

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

October 24, 2018

5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kevin Bird

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

MINUTES

Mr. Hogan made a motion to approve the 8/22/18 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Potts, and the motion carried 6-0. (Reminder – the September meeting was cancelled)

CLAIMS

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

Public Comments – None

Old Business - None

New Business:

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Jurisdictional Transfer with the City of Decatur

Mr. Bruce Bird explained that this is for a portion of Brush College and by doing this, the City of Decatur is allowed to legally claim their \$18 million from the ICC. This is all part of the overpass project.

Mr. Dunn made a motion to forward to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Dudley and the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Decatur Covering Traffic Signal Maintenance

Mr. Bruce Bird explained that since basically, the beginning of time, any of the traffic signals that have been on our County Highways that intersected with either the City's streets or the State's streets, the electric bill and any kind of ongoing maintenance for the signals has all been covered by the City – 100%. This gets us in line with some of the other counties around here that have urban centers with cities with traffic signals in them. This just squares things up. It involves 10 separate intersections. The percentages of the intersections is based on who has how many legs at the intersection and the jurisdiction of the road that comes up to the intersection. The cost to the County will be about \$7,500 to \$8,000 a year and that is for the basic maintenance and the electricity. The electricity alone is about

\$5,000. We can pay for this using Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) monies. To set it up, the first year it will come out of County Highway Funds, but after that it will be set up through IDOT with a regular resolution and cover it with MFT money.

Mr. Dunn made a motion to forward to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Hogan and the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving an Amendment to Appraisal and Review Services on the CH57 Bridge Replacement Project

Mr. Bruce Bird explained that this is our famous stoplight bridge. The one house out there that we have to take, the original appraisal process was looking at just taking a portion of the property. When it got bumped up to an entire take of the house, there were additional appraisal services. It amounts to an additional \$10,200 to cover it.

Mr. Potts made a motion to forward to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Dunn and the motion carried 6-0.

County Engineer's Report:

Mr. Bird reported that they are wrapping up several projects. Our portion of the cape seal project has been finished up. We did the entire stretch of CH20 from east of Oreana all the way out to west of Warrensburg. It is all done. Striping is done on that.

The patching project is done and out of the way.

The concrete pavement areas are in really, really good shape.

Stripers will come in on Monday or Tuesday on Wyckles. The road closed signs will still be out. That project turned out really, really well. It is a great looking road.

The bridge deck and approach slabs are poured on the bridge on CH21 north of Warrensburg. That should be done in 3 to 4 weeks.

The bridge deck was set on Kruse Road today. That should be done in 3 to 4 weeks.

A lot of stuff is wrapping out. Our guys are out doing one last round of mowing, some shoulder work here and there and getting things ready for winter.

The salt deliveries have been coming in the past 2 to 3 days. It is at last year's price which is about \$20 less than the going rate this year. He said they had decided to stock up because it is probably going to go up because next time it will have to be bid out.

In the equipment line, there is a little money left in FY18. Mr. Bird said they've been talking for a while about getting a hot box for the materials so when the guys are out patching in the wintertime, it will be a little more pliable. Mr. Jacobs has identified one that could be fit into the existing budget. It is right at about \$15,000. It was decided that since it is below \$25,000, bids would not have to be sought.

There are a lot of rumblings that there is going to be a new Capital Bill for infrastructure projects after the election. The County Engineers are working on putting together a handout sheet to give to the legislators. The crux of the whole thing is that we all get our share of the Motor Fuel Tax. The state collects it but cities, counties, townships all get a split on it. That has been basically flat for 10 years.

They have not raised the MFT rate for almost 30 years. There have been increases in motor vehicle registration fees and the state has kept all of that. If you take both of these into consideration, the state has almost doubled their money in the same amount of time that ours has sat and done nothing. Mr. Bird said he just wanted to make everyone aware that if this comes around, it will happen quickly and they want to make sure that whatever happens, we're just saying we need to be included because recent history has shown that all the local governments have been shut out. When people are driving down the road, they don't care who owns it, they want the road system to work. When only one system is included and the others are shut out, it doesn't work out very well. If it looks like this is really going to happen in Springfield, he said they would like to make sure the local representatives are heard from and that they know we want to be included this time. Chairman Dunn asked if they would be using the county's lobbyist. Mr. Bird agreed that that would be beneficial.

Mr. Greenfield asked how Otto Baum is doing on the new road. Mr. Bird said they are doing well. They had their last main pour yesterday. They poured almost 1,200 cubic yards of concrete in one day. They are behind though. Ameren forgot about a 4" high pressure gas line and that put about a 8 week kink on it. We're not going to get it done until next year, but the main portion of the concrete paving is done. The only thing they will have to do yet is when they make the cuts in on Brush College for the new connection and on the north end commercial crossing. It should be completely switched over by about June of next year.

Mr. Greenfield reminded Mr. Bird of past conversations about putting a committee together to hire engineers and asked if he'd done anything with that. Mr. Bird said they have not had a need for engineering, but there are two township bridges coming up, so he would put that together for that. He said he just hadn't worked on it because they had not had to hire any engineers for anything, but now there are a couple of township bridges that they have to get the engineering started on, so they would do that.

Miscellaneous Business:

None

Closed Session: None needed

Adjourn:

Mr. Potts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dunn, the motion carried 6-0 & meeting was adjourned @ 5:43 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office