The committee meeting convened at 4:02 P.M. with roll call of committee members. Elizabeth Flowers absent. Quorum established.

Motion Cullick; second Davidson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Cullick, second Gryder to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from March 14, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Bart Olson from City of Yorkville and Lynn Dubajic from Yorkville Economic Development Corporation made a request for additional funds from the Transportation Alternatives Program to assist in funding the multi-use trail along Kennedy Road. The County is already committed to funding $50,000 from the TAP fund. Bart Olson said that the project is out to bid with Illinois Department of Transportation. Total cost of the project is estimated at about $1.7 million with an 80/20 split. Push for the Path Committee, a not-for-profit corporation, has currently raised almost the entire local share of the cost. They are just a little bit short, and so wanted the County to consider increasing the $50,000 another $30,000 for a total of $80,000. Davidson was not completely supportive of the additional amount. He suggested that perhaps the City should put up the additional money, since they currently have no money in the project. Gryder asked about the monies in the TAP Fund. Klaas indicated that there is currently $40,000 of unobligated monies in the Fund. He also discussed the regional significance of this trail, and how important it was in linking different communities. The Committee then viewed some maps on how the Kennedy Trail links to other trails in the area. They also discussed how this trail links to the City Park at Galena Road and Kennedy Road. Gryder was supportive of the project because of its regional significance, and Cullick stated that the TAP Fund could support this grant to Yorkville. Motion Cullick; second Gryder to send the proposal for an additional $30,000 from the TAP Fund to the County Board for consideration. All ayes, with Kellogg voting “present”.

Bid results for 20 road and bridge projects from the March 31, 2017 bid opening were presented to the committee. These projects include both County and Township work. The County is the awarding authority for all County projects and all Township motor fuel tax projects. In general, bid prices were well below the engineer’s estimates. Motion Davidson; second Cullick to recommend approval of all low bidders for the County and Township projects to the County Board. Motion approved unanimously.

Bid results for a new front end loader were presented to the Committee. Casey Equipment was low bidder for a JCB 437ZX at $131,200. West Side Tractor was second low bidder with a John
Deere 624K II at $151,824.69. Klaas recommended awarding the bid to the second low bidder due to the low bid not meeting specifications is several areas. Kellogg added that the trade in on the JCB would be much lower than the Deere when it is traded in. Davidson asked about Caterpillar. Klaas stated that the Highway Department currently has a Cat 928 loader, and they love it; but the new machine won’t fit in the Department’s overhead door, because it is too tall. Motion Davidson; second Cullick to recommend award of the bid to West Side Tractor for a 2017 John Deere 624K II at a price of $151,824.69.

Motion Cullick; second Gryder to recommend approval of the preliminary engineering agreement between Kendall County and Cemcon, Ltd. to provide an alignment study of the W1KAUDKE Trail at a cost of $49,117. Motion carried. Davidson voted “no”.

John Burscheid presented information on a deteriorated concrete box culvert located on Little Rock Road north of Vilmin Road. The double 9’x8’ box culvert is in pretty bad shape and cannot be fixed easily because of the deteriorated concrete ends. It is nearly 70 years old. The skew of the box culvert may also make this structure qualify as a bridge by IDOT and AASHTO standards. If that is the case, then this structure will probably have to have weight limitations posted. Klaas indicated that it was important to move quickly to have the culvert replaced, although he did not believe the condition of the culvert made the roadway unsafe. Motion Cullick; second Gryder to recommend approval of an engineering agreement between Kendall County and Willett Hofmann & Associates to provide all preliminary engineering for the replacement project at a cost not-to-exceed $103,436.47. Motion carried unanimously.

P.J. Fitzpatrick provided an update of the Collins Road Extension Project. A recent meeting with FHWA on April 6, 2017 gained approval of the purpose and need for the project. They were also able to eliminate one of the alignment alternatives. They received agreement to pursue a Categorical Exclusion for the project, and they also got approval of the project termini. So the most recent meeting was very successful. Work will continue incrementally on the engineering for the project; and all Phase I efforts should still be completed by the end of the calendar year. Next efforts will center on engaging Oswego a little more in the project specifics.

Motion Davidson; second Gryder to forward Highway Department bills for the month of April in the amount of $44,274.97 to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion to approve bills carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kendall County Engineer
Action Items

1. Consideration to increase the KC-TAP funding for Kennedy Road Path from the current $50,000 to a proposed $80,000.

2. Resolution awarding all County and Township Motor Fuel Tax projects to the low bidders, as identified on said resolution.

3. Award bid to West Side Tractor in the amount of $151,824.69 for a new 2017 John Deere 624K II front end loader.

4. Preliminary Engineering Agreement between Kendall County and Cemcon, Ltd. to study the alignment of the WIKAUDKE Trail at a cost of $49,117; said funds to be taken from the Transportation Sales Tax Fund.

5. Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement between Kendall County and Willett Hofmann & Associates for replacement of a double box culvert on Little Rock Road at a cost not-to-exceed $103,436.47; said funds to be taken from the Transportation Sales Tax Fund.