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

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

Motion Gilmour; second Gryder to approve the Highway Committee Minutes from the September 9, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Representatives from Speedway, LLC made a presentation to the Committee related to a proposed gas station at the intersection of Ill. Rte. 47 and Galena Road. Speedway would like to place a right in / right out access on Galena Road approximately 430’ from Route 47 and a full access approximately 630’ from Route 47. Galena Road is classified as an Access 2 County Highway, requiring ¼-mile spacing for private access and 1/3-mile spacing for public streets. So the proposed spacing is significantly less than that required by the ordinance. The petitioner discussed the tax benefits to local governments by putting in a station and stressed the need for full access on Galena and right in / right out accesses on both Galena and Route 47 to make the site desirable to customers. They were aware of the proposal to widen Route 47 to a multi-lane roadway in the near future, which would reduce the access spacing even more than the current proposal. Koukol asked about parking of large trucks, and the petitioner stated that overnight parking of trucks would not be allowed. Petitioner estimated that they would serve an average of 6 trucks per hour. Gryder established that there could be traffic backed up to the intersection if eastbound vehicles were trying to make a left turn into the station. The petitioner stated that they were willing to install a left turn lane into the station off Galena Road. Klaas indicated that he had concerns about the ability to install turns lanes into the site because the distance is too close to Route 47. He also had concerns about the consequences to the parcel south of Galena Road when placing the full access so close to Route 47, as it might negatively affect development of that site. It would also create additional access issues in the area between this site and Rosenwinkel Drive to the east. Wherli asked about the north/south street heading to the north as well as the detention that would be provided. The petitioner indicated that they would stub the street to the north. They also indicated that the detention they built would only be for the 5 acres they were developing. The Committee compared this site to the BP station at the intersection of Orchard Road and Route 34 in Oswego. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the
Committee to have the petitioner continue in their due diligence work, especially related to the parcel south of Galena Road and whether the access proposed would be compatible with them.

The Committee discussed issues on Ill. Route 126 in the area of Ridge Road. They reviewed an email from IDOT that indicated the existing west leg of Ridge Road would have the 3-way stop condition removed now that the County is improving the east leg as a 4-way intersection. They plan to remove the stop signs on Route 126, remove the flashing lights, and resurface the entire intersection. IDOT did not want to perform a speed study now, since the east leg intersection is under construction, and considering they plan to take out the 3-way stop.

Fountainview Development immediately to the north of the Highway Department owes the County $60,000 for right-of-way donations and miscellaneous other considerations; however, the development went bankrupt and the property is now owned by the bank. The bank wanted to settle the matter by paying the County $30,000. The Committee was unwilling to accept this offer and directed the County Engineer to notify the bank that $30,000 was unacceptable. Cesich asked if any liens had been placed on the property. Klaas indicated that the County had not yet placed a lien against the property.

The County Engineer asked the Committee if they would like to send a letter to IDOT requesting that IDOT include funding for the Eldamain Extension in their 5-year plan, utilizing some of the leftover Prairie Parkway monies. Cesich confirmed that this is the same pot of money that was used to improve Route 47 between Yorkville and Morris. Gilmour also confirmed that this is the same pot of money that the County had requested be spent on Route 47 between Yorkville and Sugar Grove. Koukol thought that the County should definitely send the letter. The Committee agreed and directed the County Engineer to draft a letter for the County Board.

A Release and Hold Harmless Agreement relating to sign installations by the Village of Oswego was reviewed and approved by the Committee.

After several questions about specific bills, motion Koukol; second Wherli to forward Highway Department bills for the month of October in the amount of $1,105,316.37 to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

ACTION ITEM

1. Letter to Illinois Department of Transportation requesting inclusion of funding for the Eldamain Road Extension in the State's Multi-Year Plan.