

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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

**January 22, 2020  
5:30 P.M.**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Patty Cox, Chair  
Phil Hogan – Vice Chair  
Pat Dawson (arrived 5:36 p.m.)  
Kevin Greenfield  
Marcy Rood

### **COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

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

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Kevin Bird  
Rachel Joy

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

### **MINUTES**

Motion was made by Mr. Greenfield to approve the December 18, 2019 minutes, seconded by Mr. Hogan and the motion carried 4-0.

### **CLAIMS**

Motion was made by Mr. Hogan to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Greenfield, and the motion carried 4-0.

### **Public Comments -None**

### **Old Business - None**

### **New Business**

***Macon County Board Resolution appropriating funds for engineering on a bridge repair in Whitmore Township***

Mr. Bruce Bird explained that the outside beam of the bridge needs to be removed and replaced. This is for the engineering work to handle that. It is \$15,000 and is split 50/50 with the township.

Motion was made by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Greenfield to forward the resolution on to the finance committee with recommendation to approve, and the motion carried 4-0.

***Macon County Board Resolution approving a road use agreement with Ameren***

Mr. Bruce Bird explained that this is a rebuild of their power line that comes into Macon County out of Logan County. It runs along 121 by the RR tracks. It jogs around the football field at Warrensburg. They are using our roads which are access roads. It ends up terminating on the N side of Decatur. It impacts our roads, Illini & Hickory Point Townships. They have an engineering firm go out and take a look beforehand and afterwards. They've done a couple of these rebuilds and have not impacted our roads at all. Some of the township roads more than ours that they step up on. They haven't been bad in dealing with about getting those township roads reconstructed. This is just to cover the approval for the road use agreement.

Chair Cox asked if there would be a cost to allow them to come on. Mr. Bird said no, the agreement says that they are going to have someone go take a look at the roads afterwards and if there's any damage, they pay for it.

Motion was made by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Greenfield to forward the resolution on to the finance committee with recommendation to approve.

Chairman Greenfield asked Mr. Bird if there was any way the County could charge Ameren for anything to try to get some of our money back, especially after what they charged us for the gas line. Mr. Bird explained that this is not really a permit because they're not doing any construction work on our right of way. They're just using the roads. This is just an agreement to cover if they do any damage. Mr. Greenfield asked why they would need an agreement if they're not going to do anything. Mr. Bird explained that it is because of in the past, they have caused some damage. This rebuild is a little different. Most of the recent ones have been those metal poles that have concrete foundations. Hauling that concrete with the steel in it stresses the roads a lot more. Mr. Greenfield said that it feels like we are giving them a free pass but they're not giving us a free pass. Mr. Bird repeated that this is just a method for us to protect our roads from any damage they might cause. If they were doing work on the road right of way as a part of that, they'd have to get a permit, but in this case, they are not doing any work in our road right of way. They are just using the roads. Mr. Greenfield said he really did not know why it would be needed then, if all they're doing is using the roads. Mr. Bird said that if they were to go out and cause damage, we wouldn't have any recourse to go back on them without having an agreement. This is more of a protection for us.

The motion carried 4-0.

### ***Macon County Board Resolution to dispose of surplus equipment***

Mr. Bruce Bird explained that they had ordered the two new pickup trucks that have come in. This is to dispose of the two pickup trucks that they are replacing. Ms. Rood asked about mileage. Mr. Jacobs said one has about 150,000 and the other is about 200,000 or more and it needs some work. Mr. Bird said they would do as they normally do; offer them to the townships and small municipalities first with a minimum bid of \$3,000 each and if that doesn't entice them, they'll go out to the general public.

(Note: Ms. Dawson arrived at the meeting )

Motion was made by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Greenfield to forward the resolution on to the finance committee with recommendation to approve, and the motion carried 5-0.

***Macon County Board Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement on the Beltway***

Mr. Bruce Bird explained that this mirrors the previous intergovernmental agreement we had with the City of Decatur for sharing costs for our coordination services with our consultant on the beltway. She has a contract with the city and we have an agreement with them to reimburse half of the expense. The cost is the same as the last time. The agreement is good for one year with an automatic renewal for one year after that.

Motion was made by Mr. Greenfield, seconded by Mr. Hogan to forward the resolution on to the finance committee with recommendation to approve.

Chair Cox asked what the cost was. She was told \$60,000. Ms. Rood asked where the consultant was located. Chairman Greenfield explained that she used to be the Secretary of Transportation with IDOT. She works out of Springfield

The motion carried 5-0.

**County Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Bruce Bird reported that there has not been too big of a dent made on the salt stockpile yet. More weather is predicted to come in over the next few days, but they're unsure of the type or amounts.

In between plowing, all the crack sealing work has been finished off. Some bump grinding, drainage work, tree trimming on Lost Bridge work has been done. Typical stuff is keeping them busy in the wintertime when it is not snowing.

Bridge inspections are ongoing. This is the time of year when that is done. There have not been any delinquent ones in years.

The contractor on 85<sup>th</sup> is working when they can. They have removed the house last week, so that is gone.

There is another Friends Creek Township Bridge project over at the county line north of Argenta. The review is back from IDOT, so it will be scheduled for letting and the bid will be on the agenda for approval at the next meeting. The best thing about that for the contractor is that the bridge being replaced is already closed so they can come in and do the removal any time they want to.

There are a few small right of way projects Mr. Bird said he would be working on over the next couple of months. There is a pair of bridges on Damery Road, a section of CH27 that jogs on Damery before it jogs back north. Those two will be replaced this year. There are a couple of bridge repair jobs; one on the bridge by Lincoln Memorial Park which is the big bridge over the Sangamon that needs repair spots and will cause closure for about a week or so, and one on the Lost Bridge Road bridge where it crosses over the lake. That will require about a 3 week closure so everyone will be notified well in advance that that will have to be done.

Funding is again lined up for Reas Bridge Road. He said they would be making another INFRA grant. That will enable construction on the bridge as well as the engineering on the next section. The application is ready to go in and it shouldn't be a problem.

There are a couple of resurfacing projects coming up this year. It's going to be another busy year.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Ms. Rood, the motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office