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

There were two bidders vying for the right to farm the excess right-of-way along Eldamain Road from Menards to Galena Road. High bidder was Bob Davidson Farms at $50/acre. Second bidder was Ronald Cooper at $22/acre. Motion Gilmour; second Wehrli to accept the highest bid from Bob Davidson Farms and to enter into a lease agreement with him. Motion carried unanimously.

An ordinance was presented to the Committee to provide a reduced speed limit on Little Rock Road from U.S. Route 34 to Meyer Road, a total distance of about 1.8 miles. The speed limit would be reduced from 55 mph to 45 mph. Motion Gilmour; second Wehrli to recommend approval of the reduced speed limit to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee again reviewed the applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The County Engineer provided a revised summary of the recommendations for approving certain applications, making sure not to obligate any more than the $50,000 that will be placed in this fund this fiscal year. Gilmour was concerned that other Board Members might want or need more information. She suggested that the four applicants come to the County Board and make a presentation describing their projects. Committee members were concerned that this might delay the announcement of successful applicants, which is supposed to occur by April 1st. After discussing the matter, the Committee agreed to have someone from the Highway Department attend the County Board meeting and discuss the TAP Program and describe each of the applications. Motion Wehrli; second Prochaska to recommend approval of the four applicants to the Kendall County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

An engineering agreement with WBK was presented to the Committee. WBK’s original feasibility study for the Orchard/Minkler/Collins/Grove Corridor was completed last year, and the County Board approved the preferred alignment. There is additional work remaining, however, to solidify the exact location of the proposed centerline so that the Village of Oswego would be able to make efforts to prepare plats, legals, and actually acquire the necessary rights-of-way. The Committee also discussed the fact that there is currently no written intergovernmental agreement governing the efforts of each agency. There is also no construction money in the County’s 5-year plan to build this improvement. But the Committee agreed that it was best to continue to move the important project forward. Motion Wehrli; second Prochaska
to recommend approval of the WBK Agreement, not to exceed $33,000. Motion carried unanimously.

A supplement to the original engineering agreement with HW Lochner was presented to the Committee. The supplement would cover the remaining efforts to complete all engineering for the paving contract located at Ridge Road and Ill. Rte. 126. The paving contract will be put out to bid later this calendar year or in the spring of 2014. The plans are about 70% complete, but there remains considerable efforts to coordinate the improvement with IDOT and Village of Plainfield. The supplement has a cost of not-to-exceed $70,000. Motion Wehrli; second Prochaska to recommend approval of the supplemental engineering agreement with HW Lochner. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee considered a resolution to appropriate the annual salary of the county engineer, as required by the County Engineers Salary Program. Annual salary is set at $104,216 beginning May 20, 2013, reflecting a 2% raise. Motion Prochaska; second Wehrli to recommend approval of the county engineer’s salary to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Under “Other Business”, Chairman Koukol asked about a $900 bill from Illinois Railways. Board Chairman Shaw informed the Committee that the fee is a right-of-entry fee required by the railroad, which would allow the County to enter the railroad’s right-of-way to lower the road about 12” so that large trucks wouldn’t continue to hit the railroad bridge.

County Engineer informed the Committee about a public informational meeting for the proposed Ill. Rte. 47 improvements, from Caton Farm Road to Ill. Rte. 71. That meeting will be held from 4 PM to 7 PM at the Hoover Forest Preserve.

Fran asked the Committee for direction in regard to the bulk rock salt contract. The County has the option to bid out salt for the next winter season through Central Management Services (State Bid); or the County can renew the existing contract with Morton Salt. If renewed, the price per ton for salt could not go up by more than 5%. With the uncertainty in salt prices and fuel prices, the Committee was inclined to simply renew the existing contract.

Fran also informed the Committee of a very unusual situation in which the IEPA notified the Kendall County Highway Department of the fact that they have no paperwork in their files documenting the effort the County made to remove 3 underground fuel storage tanks in 1995. The County’s Consultant, the Morris Landfill, and the Highway Department are all searching their archives to try to recreate and determine what actually took place back then when the tanks were removed. The State’s Attorneys Office has been informed of the situation.

Motion Gilmour; second Wehrli to forward payroll and bills for the month of March to the Finance Committee. Motion approved unanimously.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM.
Respectfully submitted,

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Farm Lease Bid w/ Bob Davidson Farms at $50/acre
2. 45 mph Speed Limit Ordinance on Little Rock Road
3. Approve TAP Applications
   a. City of Yorkville - $5,000
   b. Village of Oswego - $15,000
   c. Oswegoland Park District - $10,000
   d. Village of Lisbon - $20,000
4. Engineering Agreement w/ WBK, nte $33,000
5. Supplemental Engineering Agreement w/ HW Lochner, nte $70,000
6. County Engineer’s Salary Resolution