The committee meeting convened at 4:00 P.M. with roll call of Committee members. All present.

Mary Dalton, Secretary of the Millbrook Estates Homeowners Association, requested that the County look into the speed limits on Fox River Drive near Stonewall North and South, as well as investigate the possibility of putting in no-passing-zones along Fox River Drive in the vicinity of both entrances. She submitted a signed petition from several residents of the subdivision supporting these actions. She said that people are driving too fast and trying to pass at the entrances. The Committee discussed the matter and asked several questions of Mary. The County Engineer reminded the Committee that the County Board is supposed to base the setting of speed limits on a speed study, which the County performed in 2012. He also discussed the guidelines for setting no passing zones. Gilmour suggested that the 55 mph speed limit be moved further south from S. Stonewall Dr. Klaas believed that there would be enough flexibility in the speed zone that this could be done.

Chief Steve Eaves asked the Committee when they might be able to lower the speed limit on Little Rock Road, considering that a roundabout is now proposed at the intersection with Creek Road. Klaas discussed the specifics of the proposed project, and the fact that a design element of the proposed roundabout is to have the posted speed in advance of the roundabout set at 45 mph. Chief Eaves also discussed some of the serious crashes that have occurred at said intersection over the years. He talked about the desire to provide safety for the kids in proximity to the high school. The Committee discussed the idea of lowering the speed limit in advance of the roundabout construction and was not opposed to this action. They agreed to discuss an ordinance to change the speed limit next month (March).

A resolution to post certain county highways for the spring season was presented to the Committee. All roads that had been posted in previous years will be posted again this year, with the exception of Eldomain Road. It is necessary to keep Eldomain Road unposted so that construction of the River Road Bridge will be unrestricted. Motion Wehrli; second Prochaska to recommend approval of the resolution to the County Board. Motion passed unanimously.

A resolution to spend MFT funds for the improvement of Grove Road from U.S. Rte. 52 to Ill. Rte. 126 was presented to the Committee. The improvement includes the construction of safety shoulders and a relatively thick asphalt overlay. Total estimated cost for the project is
approximately $2.3 million. Motion Gilmour; second Cesich to recommend approval of the MFT resolution to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

The latest version of the Ben Street Intergovernmental Agreement was presented to the Committee. There have been no substantive changes to the Agreement since it was last reviewed by the Committee. Actual street improvements to Ben Street are a couple years away. Motion Wehrli; second Gilmour to recommend approval of the IGA to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Klaas presented a spreadsheet to the Committee to outline the proposed method of funding of TAP projects. Gilmour was concerned that the County shouldn’t approve future funding for these projects, but only the amount that has been currently approved by the Board. Prochaska agreed that only this fiscal year’s allotment should be obligated. Gilmour also had some concerns about the maintenance of sidewalks, and exactly what level of maintenance is required. The Committee discussed maintenance and liability issues, and then agreed to announce the successful applicants in March.

The Committee reviewed the idea of farming the extra right-of-way along Eldamain Road from Menards to Galena Road. This is the area of road that will be improved in a couple years, but at this time has an extra 15 acres of tillable ground that should now have a cover crop planted so that the County isn’t violating our own storm water ordinance. The Committee discussed the concept and specifics of trying to farm the long, narrow strips of right-of-way. The consensus of the Committee was to move forward with the idea of leasing this extra right-of-way. The County Engineer indicated that this would go to bid at the beginning of March and the bids would be brought before the Highway Committee and County Board at the regularly-scheduled meetings in March.

A right-of-entry Agreement between Kendall County and Illinois Railways was brought before the Committee. This Agreement is necessary due to the proposed highway and bridge work proposed on Fox River Drive at Hollenback Creek. The County’s SAO is negotiating the specifics of the Agreement with the Railroad. Motion Wehrli; second Prochaska to recommend approval of the Agreement to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

A joint meeting of the Kendall County Highway Committee and Grundy County Highway Committee has been scheduled for Friday, April 12, 2013 at 8 AM at the Grundy County Highway Department. Chairman Koukol reminded everyone that the meeting should be posted as part of the Open Meetings Act.

Wehrli discussed CMAP’s Go To 2040 Plan, in which they indicate that Prairie Parkway money would be spent on Route 47 from Caton Farm Road to I-80. Jeff thought that we should notify CMAP that there are things in the works to possibly move this funding to other areas along Route 47. He wanted to make sure that CMAP was aware of this and could possibly reflect that in their Plan. He thought that a letter should be sent to CMAP as quickly as possible. Chairman Koukol indicated that he would be attending a meeting on Thursday to discuss the idea of Route 47 funding with local elected officials. A letter could be sent to CMAP immediately after that meeting indicating the desires of the local elected officials.
Motion Cesich; second Wehrli to forward payroll and bills for the month of February to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Highway Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kendall County Engineer

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Spring Road Posting Resolution
2. MFT Resolution for Grove Road
3. IGA for Ben Street in Plano
4. Illinois Railways Right-of-Entry Agreement