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

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

Motion Wehrli; second Gilmour to approve the Highway Committee Minutes from the May 13, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer Hughes, Oswego Public Works Director, approached the Committee to request the installation of 4 Village of Oswego signs that would be placed within County rights-of-way. One of the signs would be a concrete monument-type sign, to be placed at the intersection of Orchard Road and Rte. 34, while the other 3 would be wooden tavern-type signs, to be placed on Grove Road, Plainfield Road and Orchard Road near Tuscany Trail. Signs would be breakaway-type. Klaas suggested that the State’s Attorney Office might want to review this to determine if some type of hold harmless might be required to reduce County liability in the event of an accident. Gryder agreed that some type of agreement would probably be necessary. The Committee was not opposed to working something out with the Village to allow the sign installations.

The Committee again discussed the idea of making the connection of Mitchel Drive between Schaefer Woods North Subdivision and Lakewood Springs Subdivision. Angela Zubko has emailed the City of Plano to see if there was anything in Lakewood’s annexation agreement that would obligate them to construct the missing 400’ of Mitchel Drive. Inland Real Estate Land Development was the developer, and EEI was their engineer. EEI also completed a set of plans for the Mitchel Drive connection, which has never been built. Klaas indicated that Inland had not constructed the missing piece of Mitchel Drive, because at the time, it did not serve any lots, and Inland had vowed to construct the missing piece with future phases of their development. Subsequently, the property to the north was annexed into City of Plano and developed as the Lakewood Springs Subdivision, leaving a part of Mitchel Drive that has never been built. City of Plano, Little Rock Township, and Little Rock Fox Fire Protection District are all supportive of the construction of this missing roadway. Wehrli asked who’s responsibility it would be to construct the roadway. Klaas stated that there is uncertainty as to who would or could construct the improvement, but it would likely fall to either the County or the Township, or both. Cesich asked about the HOA in Schaefer Woods North, but no one knew if the HOA was active or not. Dick Wade, Little Rock Township Highway Commissioner pointed out that the Fire District was very interested in the connection for life-safety reasons. Gilmour was not in favor of the connection because the people in Schaefer Woods Subdivision have not had an opportunity to
Wehrli stated that the connection of the road should be a surprise to no one. The road was platted from the beginning and was always supposed to be connected. He compared it to a stub road in his subdivision, Na-Au-Say Woods. He didn’t necessarily think the County should foot the entire bill, but thought there should be participation from other agencies. Cesich thought that this was a safety issue and should probably be built, even though the residents of Schaefer Woods North probably wouldn’t be in favor of the connection. She agreed with Wehrli about looking into cost participation from other agencies. Gryder was not in favor of the connection. He discussed stub streets in other subdivisions and the fact that they are often very controversial. He thought the existing subdivision connections were sufficient. Koukol thought that the safety factor does come into play. Koukol also didn’t want the County to put a lot of money into it. Dick Wade said that the Road District was willing to put money into this project. Klaas thought the project would cost a little less than $200,000. Wehrli reiterated that when we have the opportunity to make a connection between subdivisions that was always meant to be, than we owe it to the residents to make those connections. And there might be other areas in the County that could be looked at for these connections. Klaas also pointed out that Schaefer Woods is a County subdivision and this missing roadway is one of the reasons why the County now requires subdividers to construct all stub streets in their subdivisions to avoid this exact dilemma years later when future connections need to be made. The County probably should have required that Inland construct the entire roadway when the subdivision was originally built. Gryder stated that this was a very good, informative discussion, and that he was going to think more about whether the connection would be worthwhile. Koukol asked the committee members whether anyone lived in subdivisions with stub streets. Gilmour discussed the Teri Lane connection to Heartland Subdivision in the City of Yorkville, and how the citizens got really involved in keeping this connection from occurring. She thought the residents in Schaefer North needed to get more involved. Dick Wade asked the County if they could do a traffic count on Andrew Street. Klaas indicated that would be no problem. Koukol indicated the County would continue to study the idea of making this connection.

Klaas discussed the currently-proposed idea of a traditional-type intersection of the future Eldamain Road and Fox Road, requiring a 14’ change of grade to cross Eldamain Road. He now recommends that the County prepare a Phase I Amendment to the Project Development Report to replace the traditional intersection with a roundabout. The roundabout would allow the intersection to be built near the existing grade, eliminating the enormous amounts of fill material, and saving the County a lot of money. Koukol requested that Klaas attend the Committee-of-the Whole meeting to discuss this matter further before the entire Board. Wehrli asked about a future intersection to the north on Eldamain Road. Klaas indicated that would be a traditional-type intersection with a 2-way stop. Gilmour asked what would happen to the excess right-of-way on Fox Road near Foster’s Corner. Klaas stated that the property would either be vacated, or would become a storm water detention facility.

The Committee discussed the transfer of right-of-way along Ill. Rte. 126 at Ridge Road. There is approximately 1 acre of right-of-way that was acquired by the County that needs to be deeded to the State, as IDOT is responsible for owning and maintaining all rights-of-way along State Highways. Koukol asked if the State’s Attorney Office had reviewed the documents. Klaas indicated that he would get a review copy to the SAO as soon as possible. The Committee also discussed the disposition of the westerly intersection of Ridge Road and Rte. 126. Klaas was uncertain what IDOT would do with this intersection once the easterly intersection was open to traffic. Koukol asked is additional inquiries could be made to IDOT to see what might be done
at that location. Motion Wehrli; second Cesich to forward the right-of-way transfer documents to the County Board for approval and signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

Gilmour asked about West Street near Oswego. Myers informed the Committee that this was an Oswego Township roadway.

Klaas made a request to the Committee to extend the paving of Ridge Road north of Route 126. Because this work was not a part of the original Route 126 / Ridge Road improvement, it would have to be bid out as a separate project. It would be a simple resurfacing of the existing pavement for approximately 1.5 miles and would cost less than $150,000. Committee agreed that this project should be bid out and completed with the other improvements.

Gryder asked about the Collins Road study in Oswego. The County is meeting with the consultant, WBK, to discuss the project and to final out the work that is currently being done. Upon completion of the County study, Oswego will continue with land acquisition for the project.

Motion Koukol; second Cesich to forward bills for the month of June in the amount of $285,928.34 to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kendall County Engineer

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Transfer 1.153 acres of right-of-way along Ill. Rte. 126 at Ridge Road from Kendall County to State of Illinois, including the following transfer documents; and authorize Board Chairman and County Clerk to sign documents:

   a. Warranty Deed transferring 1.153 acres from County of Kendall to State of Illinois
   b. Affidavit of Title
   c. Donation Letter donating said right-of-way to State of Illinois at no cost to State
   d. Receipt for Donation of right-of-way
   e. Certified Resolution to transfer said property