HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: November 10, 2014  
LOCATION: Kendall County Highway Department  
MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Koukol, Amy Cesich, Judy Gilmour  
STAFF PRESENT: Fran Klaas, Andy Myers, Ginger Gates  
ALSO PRESENT: John Shaw, Angela Zubko, Bob Davidson, Kimberly Strnad of Corporate Design & Development Group, Alex Chakonas from Speedway, LLC

The committee meeting convened at 4:00 P.M. with roll call of committee members. Members Wehrli and Gryder absent. Quorum established.

Motion Gilmour; second Cesich to approve the agenda with “Other Business” being moved to the top of the agenda to accommodate the guests representing Speedway. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Cesich; second Gilmour to approve the Highway Committee Minutes from the October 14, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Representatives from Speedway, LLC were back at the Highway Committee to provide additional information supporting their request for access to the north side of Galena Road just east of Ill. Rte. 47. Ms. Strnad indicated that they had talked to the property owner on the south side of Galena Road and received concurrence for full access approximately 700’ east of Route 47. She also provided an exhibit showing that they could provide an eastbound left turn lane to the proposed site by shifting the originally-proposed access slightly further east. Strnad indicated that the City of Yorkville was supportive of this petition, because it provided additional sales tax revenue, property tax revenue and would employ 13 to 16 new employees. Speedway would like to break ground first thing in the spring of 2015. They are only waiting on an answer from the County as to whether the County will allow a variance for access. Cesich and Koukol were supportive of the petition. Gilmour generally agreed on the positives of the petition, but was concerned about the close proximity of the access and would like to study the latest design a little more. Koukol indicated that the petition should be placed on the December agenda for action on the variance.

Klaas requested that the Committee consider authorizing the use of eminent domain to acquire 0.06 acre of right-of-way on the west side of Ridge Road just north of Caton Farm Road. The County has a prescriptive interest in the right-of-way, and said right-of-way contains a very old shed that blocks sight distance to the north. The shed was supposed to be removed under a handshake agreement with the owner as part of the land acquisition and intersection improvements recently completed at this intersection. The owner has now changed his mind and doesn’t want to talk to the County. Klaas believes the shed creates a safety hazard for eastbound drivers who want to turn right on red. Koukol stated that he was not ready to move on eminent domain at this time and requested contact information for the owner(s) of the property.
Bids were presented to the Committee for bulk fuels for the Highway Department. The low bidder was Elburn Coop, whose bid was $2.58\textsuperscript{1} for 16,000 gallons of 89-octane gasoline and $2.93\textsuperscript{2} for 25,000 gallons of biodiesel fuel. Motion Koukol; second Cesich to recommend approval of the low bids from Elburn Coop to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee reviewed a variance request from Daron & Kimberly Spicher for residential access to the south side of Plattville Road approximately 2000’ east of Ashley Road. Motion Gilmour; second Koukol to recommend approval of the access variance to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

An intergovernmental agreement for the maintenance of emergency vehicle pre-emption (EVP) at the intersection of Ridge Road and Ill. Rte. 126 was presented to the committee. EVP provides for a traffic signal to turn green in the direction of oncoming emergency vehicles. The Highway Department allows for this equipment to be installed as part of the traffic signal installation; but does not typically provide for ongoing maintenance of the equipment. Plainfield Fire Protection District has agreed to maintain the EVP equipment since this intersection is in their District. Assistant State’s Attorney, David Berault, and the District’s Attorney have worked out the details of the agreement and it is ready for consideration by the County Board. Motion Koukol; second Gilmour to forward the agreement to the County Board for consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

A resolution to change the name of “Ridge Road” to “Old Ridge Road” for the west leg of this roadway extending 4200’ south of Illinois Route 126 was presented to the Committee. Motion Koukol; second Cesich to recommend approval of the resolution to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

An ordinance to provide for an altered speed limit on Old Ridge Road was presented to the Committee. The speed limit on Old Ridge Road is currently 55 mph, but would be reduced to 45 mph, considering that the roadway is now a dead end street as it extends southerly from Ill. Rte. 126. Motion Koukol; second Gilmour to recommend approval of the altered speed limit to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

In other business, the County Engineer requested support for a program to convert all lighting at the Highway Department to LED and T8 fluorescent fixtures, reducing the total energy demand for lighting by 58%. The project would include estimated DCEO incentives of nearly $11,000. The net cost to the Highway Department is estimated to be approximately $9,000. The Committee directed the County Engineer to move forward with the project.

Cesich asked about the payment to Hardin Paving for the Ridge Road project. Ginger stated that Hardin has currently earned about $2,677,000 out of the original bid of just under $3 million. Motion Koukol; second Cesich to forward Highway Department bills for the month of November in the amount of $1,611,423.36 to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Chairman, Dan Koukol, announced a ribbon cutting for the Ridge Road and Route 126 project to be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 8:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 P.M.
ACTION ITEMS

1. Bulk fuel bids from Elburn Coop, including $2.58\textsuperscript{1} for 16,000 gallons of 89-octane gasoline and $2.93\textsuperscript{6} for 25,000 gallons of biodiesel fuel for the period from December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2015.

2. Access variance for Daron & Kimberly Spicher for residential full access on the south side of Plattville Road approximately 2000’ east of Ashley Road.

3. Intergovernmental Agreement between Kendall County and Plainfield Fire Protection District for perpetual maintenance of emergency vehicle pre-emption equipment (EVP) at the intersection of Illinois Route 126 and Ridge Road.

4. Resolution renaming “Ridge Road” to “Old Ridge Road” beginning at Illinois Route 126 and extending 4200’ south.

5. Ordinance providing for an altered speed limit of 45 mph on Old Ridge Road.