HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: August 11, 2015
LOCATION: Kendall County Highway Department
MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Koukol, Jeff Wehrli, Scott Gryder, Judy Gilmour, and Matt Prochaska
STAFF PRESENT: Fran Klaas, Andy Myers, John Burscheid
ALSO PRESENT: Kelly Farley

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

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

Motion Gilmour; second Prochaska to approve the Highway Committee minutes from the July 14, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee discussed the proposed use of Newark Road as a detour route during the reconstruction of 3 bridges on Route 52. Wehrli stated that he would be much more comfortable allowing IDOT to detour traffic during spring and summer months as opposed to winter months. Committee also discussed the issuance of overweight permits. Gilmour asked why IDOT couldn’t use a shorter detour; but all of the other potential detour routes were township highways that probably weren’t capable of handling the additional traffic. She thought that IDOT should stage the construction and eliminate the detour route. Prochaska pointed out that the letter stated IDOT would pay for any damage to the detour route roadway. Klaas indicated that documenting damage is difficult and is almost always an argument at the end of the project. Prochaska was not inclined to approve the detour route as proposed. Koukol and Gryder thought that allowing the detour route on Newark Road would be acceptable as long as there was a stipulation to have the detour during the spring and summer months. It was also discussed that intermodal containers would not be allowed on Newark Road, as both the State’s Attorney and County Engineer believe that these are divisible loads.

City of Yorkville will hold a public hearing for a proposed development at Fountainview, immediately north of the Highway Department property. The Committee discussed the fact that the County has never been paid the $60,000 owed from a 2008 agreement, wherein the Highway Department removed a storage building and dedicated additional right-of-way to facilitate development of the Fountainview site. Prochaska volunteered to attend the public hearing to make sure that the developer and the City of Yorkville are aware that the $60,000 is still owed to the County. Gryder and Wehrli indicated that the County will be a legal objector unless the money owed is paid in full.

A resolution to approve the low bid of Corrective Asphalt Materials to apply crack filler on various county highways in the amount of $94,501 and to apply a restorative sealer in the amount of $222,950 was presented to the Committee. Motion Koukol; second Gilmour to recommend approval of the resolution to the County Board. Motion approved unanimously.
The County Engineer presented a revised overweight / overdimension permit schedule to the Committee. It provides for the issuance of limited continuous permits for overdimension and overweight vehicles, subject to certain conditions. The schedule and fees are based on the conditions and fees for State permits. Wehrli indicated that he would like the Highway Department to check on the fees for State permits to see if the County’s fees are still consistent with what the State charges. Motion Gryder; second Koukol to recommend approval of the revised schedule to the County Board.  Motion approved unanimously.

A summary of the proposed property tax levies for the FY 16 budget was presented to the Committee. The aggregate levy has not increased at all over the past 6 years. Koukol indicated that he would like to attend the presentation of the Highway Budgets to the Finance Committee. Wehrli asked whether the Transportation Sales Tax revenues were up or down. Klaas indicated that they are slightly up over last year’s revenues, even though the price of gas has gone down.

The proposed Surface Transportation Multi-Year Program was presented to the Committee. It includes nearly $50 million worth of road and bridge projects programmed over the next 5 years. The County Engineer discussed specifics of certain projects, and also the idea of setting aside the approximate $500,000 annual STR monies for future Eldamain Road construction. Prochaska asked if the federal money could be “swept” if we weren’t spending it; but Klaas didn’t think that could happen after discussing the matter with IDOT. Koukol requested that this matter be moved to the September meeting to allow the Committee more time to review the program. In the mean time, the Committee would like to have the draft plan published on the County’s web site for review; and also have local municipalities notified of the proposed program.

Chairman Koukol reported that signing had been changed at Old Ridge Road, but thought than a Dead End sign should be installed. He also indicated that some of the residents aren’t very supportive of IDOT’s plan to remove the stop signs on Route 126 at this location.

Klaas presented an Agreement with AT&T to the Committee. Said agreement covers any work to be done on AT&T facilities that cross Eldamain Road about 1 mile south of Galena Road. State’s Attorney has reviewed the agreement, and it will be on the COW and County Board agenda.

Motion Koukol; second Wehrli to forward Highway Department bills for the month of August in the amount of $434,263.98 to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Gryder requested update on Little Rock & Galena Road project. Klaas discussed the current status of the project, which will be focused on a safety improvement of the south leg of that intersection, including correction of the horizontal curves.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

1. Resolution approving the low bid of Corrective Asphalt Materials to place crack filler on various county highways in the amount of $94,501; said funds to be taken from the Transportation Sales Tax Fund.

2. Resolution approving the low bid of Corrective Asphalt Materials to place a restorative seal on various county highways in the amount of $222,950; said funds to be taken from the Transportation Sales Tax.

2. Revised schedule of fees for Overweight / Overdimension Permits issued on Kendall County Highways.