

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**August 22, 2018**

**5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Bruce Bird, County Engineer  
Stuart Jacobs  
  
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

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

**MINUTES**

Mr. Dudley made a motion to approve the 7/25/18 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Bird, and the motion carried 7-0.

**CLAIMS**

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

**Public Comments** – None

**Old Business** - None

**New Business:**

***Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of a Right of Way Parcel #19 from Richard T. and Judith A. Tilton on the CH57 85<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Replacement Project***

Mr. Bruce Bird explained that the amount is \$1,100 more than what we last offered them. He said they had come to an agreement pretty quickly this past week. Chair Meachum asked Mr. Bird if he felt good about it. Mr. Bird confirmed.

Mr. Dudley made a motion to forward to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Potts, and the motion carried 7-0 .

***FY19 Budget Presentation***

Highway Fund (030) – Last year, since they went to a new accounting system, the former 2 segments in the highway budget, 081 & 082, have been put into just one fund. The biggest difference on the projects, etc. is going a little higher (\$75,000) on the right of way for expenses for projected projects that will be coming up this next year. The construction projects went up \$50,000. The anticipation is that right of way parcels are going to be purchased for the bridge project across the lake and a couple of other projects that are 3 to 4 years out, but hoping to get the right of way for that. The typical bridge projects and things are included too, but the the biggest reason for the increase in the right of way expenses is mainly for the project on Rheas Bridge.

The revenues show an increase on the payroll from MFT. That went up. Bids and plans have bumped that up based on what the actual value was versus what was in the budget. Same for the State of Illinois miscellaneous revenue. That seemed to be coming in a little bit higher. Other than the typical raises, those are the biggest expenses. Everything else is the same. Chair Meachum asked if the information mentioned is contractual. Mr. Bird said the union amounts are contractual and are listed.

Matching – Revenue from the State of Illinois was increased by \$1,500 assuming we spend the remainder of the set aside money and if we get going on Rheas Bridge. That will show up as revenue. Expenses have the same amount of payment so everything kind of equals from one side to the next.

MFT – Motor Fuel Tax – not a lot of difference there. Actually a lot less on expenses. The biggest portion on project expense is \$210,000 less than this year mainly because we are just paying less for Motor Fuel Tax projects next year.

Special Bridge – The revenue pretty much stays the same. The County share of the bridges goes down \$250,000 compared to this year. There is an added amount in there for the Friends Creek Township for a bridge that has to be done next year. State Township Bridge is the same. The line was put in for revenue and expenses for the same bridge.

036 – Progress City – The revenue numbers are from Richland and from the project expense. It shows a half a million dollars, but Mr. Bird said he has no idea if Richland will get money to do work out there. It is a Farm Progress year and usually they try to put something together so lines were put in to cover it just in case. After what was done last year, Mr. Bird said he did not think they'd have to do anything, but if Richland wants something done, then we are set and ready to go.

Mr. Greenfield asked about the \$1,040 in the raises line for Mr. Bird's salary and wondered if IDOT picks that up. Mr. Bird said yes, IDOT picks up half of it. Mr. Greenfield asked who the clerical support line covers. Mr. Bird said it is Kathy and Amanda and said they are contractual.

Chair Meachum asked if there were more questions. Mr. Greenfield said he was ok with passing it on to the Budget Hearing. He needed some time to review it, but could ask his questions at Finance.

Mr. Potts made a motion to forward to the Finance Committee Budget Hearing with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Bird, and the motion carried 7-0.

### **County Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Bird reported that today was the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of paving on Wyckles Road. They are paving the portion from the portion from the interstate overpass south down to 36. Sometime in the next week, they should have the southbound portion done with the shoulders so they can turn around and come back north. They need the shoulder in place so they can get the trucks and equipment around when they are pouring the other side. It shouldn't take much and they'll have that portion south of the interstate done and then they will flip and do the portion on the north side of the interstate. What they've done so far looks really, really good. As long as the weather cooperates, they should have the bulk of that done in the next month.

The final grading is getting done on the Connector Project. He reminded the committee members about how AT&T couldn't get a fiber line moved until about 3 weeks ago even though they had been contacted in December. That put that project about 8 weeks behind. Once the final dirt grading is done, they can get the sub base stabilized and start looking at the concrete paving. That will probably be towards the end of October. As long as there is decent weather in October, they should probably be able to finish that off.

The bridge on CH21 is closed. The one north of Warrensburg is closed and ripped out. The Contractor is working on that. The bridge on Kruse Road, tentatively, is being done by the same contractor. They are going to bring in a 2<sup>nd</sup> crew that is working someplace else. They keep getting rained out at the other spot. They kept pushing the start date back, but tentatively right now, it is next Monday.

Chip seal, about half of it, along the entire stretch of CH20 from the west of Warrensburg toward east of Oreana. They've got about 2/3 of it done.

A concrete patching project that hasn't started up. The contractor is looking at 2 weeks to get started on that.

Next week, the bike path project will start on Baltimore.

It will be a busy fall.

Mr. Dunn asked Mr. Bird if he was aware of the Facebook postings about somebody cutting road signs down in the Windfarm area rather than pull them out of the ground so tractors can't be running over them. Mr. Bird said that the Windfarm contractor is now over in Logan County, but they sent a couple of guys over earlier this week to yank the road construction signs out. He said he did not know whether it was the supervisor or if they decided on their own, but after getting about 1/3 of the way into the process and decided it would be easier to cut signs off flush with the ground, except "flush" was not necessarily even with the ground. Mr. Bird said he had gotten an email from Adam, the contractor, apologizing profusely saying they would send guys over with metal detectors and will yank every single one of them out, but they can't get anybody over there until next week. About 20 minutes later Mr. Bird said he had gotten a phone call from one of the Road Commissioners telling him the same thing. Mr. Bird said that they said they're going to take them out, so you've got to give them a chance to take them out. So, they are aware of it and are going to take care of it. They are going to fix it. Adam, the project supervisor, agreed that it was a stupid idea to do that. Mr. Dunn replied that unfortunately, it is going all over Facebook and it doesn't make the County look good. They are always looking for, some of them, for excuses to attack the Windfarm. Chair Meachum suggested that the County Engineer post something on their Facebook sight that corrective measures have been taken and it is being addressed. Mr. Bird referred to the conversation he had had with Adam, the Project Superintendent. He said that Adam has been great out there. He takes care of things. He totally understands that if somebody takes their mower out there and gets their mower deck chewed up by hitting one of those sign posts, that they are responsible for that. He understands that. Chairman Dunn asked who had been hired to do that. Mr. Bird did not know. Chair Meachum said Mr. Bird should put it on Facebook and put a positive spin on it. Mr. Bird agreed. When asked, Chairman Dunn said he was good with that too.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

Mr. Bruce Bird announced that Friday is Chair Meachum's last day at the City and from 2 to 4 p.m., the City is having a cake and reception where you can show up and shake his hand and wish him well.

**Closed Session:** None needed

**Adjourn:**

Mr. Dudley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bird, the motion carried 7-0 & meeting was adjourned @ 5:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office