

## Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, October 16, 2001 at 4:40 p.m. in Room 700 of the McLean County Law and Justice Center, 104 W. Front Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sweeney, Members Sommer, Salch, Bass, Gordon, Berglund

Members Absent: Members Sorensen, Segobiano, Pokorney

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator; Ms. Martha B. Ross, County Administrator's Assistant, County Administrator's Office

Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m. and stated that there is one item for the Committee's consideration.

Mr. Zeunik presented the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation for the Historic Route 66 Bikeway, which was submitted by the Parks and Recreation Department. He noted that in the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Property Committee at the Executive Committee's October meeting, there was no one to present the item to the Executive Committee for its consideration. Therefore, a Stand-Up meeting to consider the item is in order. Mr. Zeunik stated that the Property Committee approved the Agreement at its regular October meeting.

Motion by Salch/Gordon to recommend approval of the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation for the Historic Route 66 Bikeway.

Mr. Bass asked whether bicycles only would be allowed to use the route. Mr. Zeunik responded affirmatively. He noted that the portion of the route addressed by the Preliminary Agreement was merely the initial leg of the complete route. It extends from the Village of McLean to the Village of Towanda. However, the complete route will eventually extend to the City of Chenoa along the old Route 66 right of way.

Mr. Sommer stated that the matching funds could be better utilized to support other projects. Therefore, he would vote present on the motion.

Mr. Gordon asked whether the \$64,000.00 allocation for the project is accounted for in the budget. Mr. Zeunik responded that of the total allocation, the County's share would be between \$25,000.00 and \$30,000.00. This amount would be noted in the budget for the Parks and Recreation Department. Township and local governments would provide the balance of funding needed for the project.

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Mr. Bass asked who would maintain the route. Mr. Zeunik responded that the cities, villages and towns through which the route passed would handle maintenance for the route. The County's Parks and Recreation Department will maintain portions of the route located outside of the corporate limits, due to the fact that the route would be considered a linear park.

Mr. Bass asked whether the other municipalities had voted on the issue. Mr. Zeunik responded that this information was unavailable at the present time.

Motion carried. Mr. Sommer voted "present."

There being nothing further to come before the Committee at this time, Chairman Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Ross  
Recording Secretary