

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: April 9, 2019
LOCATION: Kendall County Highway Department
MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Gryder, Amy Cesich, Judy Gilmour, Matt Kellogg, and Matt Prochaska
STAFF PRESENT: John Burscheid and Fran Klaas
ALSO PRESENT: PJ Fitzpatrick and Kelly Farley

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

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

Motion Gilmour; second Cesich, to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from March 12, 2019. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Gryder; second Cesich to recommend approval of a resolution approving low bids from March 29, 2019 letting for road and bridge construction projects on county routes and for those township projects funded with Township MFT funds. Klaas reported that the County had a bid opening for 24 road and bridge projects valued at just under \$10 million on March 29th. The Kendall County Board is the awarding authority for 15 of those projects because they are either county projects or township projects that are funded with township motor fuel taxes. Overall, low bids were extremely close to engineer's estimates.

Kellogg arrived at 3:35 PM.

Committee discussed specifics of some projects and asked questions of staff. After review, roll call vote was unanimous in favor of forwarding resolution to County Board for consideration.

Gryder discussed the idea of installing county highway identifier signs, otherwise known as county route signs, after member Prochaska had suggested the idea. Gryder has seen the signs in other counties, such as DuPage. He noted that many GPS apps will often refer to highways by their number, and so having the route signs might be helpful for navigation. He also thought that Kendall County highways were generally in better shape than most other highways; so it might be good to let folks know they are on a county highway. Klaas provided information on the route numbers and suggested locations for the signs. At a minimum, he suggested 67 sign installations at roughly \$100 per location for the sign and post materials. Committee also discussed the idea of putting the county route number on signs mounted on traffic signals. After consideration of all the issues, the Committee unanimously supported the idea of installing county route signs.

Gryder discuss the Small Cell Wireless Act, and the idea of charging administrative fees for permitting. Klaas thought that adoption of the fees had to be part of a policy implemented during a very short window of time that has already passed. The fees were nominal, and few permits are received, making the revenue stream extremely small, and hardly worth the time.

Committee briefly discussed the new, interactive software coming to the traffic signals on Orchard Road. The system should be operational in the next 30 days.

Gryder reported on the meeting held April 8, 2019 with Grundy County officials regarding transportation issues. It was a very good meeting in which mutual issues were discussed; specifically, improvements to Sherrill Road, Ridge Road, Grove Road and Eldamain Road.

PJ Fitzpatrick gave brief update on Collins Road Extension project.

Motion Gryder; second Gilmour to forward Highway Department bills for the month of April in the amount of \$90,007.45 to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Cesich; second Kellogg to adjourn the meeting at 3:58 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis C. Klaas", written in a cursive style.

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

Action Items

1. Resolution approving low bids from March 29, 2019 letting for road and bridge construction projects on county routes and for those township projects funded with Township MFT Funds.