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

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

Motion Koukol; second Gilmour to approve the Highway Committee minutes from the November 10, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee discussed a recent request from the Village of Montgomery to advance an intersection improvement at U.S. Route 30 and Orchard Road. The intersection is part of a larger project to improve Route 30 from Route 47 to the Fox River; but the Village President believes that the intersection improvement should be separated out and reconstructed ahead of the rest of the proposed improvement due to poor level of service. Southbound dedicated right turn lane and southbound dual left turn lanes would help to improve the current conditions. Future improvement would also include 3 thru-lanes for both southbound and northbound traffic. The overall project on Route 30 is currently not funded for construction in IDOT’s multi-year plan. The County Engineer indicated that there may be some financial consequences for Kendall County if the intersection is improved because the south leg of the intersection is under Kendall’s jurisdiction. Gryder asked if Kane County was on board with an improvement. Klaas did not know. Koukol asked about the status of the crosswalks and funding for same at the intersection of Orchard Road and Caterpillar Drive. Klaas stated that the project is being designed now and will be constructed next summer. Koukol asked the County Engineer to check with Kane County about the Orchard/Route 30 project and put this matter back on the January 2016 agenda.

Koukol asked for an update of all construction projects that the County Highway Department worked on in 2015. John Burscheid, Engineer for the Highway Department, presented information to the Committee on road and bridge projects completed in 2015. Gilmour asked about the status of the Speedway at the intersection of Route 47 and Galena Road. Klaas indicated that the petitioner may be in litigation with the Department of Transportation. Wehrli asked about the status of the stop signs at Route 126 and Old Ridge Road. That project seems to be in limbo due to uncertainty with the intersection sight distance. IDOT will decide when any further work is completed. Committee also discussed status of Eldamain improvement from Menards to Galena Road. That project should be opened to traffic next week. Prochaska indicated that he had heard Grundy County might be backing out of their plan to improve Sherrill Road. Klaas said that it would not have any impact on Kendall’s plan to improve Sherrill Road; and that project is scheduled for a February 26, 2016 letting. Wehrli asked if Sherrill Road would
be completely closed. Klaas indicated that 1-mile sections of Sherrill would be closed during construction. Committee also discussed status of Mitchell Road. County Engineer stated that he would be discussing matter with the Little Rock Township Highway Commissioner on December 11, 2015. Koukol asked about the status of the Collins Road Extension project. A preliminary engineering agreement should be coming to the Committee in January. Finally, the Committee discussed the status, alignment and funding for the WIKADUKE Trail in the area of Rance Road. Wehrli discussed particulars of the various alignments and his concern about the County having to fund and maintain greater parts of the Trail. Koukol discussed storm water drainage problems in the area of this part of the Trail. It was the general consensus of the Committee that Kendall County should keep the lines of communication open with the Village of Oswego to determine the best route and the best plan for determining jurisdiction of the roadway.

Gryder asked about Millington and Rogers Road… the location of a couple recent accidents. Myers stated that some fence posts and debris were removed from the intersection. Additional signing has been placed.

Gryder asked why the Highway Department installed 43 LED lights. Myers stated that these were for Orchard Road overhead lighting. It will reduce energy consumption by 50%. They also discussed the purchase of LED arrows for traffic signals and overall conversion of lighting and traffic signals to LED products.

Motion Koukol; second Prochaska to forward Highway Department bills for the month of November in the amount of $1,859,067.58 to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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