

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 404 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington St., Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman James Soeldner Members William Friedrich, Gerald Thompson, Shayna Watchinski, Lea Cline, Val Laymon, Benjamin Webb (via remote attendance)

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Ms. Camille Rodriguez, County Administrator, Ms. Cassy Taylor, Assistant County Administrator, Mr. Chris Spanos, First Assistant State's Attorney – Civil Division (in person) Ms. Cathy Dreyer, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary (via remote attendance)

Department Heads Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, County Engineer (in-person)

Others Present: Mr. Luke Hohulin, Assistant County Engineer (in-person) Jennifer Sicks, Regional Planning, Laura Dick, Show Bus (via remote attendance)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Soeldner at 8:00 a.m. and a quorum declared.
Chairman

Chairman Soeldner presented the minutes from the February 2, 2021 regular meeting for review and approval.

Motion by Friedrich/Laymon to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote. All present voted yes including the Chairman

Chairman Soeldner presented prepaid bills in the amount of \$162,807.33. Global equipment company. Mr. Stokes went over purchase of racking to hold spreaders.

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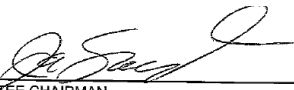
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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Transportation Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0120	HIGHWAY		\$149,633.35	\$149,633.35
0121	BRIDGE MATCHING FUND		\$5,195.50	\$5,195.50
0123	MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$278.48	\$278.48
0501	TOWNSHIP MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
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			\$162,607.33	\$162,607.33


COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Thompson/Friedrich to recommend payment of bills as submitted by the County Auditor in the amount of \$162,607.33.

Motion carried. Roll call vote – all present voted yes including the Chairman.

Chairman Soeldner confirmed with Ms. Rodriguez there were no appearances by members of the public or employees.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve an Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) FY 2022 Section 5311 Formula Application for Rural Areas Operating Assistance. Mr. Stokes introduced Ms. Sicks. Ms. Sicks indicated this was a yearly application for Federal and State assistance for ShowBus. She stated ShowBus provides transportation in rural areas of McLean County. She indicated there might be changes with the new administration, but this is the core funding for ShowBus.

Motion by Thompson/Laymon to recommend approval of an Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) FY 2022 Section 5311 Formula Application for Rural Areas Operating Assistance

Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote – all present voted yes including the Chairman.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve an IDOT FY 2022 Downstate Operating Assistance Program (DOAP) Application for Rural Areas. Ms. Sicks stated that this is also an annual process of applying for funding from the State for downstate transportation providers.

Motion by Cline/Friedrich to recommend approval of an IDOT FY 2022 Downstate Operating Assistance Program (DOAP) Application for Rural Areas
Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote – all members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve a Purchase of Service Agreement between McLean County and SHOW BUS for Rural Public Transportation in FY 2022. This is agreement between McLean County and Show Bus to provide transportation for the County. Mr. Soeldner asked if other counties that we work with also submit applications.

Ms. Sicks indicated McLean County is the pass through for the other counties in the agreements.

Motion by Cline/Thompson to recommend approval of a Purchase of Service Agreement between McLean County and SHOW BUS for Rural Public Transportation in FY 2022.

Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote – all members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve a revised Vehicle Lease Agreement between McLean County and SHOW BUS. Ms. Sicks stated this agreement is between McLean and ShowBus for the use of vehicles. She stated Show Bus obtains and maintains the vehicles. Mr. Friedrich asked about outdated equipment and how those are removed from the ShowBus books. Ms. Laura Dick indicated they have to apply for disposal of older vehicles with high mileage and that sometimes that process can take up to 3 years. She indicated knowing that they keep their list of requests up to date. She also indicated that they try to keep vehicles in service as long as possible.

Motion by Laymon/Thompson to recommend approval of a revised Vehicle Lease Agreement between McLean County and SHOW BUS.

Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote – all members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve a Resolution for February 23, 2021 Project & Material Letting and February 23, 2021 Equipment Letting. Mr. Stokes went over projects included in the letting. Mr. Stokes then went over the equipment letting that included a high hoe and sign truck. He went over the crane bids and indicated the company they chose offered a better crane. Mr. Stokes indicated that they decided to purchase a high hoe because they had been renting one regularly for the past few years to help with the bigger culverts. Mr. Soeldner asked if we would have to take the truck to St. Louis to have the crane installed. Mr. Stokes stated could probably be worked out for them to come to us, but he was not sure. Mr. Soeldner stated he did not want to add expense for travel. Mr. Stokes indicated they had taken that into consideration when they selected this company. Mr. Friedrich asked if high hoe had detachable bucket and thumb to make more versatile. Mr. Stokes confirmed it did. Ms. Laymon asked how much they rent equipment. Mr. Stokes indicated they only rent special items, but we have been using the high hoe more and more and felt this would be a better investment of County funds as it was a buy back program. He provided examples of other equipment they rent including stump grinders and lifts

Motion by Laymon/Cline to recommend approval of Resolution for February 23, 2021 Project & Material Letting and Equipment Letting.

Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote – all members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve Engineering Services Agreement with Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc., Horse Farm Road (CH 21) – Section 19-

00058-07-WR. Mr. Stokes indicated they sent out requests for proposals for design work for the Horse Farm Road project. Mr. Soeldner asked if this was a new firm. Mr. Stokes indicate the firm has been around, but they do more work in southern Illinois.

Motion by Friedrich/Thompson to recommend approval of Engineering Services Agreement with Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc., Horse Farm Road (CH 21) – Section 19-00058-07-WR

Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote – all members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve Engineering Services Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Hoffman Bridge, Section 21-00153-03-BR – Colfax Road (CH 13). Mr. Stokes showed pictures of Hoffman bridge and went over work that needs to be done. Mr. Soeldner stated there are not a lot of options coming from southwest into Colfax and asked how long this project would take. Mr. Stokes indicated the project was slated for 2023 and they want to start end of April and work through summer. He stated this was to get the design work started in case there are environmental issues. Mr. Soeldner asked if safety was an issue. Mr. Stokes indicated it was not at that point but want to get it done before it becomes an issue. Ms. Laymon asked about equal employment opportunity section and in line with the Illinois Human Rights Act language. She wanted to make sure that we include language for protected classes and hoped we would make sure it was included in the future. Ms. Rodriguez thanked her for bringing that to staff's attention and indicated legal would look at it. Mr. Webb stated that since work was not on docket to be done until 2023 would they be monitoring the bridge regularly to keep up on safety. Mr. Stokes went over regularity of inspections and rating system inspections are based on. He noted that it is a 10-point scale and they put bridges into rotation to be fixed well before they get to the lower rating stage where safety would be a concern.

Motion by Cline/Laymon to recommend approval of Engineering Services Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Hoffman Bridge, Section 21-00153-03-BR – Colfax Road (CH 13)

Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote – all members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve Bridge Fund Resolution, Brookside Bridge Deck Repair, Downs Road (CH 36) – Section 20-00145-05-BR. Mr. Stokes went over pictures of the bridge and explained the work to be done on that project. Mr. Soeldner asked how long this process takes. Mr. Stokes indicated once started they have to be done in about 4 weeks. Mr. Friedrich asked about start date. Mr. Stokes indicate this action item was for the letting and anticipated work would be done over the summer.

Motion by Friedrich/Thompson to recommend approval of Bridge Fund Resolution, Brookside Bridge Deck Repair, Downs Road (CH 36) – Section 20-00145-05-BR

Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote – all members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve Bridge Construction Petition for Bridge Deck Repair, Dry Grove Road District – Diveley Bridge, Section 20-15130-00-BR. Mr. Stokes went over project which was similar to the previous action item.

Motion by Webb/Cline to recommend approval of Bridge Construction Petition for Bridge Deck Repair, Dry Grove Road District – Diveley Bridge, Section 20-15130-00-BR

Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote – all members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve Engineering Services Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick – Bansau Bridge, Martin Road District, Section 21-22140-00-BR. Mr. Stokes went over pictures of this project, explained what scour meant and showed diagrams to illustrate to the Committee how a scour hole is made and what it means for the bridge structure. He stated they monitor bridge when it floods and have been monitoring this bridge for several years. He stated they need to do some counter measures to extend the life of the bridge. He went over project including where they would put in rip rap.

Motion by Thompson/Laymon to recommend approval of Engineering Services Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick – Bansau Bridge, Martin Road District, Section 21-22140-00-BR

Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote – all members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve Engineering Services Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick – Moore’s Mill Bridge, Mount Hope Road District, Section 21-24121-00-BR. He showed pictures of bridge and issues that need to be resolved. He showed them location of bridge and stated they have to monitor this bridge when it floods because of the sandy soil. Ms. Laymon asked how long the rip rap will help fix. Mr. Stokes indicate it should help through the life cycle of the bridge.

Motion by Thompson/Laymon to recommend approval of Engineering Services Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick – Moore’s Mill Bridge, Mount Hope Road District, Section 21-24121-00-BR

Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote – all members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Chairman Soeldner presented for action a request to approve Engineering Services Agreement with Cummins Engineering Corporation, Anchor Road District, Meiners II Bridge – Section 21-02124-00-BR. Mr. Stokes went over pictures of this project in Anchor township scheduled for 2022.

Motion by Friedrich/Laymon to recommend approval of Engineering Services Agreement with Cummins Engineering Corporation, Anchor Road District, Meiners II Bridge – Section 21-02124-00-BR

Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote – all members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Chairman Soeldner indicated next was positions filled. Mr. Stokes went over position hired.

Mr. Soeldner asked about signs for the Mr. Bundy road designation. Mr. Stokes indicated a sign company wanted to donate signs for the project, they hoped to order later this week and have them up soon after receipt. Mr. Soeldner stated had bad weather this last month and asked how our equipment and manpower fared. Mr. Stokes indicate aside from mailboxes equipment was doing and then having last weekend off it was good for the workers. Mr. Soeldner stated he appreciated their hard work.

Chairman Soeldner asked if Ms. Rodriguez if she had anything for the committee. Ms. Rodriguez thanked Mr. Stokes, Sheriff Sandage and Chief Judge Fellheimer for their assistance to determine the February 16, 2021 snow day for the County. She thanked Jerry and his staff for all their hard work. Chairman Soeldner and asked if the Committee had any questions for Ms. Rodriguez; hearing none he thanked her.

Chairman Soeldner asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee, hearing none he adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Morlock

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Recording Secretary