DATE:        April 9, 2013
LOCATION:    Kendall County Highway Department
MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Koukol, Judy Gilmour, Jeff Wehrli, Matt Prochaska & Amy Cesich
STAFF PRESENT: Fran Klaas, Andy Myers, Ginger Gates & John Burscheid
ALSO PRESENT: Kelly Farley, Bob Davidson

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

The Eldamain Road Farm Lease was discussed by the Committee. Chairman Koukol indicated that there were some provisions in the Agreement that were unacceptable to the farmer. Koukol indicated that if the farmer is still interested, he should strike out the things that he doesn’t like and return the draft to the State’s Attorney for final review. The farmer, Bob Davidson, discussed his reservations about this work being subject to prevailing wages, which is a concern for both him and the County. He also said that if the Agreement isn’t finalized very soon, he will no longer be interested. Klaas discussed some of the specifics of prevailing wage laws and the definition of public works. Cesich indicated that it would be important to make a determination on whether this work would be considered a public work. Koukol also indicated that the Highway Department had a backup plan in the event we couldn’t come to terms on the Agreement. This will be listed as an action item, pending approval by the SAO.

The intergovernmental agreement between City of Joliet and Kendall County has been finalized and signed by the City of Joliet. It governs the improvements to be made at the intersection of Caton Farm Road and Ridge Road. Wehrli was concerned about the fact there was no language in the Agreement regarding any procedures for cutting up the pavement for utility repairs or improvements. Klaas indicated that he was comfortable with the Agreement, which was drafted by the Kendall SAO. Motion Gilmour; second Prochaska to recommend approval of the Agreement to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

The modified preliminary engineering services agreement between WBK and Kendall County was presented to the Committee. This agreement had gone to the County Board in March, but no action had been taken. The general terms and conditions of the agreement were updated to comply with other WBK agreements. The agreement is now ready for Board action.

A supplement to the preliminary engineering services agreement between Hutchison Engineering and Kendall County was presented to the Committee. This is not a new agreement, but simply a supplement to the original agreement between the two parties. The extra $15,000 is necessary to modify the plans and specifications of the Caton Farm Road and Ridge Road project. At Joliet’s request, the limits of the project are being changed, and several traffic signal and lighting specifications are being modified. Motion Wehrli; second Cesich to recommend approval of the supplement to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.
The County Engineer discussed the history of the buried fuel tanks at the Highway Department, the fact that they were removed by permit in 1995, and the fact that no final paperwork was ever filed with the IEPA by the County’s consultant. The County, the County’s Consultant and the Morris landfill are all searching for records pertaining to the tank removal. The Treasurer could not find any evidence that the County ever got a bill or paid the County’s tank removal consultant. Gilmour asked if the County even kept records from that long ago. In an effort to solve this problem, Klaas contacted Huff & Huff, Inc., Environmental Engineers, who are able to assist the County in complying with current Federal and State laws pertaining to buried fuel tanks. Remedial work will initially require significant numbers of soil borings around the site of the old buried tanks, analysis of the samples, as well as filing the necessary paperwork and coordinating with IEPA. The proposal from Huff & Huff was for $13,535 to complete these tasks. Because of the very narrow timeline, the Committee authorized the County Engineer to sign the proposal and begin the process. Motion Werhli; second Koukol to approve the proposal from Huff & Huff, not to exceed $14,000. By roll-call-vote, the motion was approved unanimously. Chairman Koukol and the Committee also agreed to discuss the matter at C.O.W. and bring the Board Members up to date on the issue.

A list of bidders from the April 5, 2013 bid opening were presented to the Committee. There were 18 county and township projects bid, having a total combined estimate of $7,722,000. The combined total of all the low bids was only $6,018,476; about 22% below the estimate. Individual estimates varied both higher and lower. The County Board will be the awarding authority for 16 of the 18 projects. A resolution has been prepared to approve the low bidders for the 16 projects. Motion Gilmour; second Prochaska to recommend approval of all the low bidders to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Eldamain Road Farm Lease Agreement
2. IGA w/ Joliet for Intersection of Caton Farm Road & Ridge Road
3. Engineering Agreement w/ WBK for Minkler/Collins - $33,000
4. Engineering Supplement w/ Hutchison Engr. - $15,000
5. County and Township Road & Bridge Project Bids