

## HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**DATE:** May 14, 2019  
**LOCATION:** Kendall County Highway Department  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Scott Gryder, Amy Cesich, Matt Kellogg, and Matt Prochaska  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Ginger Gates, 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. Gilmour & Cesich absent. Quorum established.

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

Motion Prochaska; second Kellogg, to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from April 9, 2019. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Gryder; second Kellogg to recommend approval of a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc. for a bridge replacement on Caton Farm Road over Aux Sable Creek in an amount not to exceed \$142,421.28; said funds to be taken out of the County Bridge Fund. Kellogg asked and Klaas confirmed that this is the bridge approximately ½ mile west of Schlapp Road. Construction is scheduled for 2021. Motion approved unanimously.

Cesich arrived at 3:35 PM.

Motion Kellogg; second Prochaska to recommend approval of a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Patrick Engineering, Inc. to design a storm sewer system along Chicago Road in Plattville, IL in an amount not to exceed \$47,499.73; said funds to be taken out of the Transportation Sales Tax Fund. Klaas discussed the historic water problems in Plattville, and the increasing problems on the south side of Chicago Road just west of the Aux Sable Creek. This project would include the design of storm sewers extending west from the Creek for about ¼ mile. Motion approved unanimously.

Gryder discussed the idea of looking at a joint County / City (Yorkville) project at the intersections of Galena Road, Kennedy Road and Mill Road, with the idea of swinging Mill Road north to a roundabout intersection with Galena and Kennedy. Klaas confirmed that the County has an intersection improvement planned in the 5-Year Plan to improve the Galena / Kennedy intersection. Yorkville is poised to realign Mill Road south to a new intersection with Kennedy Road. Klaas thought it might be a good idea to at least look at the possibility of bringing all these roads together at a roundabout intersection. He indicated that it would only make sense if a long term capacity analysis was favorable. He suggested hiring an independent firm, such as Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, to analyze the potential intersection to determine the best course of action. Kellogg asked whether the Cannonball extension would have any impact on this Kennedy Road issue. Klaas discussed the Gordon Road connection to Cannonball, the distinct and separate intersection of Galena Road and Kennedy Road, and concluded that he didn't think Cannonball

would have any significant impact on this project. Gryder talked about the side benefits of making a temporary improvement to Mill Road immediately at a cost of only \$100,000 and then partnering with Yorkville on the long-term solution, which could save both agencies some money, and ultimately move traffic in a better way. The Committee discussed the idea of hiring CMT to look at the idea of a roundabout at this location. Kelly Farley of CMT confirmed that the effort would not take long and would be inexpensive. Committee directed County Engineer and CMT to bring proposed engineering services agreement back to June committee meeting.

Amy Cesich advised the committee that a resident of Millington had contacted her about the Millington Bridge repairs, and many details about the ongoing repair dilemma. Folks in the Millington area are getting very frustrated with the lack of progress on the project, and have been notifying local representatives and TV stations. Evidently many of them feel that this project has been forgotten. Klaas discussed the fact that the last 12-month period has been the wettest in US history, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> wettest in Illinois history. This has scuttled the contractor's plans to make a quick repair, and simply made them wait for water levels in the Fox River to go down. Cesich wondered if there was a better way to advise the residents on an ongoing basis, or if anything else could be done to expedite the construction. Committee members discussed the ongoing frustration. Klaas indicated that until the water goes down, there is simply no way to begin repairs, which continues to frustrate everyone involved.

Motion Kellogg; second Prochaska to forward Highway Department bills for the month of May in the amount of \$139,094.71 to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Cesich; second Kellogg to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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

### **Action Items**

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