DATE: February 13, 2018
LOCATION: Kendall County Highway Department
MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Kellogg, Scott Gryder, Judy Gilmour, Lynn Cullick and Bob Davidson
STAFF PRESENT: Ginger Gates, Fran Klaas and John Burscheid
ALSO PRESENT: PJ Fitzpatrick, Kelly Farley, and Nathan Holmer

The committee meeting convened at 4:05 P.M. with roll call of committee members. All present. Quorum established.

Motion Gryder; second Gilmour to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Cullick, second Gryder to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from January 9, 2018. Motion approved unanimously.

Engineering agreement between Kendall County and Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc. was presented to the committee. The agreement provides for NBIS inspections of Kendall County Bridges for 2018 and 2019 and has a cost of $48,150. Motion Davidson; second Cullick to recommend approval of the agreement to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Davidson; second Cullick to recommend approval of an agreement between Illinois Department of Transportation and Kendall County providing for participation in the County Engineers Salary Program. The 6-year agreement allows the County to use federal funds to pay for 50% of the county engineer’s salary in Kendall County. Motion carried unanimously.

Bid opening was held for sign truck body with a telescopic crane. This truck body will be placed on a State-Bid Ford F-450 cab and chassis. There were 3 companies that drew bid packages; but only one submitted a bid. That bidder was Bonnell Industries, Inc. at $42,825. Motion Davidson; second Gryder to recommend approval of the low bid from Bonnell Industries. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Cullick; second Gryder to recommend approval of a resolution for seasonal posting of certain roads on the Kendall County Highway System. Those roads are Grove Road from Sherrill Road to U.S. Route 52, Plattville-Chicago Road, Van Emmon Road, and Whitewillow Road. Signs are erected as soon as approved by the County Board, and must be removed before the maximum of 90 days. Motion carried 4-1 with Davidson voting no.

Motion Gryder; second Cullick to recommend approval of a resolution appropriating $650,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the resurfacing of Little Rock Road from U.S. Route 34 to Galena Road. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion Gryder; second Cullick to recommend approval of a resolution appropriating $750,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the resurfacing of Grove Road from Illinois Route 126 to Plainfield Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kellogg asked the committee to consider current rules to the Kendall County Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and whether there was any inclination to changing some of the regulations. Klaas provided a review of the current program, as well as a list of talking points for potential changes. The County is currently putting about 1% of the Transportation Sales Tax into the TAP Fund. Gryder asked whether the Forest Preserve was eligible. They are eligible and have already received some TAP obligations as shown on the spreadsheet that tracks TAP Funds. They would not currently be eligible for projects along the Fox River, because current rules require the projects to be along State or County Highways.

Davidson warned about making the program too big. If rules are loosened, the County might be inundated with applications. He wanted to continue to keep the funds for construction only. He also wanted to keep most all of the current rules, and then if there is an exception, like Kennedy Road, they can come and petition the County. Kellogg asked what the current balance was in the TAP Fund. Klaas indicated that there is about $60,000 in unobligated funds for 2018, as well as about $125,000 in obligated funds from previous years. Gryder concurred that keeping most of the current rules was a good thing. The committee discussed the Collins Road Extension project, and how the County is not proposing path construction as part of the initial road construction, but would rely on the Village or the Park District to work with developers to get those facilities built.

Cullick thought that the County should keep the idea of increasing TAP Funds on the radar, but also agreed that engineering and land acquisition should not be eligible. After careful consideration of the TAP rules, the general consensus of the committee was to keep current rules, consider increasing the funding at a future date, and have any agencies with projects that don’t meet current eligibility criteria, come before the committee to discuss.

P.J. Fitzpatrick provided update of the Collins Road Extension Phase I Engineering progress, and also discussed project readiness and funding.

Klaas updated the committee that he was reviewing the draft report of the Galena Road Corridor Study. Also expected to receive the draft report of the WIKADUKE Trail Alignment Study by the end of this month. He also made a recommendation to the committee to spend money on resurfacing Brisbin Road as part of the Grove Road detour. After inspection of Brisbin Road, it is evident that improvements will have to be made to the road to make it sufficiently smooth and safe as a county highway detour. Expected cost for resurfacing, aggregate shoulders and striping is $180,000. Davidson asked who would be responsible for the road during actual detour. Klaas indicated that the County would be responsible for designing, bidding, constructing and maintaining the roadway surface until the detour is no longer used. The road maintenance would then be turned back over to Village of Plattville and Seward Township. James Webb, Assistant State’s Attorney, has drafted an IGA with the other agencies to delineate each agency’s responsibilities. Consensus of the committee was to moved forward with agreement.

Kellogg and Gryder discussed several State projects, including I-80 improvements and Route 47 improvements between Yorkville and Sugar Grove.

Klaas reported that IDOT had completed compliance reviews for Motor Fuel Taxes and Township Bridge Program. They will be presented to County Board on 2-20-18.
Motion Cullick; second Gilmour to forward Highway Department bills for the month of February in the amount of $248,933.10 to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Action Items**

1. Engineering Agreement between Kendall County and Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc. in the amount of $48,150 to perform NBIS inspections on County Bridges for 2018 and 2019.

2. Agreement between Illinois Department of Transportation and Kendall County providing for participation in the County Engineer’s Salary Program.

3. Award bid to Bonnell Industries, Inc. in the amount of $42,825 to provide a sign truck body with telescopic crane.

4. Resolution authorizing the posting of seasonal weight limit restrictions on certain County Highways.

5. Resolution appropriating $650,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the resurfacing of Little Rock Road from U.S. Route 34 to Galena Road.

6. Resolution appropriating $750,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the resurfacing of Grove Road from Illinois Route 126 to Plainfield Road.