DATE: May 14, 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 & Angela Zubko
ALSO PRESENT: John Shaw, Mike Sullivan, Kelly Farley, Jeff Brown, Jose Martinez, Dave Randolph, Corey Johnson

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

A bid opening was held on May 6, 2013 for a brush chipper. Vermeer Midwest was the only bidder, and submitted a bid of $39,750 for a 2011 BC1800XL with 250 hours. The bid included a 6 month warranty. Monies for the brush chipper would be taken from the Capital Expenditures line item of the County Highway Fund. A bucket truck is the other item that is proposed for purchase in FY 2013. A new 1800XL is well over $50,000, so the County Engineer believed this was a very good price. Motion Wehrli; second Cesich to recommend approval of the Brush Chipper bid to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Koukol asked the County Engineer for a summary of the history of the Sherrill Road project. Mr. Klaas described the history of the project, including the projection that there will be additional traffic growth due to the proximity of stone quarries, and because of the recent construction of the Brisbin Road Interchange at I-80. The existing right-of-way is about 60’ and the proposed is 100’. So an approximate 20’ strip of new right-of-way is needed across the frontage of all the property owners. The Engineer was asking the Committee for authority to use eminent domain for the acquisition of 4 parcels. These include 2 parcels in Kendall County and 2 parcels in Grundy County. The owners of these parcels either wouldn’t respond to the County’s request to negotiate or wouldn’t agree to the proposed compensation. Wehrli asked if the project was in the County’s 5-year program. It is currently proposed to be constructed in 2015 or 2016. Motion Prochaska; second Wehrli to recommend a resolution authorizing the use of eminent domain for 4 parcels on Sherrill Road, including Parcel 004 (Juskiewicz), Parcel 034 (Lindemann), Parcel 041 (Larkin) and Parcel 043 (Van Dolson). Motion carried with Gilmour voting no.

Chairman Koukol asked the County Engineer to include the item “Public Comments” on future agendas.

The County Engineer informed the Committee that IDOT had denied the protests from Laborers’ District Council for Steffens 3D Construction, and the County Board could now take action on those 3 township projects. Cesich asked for the bids and bidders on the 3 projects, which Klaas provided. She also asked if apprenticeship and training was built in to the prevailing wages, which Klaas indicated that is not, except for State contracts. Motion Gilmour; second Wehrli to
recommend approval of the 3 township projects for which Steffens 3D construction was the low bidder. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Koukol asked if there were any comments from the public. There was no one who would speak. Chairman Koukol asked that it be included in the record that he asked for comments.

Wehrli asked about Wolfs Crossing flood damages. Klaas indicated that the County was not involved because it is a City street. He also informed the Committee that local agencies had met with IEMA and FEMA recently to discuss flood damage estimates. The County evidently has been declared both a State and a Federal disaster area. Wehrli asked if grant money would be available. Klaas indicated there could be some federal money coming, but it would likely take months to get it.

Chairman John Shaw thought it would be a good idea to take a road trip to the Sherrill Road and Brisbin Road area to get a good feeling for what is going on with traffic in the area. The Committee discussed some of the traffic patterns in this area and others. Koukol thought that economic development in the Brisbin Road area will spur much more truck traffic on Sherrill.

Motion Gilmour; second Wehrli to forward the following payroll and bills to the Finance Committee for approval.

- County Highway Fund $45,162.07
- County Bridge Fund $34,558.10
- Transportation Sales Tax Fund $205,001.13

Total: $284,721.30

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Bid from Vermeer Midwest for a Brush Chipper in the amount of $39,750
2. Eminent Domain Resolution for parcels on Sherrill Road
3. Resolution awarding the following contracts:
   - Steffens 3D Construction for Big Grove Road District - $130,201.40
   - Steffens 3D Construction for Kendall Road District - $111,253.86
   - Steffens 3D Construction for Lisbon Road District - $65,040.00