

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: March 10, 2020
LOCATION: Kendall County Highway Department
MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Gryder, Amy Cesich and Matt Prochaska
STAFF PRESENT: Ginger Gates, John Burscheid and Fran Klaas
ALSO PRESENT: Ryan Sikes, Eric Rose and Kelly Farley

The committee meeting convened at 3:30 P.M. with roll call of committee members. Gilmour and Kellogg absent. Quorum established.

Motion Prochaska; second Cesich, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Prochaska; second Cesich, to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from February 11, 2020. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Cesich; second Prochaska to approve a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement between Kendall County and Chamlin & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$16,832 for preliminary engineering of the Lisbon Road Drainage Improvement; said funds to be taken from the Transportation Sales Tax Fund. Klaas described the proposed project. Gryder asked if this would help with flooding in Lisbon. Klaas did not think it would really help because the proposed improvement is all south of Joliet Road, while the flooding problems occur mostly north of Joliet Road. Cesich asked what the total cost of the project would be. Klaas did not know yet since none of the engineering had been completed. Gryder asked if it was a cost-saving move to hire Chamlin. Klaas indicated that the thought is was, since Chamlin is the municipal engineer for Lisbon. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Motion Cesich; second Prochaska to approve a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement between Kendall County and Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$43,200 for county bridge inspections for 2020 and 2021; said funds to be taken from the County Bridge Fund. Klaas stated that these routine bridge inspections are required by NBIS, and includes all work to comply with program requirements. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Motion Cesich; second Prochaska to approve a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement between Kendall County and Engineering Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$147,980 for design of intersection improvements at Galena Road and Kennedy Road; said funds to be taken from the Transportation Sales Tax Fund. This agreement follows preliminary studies of the area around Galena Road, Kennedy Road, and Mill Road by Crawford, Murphy and Tilly. Gryder asked how long it will take to get this project done. Klaas reported that the engineering should only take about a year; and the project is currently scheduled for a 2021 letting. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Under Chairman's Report, Gryder discussed the idea of consolidating the intersections of Ashley Road and Minkler Road at Illinois Route 126. Klaas thought that this initiative was being driven by developer's requirements per City of Yorkville. He reminded committee members that there are no county highways involved in the proposed project, so the County's participation would

merely be as an advisor or facilitator, and not a financier. Prochaska indicated that the intersection consolidation is shown in the County's Land Resource Management Plan.

Under Other Business, Prochaska discussed the railroad underpass / overpass initiative, which provides \$5 billion per year for 5 years to these types of projects. He suggested that if there were any proposed projects, they could possibly be advanced through this program. They are currently discussing a 90/10 split on costs.

Klaas discussed some of the ongoing county projects, including the continuing environmental issues with the Eldamain Road Bridge. Gryder stated that he has talked to the County's lobbyist about Eldamain and we are going to have to proceed with additional work to get environmental approvals from IDNR.

Motion Prochaska; second Cesich to forward Highway Department bills for the month of March in the amount of \$181,475.94 to the Finance Committee for approval. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Returning to Other Business, Klaas reported that State's Attorney has completed all draft IGA's for the Transportation Alternative Program. These drafts have been sent to the appropriate municipal partners. He also reported that Grundy County would like to meet again to discuss items of mutual interest. This meeting will be hosted by Kendall County. He will send out a doodle poll to see what date works best for everyone.

Finally, he reported that in meetings with City of Yorkville, they have offered to pay 25% - about \$100,000 - for the cost of improvements to Fox Road as part of that proposed jurisdictional transfer. Klaas reminded members that in previous agreements with Newark, Millington and Plano, the transferring agency has not paid for the road improvements; but the County felt it was more important to achieve continuity of the county highway, rather than receive compensation. So Yorkville's offer is considerably more than what has been received in the past from other transfers. Committee discussed the idea of this transfer and other pending transfers and indicated that they were not opposed to moving forward with the Fox Road transfer. Prochaska asked if, besides Van Emmon Road, there were any other county highway extensions that were being considered for jurisdictional transfer. The only other roadway that might be a county highway extension was Rock Creek going into Plano. Klaas indicated that he has not done the research on that particular roadway to determine its status.

Motion Cesich; second Prochaska to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Action Items

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