HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: January 13, 2015
LOCATION: Kendall County Highway Department
MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Koukol, Jeff Wehrli, Judy Gilmour, Matt Prochaska
STAFF PRESENT: Fran Klaas, Andy Myers
ALSO PRESENT: Kelly Farley, Melonie Fuoss, Rich Yost, Robert Schroedter, and Chris Kalischefski

The committee meeting convened at 4:00 P.M. with roll call of committee members. Gryder absent. Quorum established.

Agenda approved after removal of all items related to #8 and #9 having to do with the jurisdictional transfer of Old Ridge Road.

Motion Gilmour; second Prochaska to approve the Highway Committee Minutes from the November 10, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Representatives from Speedway, LLC were back at the Highway Committee to petition the Committee to allow full access to Galena Road in the NE quad of the Galena Road / Rte 47 intersection. Galena Road is classified as an Access 2 County Highway, requiring ¼-mile spacing for full-access, private entrances. Speedway is proposing to have a full access located just 700’ from Route 47. The next full access to the east is Rosenwinkle Drive. Speedway has moved their proposed full access slightly to the east and is proposing to provide an eastbound left turn lane into the site, as well as additional widening to connect to the 3-lane pavement that was constructed by Bristol Bay several years ago. In order to build the 3-lane pavement, they would have to construct some temporary curb and gutter on the south side of Galena Road due to insufficient right-of-way and the presence of several public utilities. The Committee’s discussion centered around the possibility of just accepting money from Speedway, and taking on the road widening as a county project. This would require additional right-of-way from the property owner on the south side of Galena, but would allow for the relocation of public utilities and wouldn’t require any temporary roadway improvements that would have to be removed at a later date. There was also discussion about the proposed improvements to Route 47 and how that might affect the widening of Galena Road. Speedway’s engineer, Corporate Design & Development Group, LLC, indicated that they could provide the IDS for the Galena / Rte. 47 intersection to the County for review. Pending further review of the Route 47 improvements, and coordination with the property owner to the south, it was the consensus of the Committee that they would like to work with Speedway to try to make this work. The matter will be brought back to a future Committee meeting.

A resolution to change the name of “Mitchel Drive” to “Mitchell Drive” and the name of “Mitchel Court” to “Mitchell Court” was presented to the Committee. Gilmour and Prochaska praised GIS personnel for attempting to clean up these issues. Motion Gilmour; second Prochaska to forward a resolution to the County Board to make the necessary changes. Motion approved unanimously.
Results of a bid opening on January 9, 2015 were presented to the Committee. Coffman Truck Sales bid a total of $163,792.21 to provide new, 2015 trucks, including a 4WD ½-ton pickup truck, (2) diesel crew cab pickup trucks, and a 1-ton dump truck with box, spreader and plow. Motion Wehrli; second Prochaska to forward the low bid to the County Board for consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Gilmour; second Koukol to forward to the County Board a Resolution Requesting the Consent of the Department of Transportation to the Reappointment of the Incumbent County Engineer. Motion carried unanimously.

Under the Chairman’s Report, Koukol reported that he had been in contact with Mike Testin in regard to the removal of the old shed in the northwest quad of the Caton Farm Road / Ridge Road intersection. The County has been trying to negotiate removal of the shed for many months because the shed partially blocks the view of southbound vehicles. Koukol expects to have an update for the Committee in the very near future.

Koukol reported that the County and HR Green are receiving an American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) Merit Award for the Grove Road relocation at Ill. Rte. 126.

Koukol also reported that Jeff Wehrli will be the Vice Chairman of the Highway Committee.

In other business, Klaas reported that Randy Blankenhorn has been named the new Secretary of Transportation for the State of Illinois, and Prochaska reported that Tom Cross is being named the Executive Director of the Illinois Tollway.

Motion Wehrli; second Prochaska to forward Highway Department bills for the month of January in the amount of $93,713.80 to Finance Committee for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis C. Klaas, P.E.
Kendall County Engineer

ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution renaming “Mitchel Drive” to “Mitchell Drive” and the name of “Mitchel Court” to “Mitchell Court”.

2. Bid from Coffman Truck Sales in the amount of $163,792.21 to provide new, 2015 trucks, including a 4WD ½-ton pickup truck, (2) diesel crew cab pickup trucks, and a 1-ton dump truck with box, spreader and plow.

3. Resolution Requesting Consent of the Department of Transportation to the Reappointment of the Incumbent County Engineer.