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

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

Motion Wehrli; second Gryder to approve the Highway Committee Minutes from the December 10, 2013 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

The Committee reviewed a plat and resolution to vacate certain parts of Grove Road that are no longer needed now that the north leg of Grove Road has been relocated. They also reviewed the plat to quit claim deed 2 parcels; one to Oswegoland Park District and the other to Robert & Tammy Fornecker. Wehrli asked about public utilities. Klaas indicated that all public utilities had been moved to the new right-of-way. Gryder asked about State Law requiring vacated right-of-way to go back to adjoining property owners. Klaas discussed the reasons for vacating and quit claiming the parcels to keep it as clean and clear cut as possible. Motion Gilmour; second Gryder to recommend approval of a resolution vacating certain parts of Grove Road, as well as quit claiming parcels from Kendall County to Oswegoland Park District and to Robert & Tammy Fornecker. Motion carried unanimously.

A Preliminary Engineering Agreement between Kendall County and Hutchison Engineering was reviewed by the Committee. The Agreement is to provide all Phase I and Phase II Engineering services for Sherrill Road reconstruction. Koukol asked about the existing right-of-way on the north side of Sherrill Road. The existing section line (county line) is not necessarily in the exact center of the existing pavement. The existing prescriptive right-of-way varies from 30’ to 33’ from the center of the roadway. The new roadway will not be a boulevard, but will be a 2-lane roadway with open ditches, providing access wherever needed. Motion Wehrli; second Gryder to recommend approval of the Agreement in a not-to-exceed amount of $350,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee discussed the purchase of a new, single axle dump truck with plow, spreader and front-mounted broom. The purchase will be through CMS (State Bid) and provided by Chicago International for a price of $138,000. The purchase of this truck is budgeted in the FY 14 Budget. The Committee discussed whether the County Board needed to approve this as an action item, since the County would just be ordering the truck now and it would take several months to actually build the truck. Gilmour thought that it wouldn’t hurt to send to County
Board. Motion Gilmour; second Gryder to authorize purchase of the truck. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee also discussed purchase of a replacement pickup truck for John Burscheid, to replace the 2008 GMC pickup he has now with approximately 120,000 miles. This item is also in the FY 14 Budget and the proposed purchase price is well below the budgeted amount of $25,000. Motion Koukol; second Wehrli to purchase a new GMC, ½-ton pickup truck from Coffman Truck Sales in the amount of $22,205.96. Motion carried unanimously.

Big Grove Road District has asked to purchase the 2008 GMC pickup that is being replaced by the County Highway Department. Klaas stated that the Blue Book value of the old truck is between $5,000 and $6,000. He recommended that since Big Grove is one of the County’s poorer townships, perhaps the County could sell the truck for the lower value of $5,000. Motion Wehrli; second Cesich to sell the old county truck to Big Grove Road District for $5,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Klaas asked the Highway Committee for authorization to use eminent domain to acquire 0.014 acre of right-of-way in the northwest quadrant of the Caton Farm Road & Ridge Road intersection. Negotiations over the past 1 ½ years have not progressed, even though the land owner is not opposed to granting the new right-of-way. Motion Koukol; second Cesich to authorize the use of eminent domain. Koukol, Wehrli, Cesich voted yes. Gilmour and Gryder voted no. Motion carried.

A resolution to post certain county highways for seasonal posting was presented to the Committee. Motion Wehrli; second Gryder to recommend approval of the seasonal posting of County Highways. Motion carried unanimously.

Klaas asked the Committee for direction on whether the County would desire to rename the old part of Grove Road that was transferred to Na-Au-Say Township last month. The Mapping Department had brought the issue to Highway Department for life/safety reasons so that there would be no confusion on addresses between the new Grove Road and the old Grove Road. The Committee directed the County Engineer to research the procedure for renaming the roadway and bring it back to Highway Committee in February.

Cesich asked about the County’s salt supply. Klaas stated that the Highway Department has ordered almost 2800 tons so far this winter season, and can only order 200 tons more under the contract. However, the County still has over 2000 tons in storage in the County igloo. Klaas also discussed some of the equipment breakdown issues the Department has experienced in the recent severe weather. Gryder asked about gelling of fuel in the extreme cold. The County didn’t have any issues with that. Myers then discussed the difference between the State’s clear-road-policy and how that differs from the County’s policy to just keep the roads open. It is not uncommon for the State to use 10 times as much salt than the County, even though they have fewer miles of roadways in Kendall County.

Gilmour asked about the status of the underground storage tanks that had been removed 20 years ago at the Highway Department. Klaas indicated that Huff & Huff is coordinating with IEPA and probably in March, 2014, they will be out to the Highway Department to start additional soil borings and testing.
Motion Wehrli; second Gryder to forward bills for the month of January in the amount $123,037.97 to the Finance Committee for approval. Cesich asked about the TAP payment to Oswegoland Park District. Wehrli read from the invoice that most of the labor for their project had been through volunteer efforts, so the invoice was for significantly less than what the County had originally awarded. Any leftover monies are simply put back into the fund for future applicants. Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution vacating certain parts of Grove Road north of Illinois Route 126

2. Quit Claim Deed 0.057 acre to Oswegoland Park District to provide access from existing OPD property to the newly-relocated Grove Road.

3. Quit Claim Deed 0.284 acre to Robert & Tammy Fornecker to provide access from their existing property to the newly-relocated Grove Road.

4. Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement between Kendall County and Hutchison Engineering, Inc. for Sherrill Road Reconstruction in a not-to-exceed amount of $350,000.

5. Authorize the purchase of a single axle dump truck through Central Management Services (State Bid) and from Chicago International in the amount of $138,000.

6. Authorize the purchase of a ½-ton GMC pickup truck from Coffman Truck Sales in the amount of $22,205.96

7. Authorize the sale of a 2008 GMC county-owned pickup truck to Big Grove Road District in the amount of $5,000.

8. Authorize the use of eminent domain to acquire 0.014 acre of right-of-way from L-T Farms, L.P. at the intersection of Caton Farm Road and Ridge Road.

9. Resolution authorizing the seasonal posting of certain highways in the County Highway System.