

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

November 14, 2018

5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Dudley
Kevin Greenfield
Jay Dunn
Phil Hogan

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Bruce Bird, County Engineer
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kevin Bird
Kevin Meachum
Jerry Potts

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

MINUTES

Mr. Dunn made a motion to approve the 10/24/18 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Greenfield, and the motion carried 4-0.

CLAIMS

Mr. Dunn made a motion to accept the report of the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Hogan and the motion carried 4-0.

Public Comments – None

Old Business - None

New Business:

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Salary of the County Engineer

Mr. Bruce Bird explained that this is the annual resolution and the amount matches exactly the amount that is on the state recommended salary list. The amount is \$122,673.00 and the County pays half or \$61,336.50.

Mr. Dunn made a motion to forward to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Hogan and the motion carried 4-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the 2019 Annual MFT Estimate of Maintenance

Mr. Bruce Bird explained that this is the annual estimate of maintenance for all the maintenance projects coming up in the next year. If they are to be paid for with MFT, a resolution has to be passed and approved by IDOT so they can appropriate and we can spend the 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.

County Engineer's Report:

Mr. Bird reported that the plow trucks have already been out once on the past Monday and it looks like they will be out again at 4 a.m. tomorrow morning. It's a little early in the year, but all of the salt is in and all of the trucks are prepped, set up and ready to go. It won't be an issue. Mr. Bird said they do need another day and half to two days to finish the mowing.

There are two bridges are not yet finished because of having to wait on asphalt work. That work is temperature dependent. There may be a need to do some temporary modifications just to get them open for the winter. Both are federal aid projects so the state would have to approve that.

Wyckles Road has been opened. The Connector Road project is pretty much set. They might do some traffic signal work over the wintertime, but it's not likely there will be too much work being done with that.

It looks like there is going to be a Capital Bill coming up. The state raised the motor vehicle revenue, but we don't get any of that. We just get MFT which is flat or declining. IDOT got all the motor vehicle revenue. Currently there is more motor vehicle revenue that comes in every year than MFT. IDOT keeps all of it. Looking at past funding to current funding, there is a big chunk of the pie that could and should be going to our roads based on the number of miles that people drive on the road. The people that use the local roads are not getting a return on their investment to the tune of 22.5% of the total transportation pie. That is because the past couple of times the Motor Vehicle Revenue was raised, we were not included in any of it. It shows. We are being shorted. In looking at the counties and townships, the easiest way to do it would be to distribute it through the regular MFT revenue formula. He said that to make it whole, \$650,000,000 in annual revenue needs to go to the counties and townships. That is the message the County Highway Engineer's Association want to take back to the legislators; We want to be included because the last several times we were not and if you want to make us whole, that is the portion that needs to be done. If we want to get the roads back up to snuff so we are in good shape in the State of Illinois, that is what we have to do. Mr. Bird said it would be nice if there was some representation from the County Board that would say the same thing to our local delegation and let them know that this is important to us and we want to make sure we are included. Chairman Dunn said that he had sent Mr. Bird's handout about this to the lobbyist. He encouraged Mr. Bird to contact her about it.

Mr. Greenfield asked about when the mowing equipment needed to be returned. Mr. Bird said it is December 1st, but they are very willing to work with us. There are still a few things that need to be taken care of and they are way under in hours so that is not an issue either.

Mr. Greenfield asked about when decisions about the asphalt work would be made. Mr. Bird explained that one company is wanting to shut their plant down. They are the ones that are supposed to do the work. Dunn Company is keeping their plant open through December. They've got a lot of work. There are some options that can be looked at, but it takes some paperwork and IDOT's stamp to get it done. All the options are being explored. If it stays cold and even Dunn shuts down, that is probably when the call will have to be made to do something different.

Miscellaneous Business: None

Closed Session: None needed

Adjourn:

Mr. Hogan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dunn, the motion carried 4-0 & meeting was adjourned @ 5:40 p.m. Minutes submitted by: Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office