

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

QUORUM NO PRESENT NO VOTES TAKEN
DISCUSSION ONLY

Macon County Office Building
Room 514
141 S. Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523

October 23, 2019
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patty Cox, Chair
Pat Dawson
Kevin Greenfield

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Bruce Bird, County Engineer
Stu Jacobs, Highway Dept
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Phil Hogan
Tim Dudley, Vice Chair
Kevin Bird
Rachel Joy

Quorum was not present. No votes were taken. Discussion only.

MINUTES

Not approved – no quorum

CLAIMS

Not Approved – no quorum

Public Comments – None

Old Business -

New Business: all resolution will go before Finance and then Full Board

Mr. Bird explained that all 5 of these items are right of way parcels for a bridge on Lake Fork Road in Friends Creek Township. Lake Fork Road is the county line. These are 5 different parcels between two land owners. Not having a quorum will not really hold up the project. The sum total of all five is \$900. They are not huge parcels. The bridge is currently closed. It will be let this fall. The contractor wouldn't get started on it until spring anyway. Chairman Greenfield said that the resolutions could still go to finance and be voted on at the November County Board meeting. Everyone agreed.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Parcel 002TE2 from Kathleen Friant on the Lake Fork Road Bridge Project

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Parcel 003 from David Bols and Kelly Olsen on the Lake Fork Road Bridge Project

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Parcel 003TE2 from Bernard Bols, Deborah Bols, and Kimberly Schaefer on the Lake Fork Road Bridge Project

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Parcel 001TE from Bennett Land LLC on the Lake Fork Road Bridge Project

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Parcel 001TE2 from Bennett Land LLC on the Lake Fork Road Bridge Project

County Engineer's Report:

The Lost Bridge Road project has been wrapped up.

The Bike Path project has been wrapped up.

A lot of earth work has been done on the 85th Street Bridge project. He said they posted some pictures from the south side where the existing road goes up and they've filled all the dirt on both sides for the embankment on Facebook. They still have to add another 8 feet of embankment, so there is still a lot of dirt that has to go in there. The weather has been dry and good.

There is a box culvert project on Shellabarger Road north of Warrensburg that will start the second week of November. The contractor is supposed to get the sections for that in the next week. If it stays dry into early November, they will be able to get that back in. If the weather is nice, that will go pretty quickly.

The guys have been mowing and doing ditch work.

Chairman Greenfield asked Mr. Bird to comment on the Capital Bill. Mr. Bird explained that there were links on the Herald & Review site where you could go to maps that show everything in the program. The list includes all of the county projects that have federal monies in them, but they did not include those on the map. In the past, they have. In fact, for the past couple of years if they would not have included the county projects on their map, there would not have been very few dots on the map that were just theirs. They hit the highlights. The map shows that virtually every bad IDOT road that everybody complains about is going to get done in the next five years. They also added three projects that they did not initially have. Between the county and the city, we really complained to them and there's a couple they really missed out on and they put them in there. There's going to be an awful lot of work done next year. For next year, to start off, they're doing old Route 36 that is just a teeth rattler. They're also doing 36 & 121 across Lake Decatur all the way past the split of 121 where it goes south. They are doing all that next year. All of 51 from just north of downtown all the way to north of Maroa is in their program to do. They've got a lot of work in there and people will be very happy. They'll get ticked seeing all the orange barrels, but they're going to like what they see when they get done.

Chair Cox asked about Route 36 and if there was a possibility that the state would turn that over to the county after it is fixed. Mr. Bird said they have not approached them about that. If they did, he would entertain it because they actually have a source of money now. When they do it with other counties, typically they'll try to do roads like that that are unmarked. He said he could

see taking it under the right circumstances because usually they'll give money to reconstruct it, and then they'll give money to maintain it for a 20 year period. They have not approached about that. Mr. Bird said he thought they just want to resurface it. Despite what a lot of people out there think, it is not our road. It is a state road.

Chairman Greenfield asked if Reas Bridge was on any of the projects. Mr. Bird explained that it is in the program. It is programmed at about \$20.6 million which is not what it is going to take. They put in the known dollars plus the \$7.5 million we were asking for. It is in the program, but it is not fully funded yet. The nice thing about it being in the program is that one of the things that will come out – they'll come out with a grant application for major bridge. We've already got \$4 million out of major bridge and we can reapply again and get another \$4 million. When that comes out we will apply for that. If we get another \$4 million, we should be able to get that under construction next year. The right of way is all purchased and it's good to go. The work with utilities has already started. Ameren is probably going to start, even over the winter time and the spring time. Chairman Greenfield asked about tree removal. Mr. Bird said there are trees that have to get cut down, but they will be kept on the contract. There is plenty of work there that they don't have to worry about getting into trees yet. He said we are out of the tree business on that one for this time around.

Notes submitted by: Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office