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

Motion Prochaska; second Werhli to approve the August 2013 Highway Committee Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Gilmour; second Cesich to approve the amended agenda with first item being the Little Rock Road / Creek Road intersection. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee discussed the recent demise of the IGA with City of Plano and Little Rock Road District regarding a proposed roundabout at the Little Rock Road / Creek Road intersection. Cesich asked if we were going to keep the 45 mph speed limit now that the roundabout isn’t going to be built. Werhli suggested that the Board has the authority to set the speed limit at whatever number they want. Whether that speed limit is enforceable is another story. Committee members discussed the possibility of multiple types of improvements at the intersection including rumble strips, 4-way stops, flashing lights; but there was no consensus from the Committee on doing anything at this time. Chairman Koukol noted for the record that Nick Nesson had been invited to attend the Highway Committee meeting to discuss this matter.

There has been a proposal to hookup an outfall from a mechanical-type septic system at 101 Church Street in Millington to the new storm sewer that has been installed along Church Street. The owner of the property had installed a new septic system without any permits, and that septic system violates setback requirements from adjacent water wells. The owner is currently being prosecuted by the States Attorney for various infractions on current septic system laws. The Committee members were willing to consider the hookup after Wehrli suggested that the mechanical-type septic system will work fine as long as it was maintained. The County Engineer had some reservations, including the possible failure of the system, potential foul odors, and the possibility of others wanting to hookup to the storm sewer system. He suggested that perhaps the outfall from the septic could be rerouted to the east end of Sycamore Street. It would require the installation of about 350 lineal feet of pipe along Sycamore Street. Committee directed the County Engineer to verify State Laws in regard to septic discharges to County Highways. No other action was taken.

Both CMAP and IDOT are currently courting Kendall County because of the impending vote of the CMAP Policy Committee on the Illiana Corridor. CMAP has some concerns about the speed with which IDOT is moving forward on the Illiana project, and they are concerned that this very expensive project might take away from other projects in the GoTo 2040 Plan. IDOT believes
this is a very important project that needs to get in the Plan and be advanced immediately for multiple reasons. Transit agencies are probably going to be against it. City of Chicago might even be against it, according to Mike Sullivan. Wilkins believed that the Illiana is being advanced at lightning speed, relative to other IDOT projects.

The County Engineer advised the Committee that Phase I Engineering on Eldamain Road Bridge and Corridor will be completed in the next 30 to 60 days. He suggested that in order to hit the ground running, it would be a good idea to begin preparing the plats and legals for the necessary acquisitions in this corridor. Estimated cost for plats, legals, title work, appraisals and review appraisals is in the neighborhood of $300,000. Motion Cesich; second Wehrli to entertain a proposal from HLR to complete this work on the Eldamain project. Motion carried unanimously.

Koukol asked the County Engineer about the amount of money that Yorkville was borrowing from the County for the River Road Bridge. Klaas indicated that the County has already billed Yorkville for $75,000, which is 1/6 of the estimated total of all monies that they will be receiving from the County. Yorkville’s agreement with the County is to pay back the total borrowed monies over a 6-year period, with payments due on October 31st of each year.

Motion Prochaska 2nd Koukol to forward payroll and bills for the month of September in the amount $893,413.88 to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion carried unanimously

Klaas informed the Committee that an open house for the IDOT, District 3 Multi-Year Plan was scheduled for Wednesday, September 18th in Morris, IL. He had also received a letter and plans for improvement at the intersection of Illinois Route 126 and Schlapp Road; but the letter indicated that the improvements are not currently funded in the multi-year plan.

Gilmour asked for status update on the Highway Department’s underground storage tanks. Klaas indicated that he had received copy of the 45-Day Report to the IEPA from Huff & Huff. No response from IEPA has been received yet.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kendall County Engineer

ACTION ITEMS

1. Engineering Agreement with HLR for Eldamain Road Corridor