HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: July 9, 2019
LOCATION: Kendall County Highway Department
MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Gryder, Amy Cesich, Judy Gilmour Matt Kellogg and Matt Prochaska
STAFF PRESENT: Ginger Gates, Fran Klaas and John Burscheid
ALSO PRESENT: Kelly Farley and Eric Rose

The committee meeting convened at 3:30 P.M. with roll call of committee members. All present. Quorum established.

Motion Prochaska; second Cesich, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Prochaska; second Cesich, to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from June 11, 2019. Motion approved unanimously.

An intergovernmental agreement between Kendall County and the City of Yorkville relating to the asphalt resurfacing of Mill Road was presented to the committee. Motion Kellogg; second Prochaska to recommend approval of this IGA to the Kendall County Board. Klaas stated that the final draft of the IGA is still being worked out between Kendall’s SAO and Yorkville’s counsel, and may not be ready for the next board meeting. Agreement may also be affected by the outcome of CMT’s intersection feasibility study of Galena / Kennedy / Mill Road. The agreement itself would provide for the County to prepare all engineering, bidding documents, and inspection, while Yorkville would pay for the contract construction costs. Gryder reminded committee of the high traffic count on Mill Road. He also thought it would be good to put on board agenda, where it could be removed if final draft was not ready to go. Motion approved unanimously.

A Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement between Kendall County and Hutchison Engineering, Inc. for intersection improvements at U.S. Route 52 and Ridge Road was presented to the committee. Agreement has not-to-exceed cost of $180,000. Funds would be taken from Transportation Sales Tax Fund. Motion Gryder; second Prochaska to recommend approval of the Agreement to the County Board. Klaas reported that since the recent passage of the State Capital Bill, IDOT has committed to pay their share of construction costs, as well as engineering costs, totaling 15% of estimated construction costs. So IDOT’s engineering payment would cover nearly all of preliminary engineering costs. Cesich asked and Klaas confirmed that construction is scheduled for 2021. Motion approved unanimously.

Committee discussed elements of the 5-Year Plan and updates to be made to the Plan in the next 60 days. Committee discussed timing of Caton Farm Bridge replacements. Kellogg alerted committee to narrow, deteriorated bridge on Schlapp Road, which would be the proposed detour route. Klaas will contact City of Joliet regarding this bridge. Kellogg suggested putting engineering in the Plan for the Fox Road realignment at Eldamain Road, due to extensive coordination required with the railroad. Members also discussed improvements to Little Rock
Road, Rock Creek Road, Walker Road, Millbrook Road and others. Cesich thought it would be good to keep engineering in the Plan on several projects because it takes so long to complete. Committee then discussed possible jurisdictional transfers of multiple other county and township highways, including Crimmins Road, Walker Road, River Road, and others. Klaas encouraged members to think about problem areas around the county, and provide feedback in an effort to finalize the 5-Year Plan update.

Gryder reported on meeting with local legislators and Village of Oswego to review and get support for Wolf Road project. He discussed some of the specifics of the project and the efforts to fund the improvements. He also discussed the possibility of transferring the Orchard Road pond to the Village of Oswego or the Oswegoland Park District. Committee was generally supportive of this idea.

Motion Prochaska; second Cesich to forward Highway Department bills for the month of July in the amount of $312,010.68 to the Finance Committee for approval. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Kelly Farley reported that the very preliminary analysis of the Galena / Kennedy / Mill intersection indicated that a roundabout might not be the preferred alternative. He said this is very preliminary, and CMT would be looking at other scenarios for preferred alternative.

Motion Prochaska; second Kellogg to adjourn the meeting at 4:29 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Action Items**

1. Intergovernmental agreement between Kendall County and the City of Yorkville relating to the asphalt resurfacing of Mill Road

2. Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement between Kendall County and Hutchison Engineering, Inc. for intersection improvements at U.S. Route 52 and Ridge Road at a cost not-to-exceed $180,000; said funds to be taken from the Transportation Sales Tax Fund.