. The rest of them are off of 121 near Mt. Zion, 50 & Lost Bridge, Baltimore off of 36, 58 in Maroa, at Forsyth & 20. Mr. Greenfield asked a question about contractors. Mr. Moretti explained that the project had been let and there was only one bidder and it came in over the estimate. It was broken into two projects because the asphalt part of it has to get done before the microsurfacing project. The rest of it has not been let yet. The estimate is still a good estimate.

The motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for the 2018 HSIP Guardrail Upgrade Project

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 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of a Right of Way Parcel from the George P. Turner Trust on the CH 21 Kenney Road Bridge Replacement Project

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

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of a Temporary Easement from Jerry and Janet Bates on the TR 226 Kruse Road Bridge Replacement Project

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 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of a Right of Way Parcel from the Patricia Ann Thompson and Alvin Allen Thompson on the CH 57 85th Street Bridge Replacement Project

Mr. Dunn said that it seems high and asked if it was really just 0.02 acres that we're wanting to pay \$4,000 for. Mr. Moretti said it is based on cost per acre which is around \$13,000 an acre. He said he did not think there was anything out of the ordinary on it. Mr. Meachum said it was within reason. Mr. Moretti said all of the initial offers are based on the appraisal. Mr. Dunn said it looks like it is \$4,000 for 0.02 acres which looks like around \$500,000 an acre without doing the math. Mr. Moretti said let's do the math. Mr. Dudley said that is \$700,000 an acre. Mr. Meachum said it is probably .2 acres. Mr. Dunn said the resolution says 0.02 acres. Mr. Dunn said the resolution goes to finance committee next and he did not have a problem sending it on, but would want an answer by then. Mr. Moretti agreed saying that it is based on a per acre price.

Mr. Dunn made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee with corrected information and further discussion, seconded by Mr. Greenfield and the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of a Right of Way Parcel from the Courtney L. Beckett on the CH 57 85th Street Bridge Replacement Project

This resolution also has questionable figures and information. Mr. Dunn said that on this one the resolution says \$17,200, but on the next sheet, it says \$16,500. Mr. Meachum said his question is if that is the average rate per acre. Mr. Moretti said it says not to exceed \$17,500, but it is still \$33,000 an acre.

Mr. Greenfield said they would take care of it in Finance. Mr. Moretti said he would bring it to Bruce's attention when he gets back on Monday.

Mr. Dudley made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the Finance Committee with corrected information and further discussion, seconded by Mr. Bird and the motion carried 6-0.

County Engineer's Report:

Mr. Moretti reported that they are just getting back to work as construction goes. Wyckles Road has been closed for about a week and they've cut quite a bit of ditch. They're hitting the ground running.

The Connector Road Project will be started the first week of May. They've already moved some equipment in. Almost all of the utilities have been relocated. Mr. Moretti said they've been working behind the scenes and have met with ADM.

Mr. Jacobs reported on maintenance. He said they've been working on crack sealing and started putting some culverts in. The tractors should be here by mid May and mowing will start then.

Mr. Moretti reported that one of the Maintainers voluntarily left a week ago to move on to another position. They would like permission to replace that person.

Chair Meachum asked what the committee would like to do about advertising for the position. Mr. Bird said Bruce should look through his pool to see if there are people left to choose from and fill the vacancy. Mr. Dudley agreed that the pool should be looked at and then maybe Workforce could be consulted so somebody local might be hired. Mr. Dunn agreed. Mr. Potts agreed saying the list should be checked first. Chair Meachum said the consensus was to move forward on it.

Mr. Dunn said he wanted to mention to the committee that it looks like the Connector Road might have some union issues. Otto Baum signed the project, but apparently have 2 subs that are non-union. Mr. Meachum asked if they were non-compliant with the agreement. Mr. Dunn said that is how it looks at this point. Mr. Greenfield asked who is doing the dirt work. Mr. Moretti said Otto Baum is doing it themselves. Chair Meachum asked Mr. Moretti to look into it. Mr. Moretti asked who they were. Mr. Dunn said Varsity Striping is one. He said that Bruce had told him that they are union, but the business agent says they are not. Chair Meachum said they are not – Varsity is not union, but they pay prevailing wage. Mr. Moretti said they've been doing state work forever, but wasn't sure how or what they're doing, but they are doing IDOT work and they are an approved IDOT contractor. Mr. Meachum repeated that they pay prevailing wage. Mr. Moretti said that they are supposed to have an approved training program as part of the IDOT requirement. The training programs are somehow tied to the unions. He said he did not know how they are doing it. Mr. Dunn said that Teamster has an issue with someone too. Mr. Moretti said those were suppliers – drivers for suppliers. Mr. Dunn said he thought the way they'd have to address it would be to go to arbitration. He added that, personally, if Otto Baum can't agree to this, then he would ask to have them removed from the bidders list after this. They all in good faith sign that thing. Mr. Greenfield said they aren't even in town any more. Mr. Meachum said they've still got stuff in town and are working. Mr. Moretti said they've still got an office with one person in the office. Then they use the yard. Mr. Meachum repeated that they've got one person, his name is Mike, and he is here two days a week. He said he knows that for a fact.

Miscellaneous Business: None

Closed Session: None

Adjourn:

Mr. Potts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dunn, the motion carried 6-0 & meeting was adjourned @ 5:50 p.m. Minutes submitted by: Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office