HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: July 8, 2014
LOCATION: Kendall County Highway Department
MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Koukol, Judy Gilmour, Jeff Wehrli, Amy Cesich and Scott Gryder
STAFF PRESENT: Fran Klaas, Ginger Gates & John Burscheid
ALSO PRESENT: John Shaw, Matt Prochaska, Jeff Wilkins, Angela Zubko & Kelly Farley

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

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

Motion Gilmour; second Cesich to approve the Highway Committee Minutes from the June 10, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The County Engineer informed the Committee that the Village of Oswego is currently reviewing a large subdivision called Hudson Pointe near Wolf Road & Route 30. The subdivision is located in the area that would contain the WIKADUKE Trail, and is in fact proposing to locate the WIKADUKE Trail in an alignment that extends existing Stewart Road north of Rance Road, then swinging northeasterly to Route 30. Although that alignment is shown in Oswego’s Comprehensive Plan, it is not consistent with previous studies which locate the WIKADUKE Trail further east in areas that do not disturb residential properties. There is also some question as to whether Hudson Pointe contemplates a multi-lane facility for the WIKADUKE Trail, since only 100’ of right-of-way is shown in the conceptual plan, which is significantly less than the 150’ right-of-way recommended in the WIKADUKE Trail Land Use and Access Management Study, completed by the County and the Village of Plainfield in 2004. The Committee discussed the many concerns it had related to this inconsistency and directed the County Engineer to immediately draft a letter to the Village of Oswego to outline the County’s concerns and request a meeting to further discuss the matter.

The County Engineer discussed the recent efforts by the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development on behalf of the seven county Chicago Regional Truck Permitting Working Group related to efforts to try to consolidate and simplify the truck permitting requirements for oversize and overweight trucks. OS / OW trucks frequently have difficulties securing permits from the myriad public agencies in the Chicago Region, which is a national hub for the trucking industry. This problem has the potential to create negative economic impacts to the Chicago Region. The Working Group is submitting a proposal to Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) through its Local Technical Assistance Program requesting assistance in this effort to examine the potential for integrating local permits with the State’s ITAP (Illinois Transportation Automated Permit) System. The Working Group wants support from the seven-county Chicago Region in this effort. This is a complex problem that cannot be solved easily. After much discussion, the Committee felt that most of the responsibility for trying to implement a simplified
system lies with the State, considering that they already have databases of information needed to implement a consolidated system of permitting.

Motion Koukol; second Gryder to recommend approval of an agreement between Kendall County and the State of Illinois to acquire vehicle registration data from the Secretary of State in an effort to correctly identify where vehicles should be registered. This effort, which was also performed about 4 years ago by the office of Administrative Services, is expected to increase motor fuel taxes received by the County, because MFT monies to counties are based on the number of registered vehicles in the county. The $500 cost for the data would be paid by the Highway Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Koukol; second Gryder to recommend approval of the low bid of D Construction to resurface Ridge Road from a point just north of Route 126 to Plainfield Road in the amount of $171,161.65. The engineer’s estimate was $184,420. Project will be paid for with Transportation Sales Taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Koukol; second Gryder to recommend approval of the low bid of D Construction to resurface various roads in Seward Township at a total cost of $223,782.63. The engineer’s estimate was $242,583.50. Because the township is using township motor fuel taxes for this project, the County is the awarding authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Gilmour; second Gryder to forward Highway Department bills for the month of July in the amount of $141,372.82 to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Agreement between Kendall County and Illinois Secretary of State to obtain vehicle registration data for a total cost of $500.

2. Low bid by D Construction to resurface Ridge Road between Route 126 and Plainfield Road in the amount of $171,161.65 using Transportation Sales Taxes.

3. Low bid by D Construction to resurface various roads in Seward Township in the amount of $223,782.63 using Township Motor Fuel Taxes.