

**Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 17, 2010 – 8:15 A.M.
McHenry County Division of Transportation
Main Conference Room
Woodstock, Illinois 60098**

Chairperson Anna May Miller
Ed Dvorak Paula Yensen
Virginia Peschke Daniel Ryan
Sandra Salgado Scott Breeden

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Miller called the meeting to order at 8:15 A.M.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chairperson Miller, Paula Yensen, Daniel Ryan, Ed Dvorak, Virginia Peschke and Sandra Salgado

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Scott Breeden

OTHER ATTENDEES

In attendance were: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Joe Korpalski, Director of Transportation/County Engineer; Jeff Young, Assistant County Engineer; Cynthia Schaupp, SAO/Division of Transportation Liaison; Mark Mathewson, MROWCO; Ed Barry, Laborers' District Council Labor-Management for Chicago; Brian Smith, AECOM; Robert Rollings, Bollinger, Lach & Associates, Inc.; Victor Ramirez, City of Crystal; P. J. Fitzpatrick, Wills, Burke, Kelsey & Associates; George Vukielich, V3 Companies; Todd Bright, TranSystems Corporation; Omar Nashif, Collins Engineers, Inc.; Julie Hoberg, HDR; Glenn Schirmer, Chastain & Associates; John Ambrose, Baxter & Woodman, Inc.; Steve Pasinski, Thomas Engineering Group; Salvatore DiBernardo, Ciorba Group; Jason Holschen, Knaack, LLC; John Clark, STV, Inc.; Evert Evertsen, Hartland Township; Iris Bryan, Town Crier Publication; Mark DeVries, Division of Transportation, Maintenance Superintendent; Ed Markison, Division of Transportation, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent; Wally Dittrich, Division of Transportation, Design Manager; Mark Dammyer, Division of Transportation, Construction Manager; Ken Baker, Division of Transportation, Township Engineer; Troy Strange, Division of Transportation, Construction Engineer; Cha Lee, Division of Transportation, Consultant Project/Design Engineer; Jason Obsorn, Division of Transportation, Principal Transportation Planner; Sarah Lutz, Division of Transportation, Transportation Planner; Chalen Daigle, Planning Liaison; Debra Kroll, Division of Transportation, Administrative Specialist.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Barry, Laborers' District Council Labor-Management for Chicago addressed Agenda Item #7.0 regarding a bid letting and that the award of bid was being protested with the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL). Mr. Barry asked that the bid be held until an investigation can be completed by the IDOL.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – February 17, 2010

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Ms. Yensen, the meeting minutes of February 17, 2010 were approved as presented.

A voice vote was taken with all members present voting "aye"; motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND MCHENRY COUNTY FOR JAMES R. RAKOW ROAD WETLAND MITIGATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolution approving the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the McHenry County Conservation District (MCCD) for the wetland mitigation for the County's Rakow Road project.

As part of the wetland impacts for the Rakow Road project, the County will be impacting approximately 2 acres of wetlands. Given the high quality nature of the wetlands, mitigation is required at a 5:1 ratio. As part of the individual permitting process through the United States Army Corps of Engineers who has jurisdiction of the impacted wetlands, the Corps of Engineers highly recommended that due to the high quality nature of the impacts and the amount of impacts, that MCDOT focus their efforts on finding mitigation acres that would be close to the area of impact as opposed to simply purchasing wetland credits in a wetland bank miles away from the area of impact as normally done with wetland impacts for roadway projects. Through the MCDOT's close working relationship with the MCCD, it was brought to the MCDOT's attention that the MCCD already had a project designed that would restore 20 to 40 acres of wetlands in the Lake in the Hills Fen area, which is south of Rakow Road and east of Randall Road, but the project was awaiting a funding source. The MCCD has worked with the Army Corps of Engineers in the past on performing wetland mitigation for roadway projects and has indicated to the MCDOT that this project will fulfill the County's requirements for wetland mitigation for the Rakow Road project. Under the terms of the agreement, the County will pay the MCCD \$515,500.00. This represents a cost of \$50,000.00 per acre which is comparable to what the County would pay if it were to purchase wetland bank credits in the same watershed (Fox River).

The IGA has been prepared by the MCCD based on IGA's for similar projects and meets the requirements of the MCDOT. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the McHenry County State's Attorney Office (SAO).

On a motion by Ms. Peschke, seconded by Ms. Yensen, the resolution to approve an IGA between the MCCD and McHenry County for James R. Rakow Road wetland mitigation and appropriating funds was approved with a recommendation to the County Board.

A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes"; motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES FOR JAMES R. RAKOW ROAD

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests approval of the resolution supporting the continuance of right-of-way acquisition for James R. Rakow Road.

On May 5, 2009, the McHenry County Board approved the first resolution appropriating \$500,000.00 for the Rakow Road project.

Then on December 15, 2009, the County Board approved an additional \$2,500,000.00 million (\$1.5 million from the County Option Motor Fuel Tax fund and \$1.0 million from the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) sales tax fund) bringing the total to \$3,000,000.00.

Between these three (3) resolutions, this brings the total appropriation amount to \$5,000,000.00. The total right-of-way cost is estimated to be \$4,400,000.00 at this time.

For FY 2010, \$2,500,000.00 was budgeted for out of RTA sales tax (\$1,000,000.00) and County Option Motor Fuel tax (\$1,500,000.00). Based on the \$4,500,000.00 estimated acquisition cost, the additional \$2,000,000.00 will be shifted from the Miller Road right-of-way budgeted amount of \$1,750,000.00 and the remaining \$250,000.00 will be from the Remote Salt Storage project. Should right-of-way funds be needed in FY 2010 for the Miller Road project, an emergency appropriation resolution will likely be required.

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Mr. Dvorak, the resolution approving the acquisition of right-of-way for highway purposes for James R. Rakow Road was approved with a recommendation to the County Board.

A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes"; motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS AWARDED BIDS FOR MCHENRY COUNTY PAVEMENT PRESERVATION Resurfacing and Crack Sealing

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolutions awarding two (2) County Highway Pavement Preservation contracts for FY2010.

McHenry County annually resurfaces, micro-surfaces and crack seals portions of the County Highway System to protect the pavement structures as well as to maintain a safe and quality riding surface for the motoring public. Bids were opened on March 1, 2010 at the MCDOT.

As presented to the Transportation Committee on February 3, 2010, this year the MCDOT plans to resurface approximately 20 lane miles, micro-surface 8 lane miles, and crack seal 42 lane miles of County Highways based on present funding levels available of approximately \$4.5 million dollars. This approximates the required level of expenditures necessary to maintain our current average pavement condition into the future.

In 2010, the MCDOT reduced the micro-surfacing lane miles due to the introduction of new aggregates being used in the micro-surfacing mix. Another round of bid proposals shall be sought later in the summer for additional resurfacing and the micro-surfacing with the remaining available funds.

MCDOT is seeking conditional approval for Agenda Item #6.2, crack sealing, awarded to Denler, Inc. This is conditional approval pending the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) Chief Council's office's identification that Denler, Inc. is in fact the responsible low bidder. This agenda item will not be brought forward to the County Board until IDOT approves the apparent low bidder, Denler, Inc.

Chairperson Miller stated her desire to select a bidder local to McHenry County for the crack sealing bid.

On a motion by Ms. Yensen, seconded by Ms. Salgado, the resolution awarding the bid for McHenry County Pavement Preservation for resurfacing and crack sealing were approved with a recommendation to the County Board stipulating that the crack sealing bid approval is conditional, pending resolution from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Chicago Chief Council's office. Until resolution is received, Agenda Item #6.2 will not be brought before the County Board.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Peschke, Yensen, Ryan, Dvorak and Salgado, "yes"; Miller, "no"; motion carried.

Agenda Item #6.1 and #6.2 were approved under one motion.

RESOLUTIONS ACCEPTING ROAD DISTRICT BIDS

McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolutions accepting the Road District Resurfacing Bids and Material Bids for the various Townships.

Bids were opened on March 1, 2010 at the Division of Transportation, and were checked for errors.

This is an annual bid and is funded primarily through the Township Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds. For the materials, costs are to be paid from Township funds.

MCDOT engineering staff will provide construction administration and inspection services to assist the Highway Commissioners with these contracts.

MCDOT is seeking conditional approval for Agenda Item #7.1 for construction contracts and materials awarded to A. C. Pavement Striping and Jim George and Sons. This is conditional approval pending the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Chief Council's office identifying that A. C. Pavement Striping and Jim George and Sons are the responsible low bidders. This will not be brought forward to the County Board until resolution is received.

On a motion by Ms. Yensen, seconded by Ms. Peschke, the resolutions accepting Road District bids for resurfacing and materials were approved with a recommendation to the County Board stipulating that the bids from A. C. Pavement Striping and Jim George and Sons are conditional, pending resolution from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Chief Council's office. Until resolution is received, those specific bids will not be brought before the County Board.

A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes"; motion carried.

Agenda Item #7.1 and #7.2 were approved under one motion.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT

McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolution approving the purchase of a hot asphalt patch wagon for the MCDOT, Maintenance section.

This purchase was approved as part of the FY 2010 budget for the MCDOT.

Bids were received on March 9, 2010. The Director of Purchasing sent bids to four (4) vendors from which, three (3) bids were received. The hot asphalt patch wagon is being awarded to the low bid that meets specifications as recommended by the Director of Purchasing.

The four (4) ton hot asphalt patch wagon is a replacement for a 2003 two (2) ton hot patch wagon used almost daily during the winter months, patching potholes on County maintained highways and weekly during summer months. The unit has served its purpose well, but is due for replacement as it is beyond repair as it has exceeded its useful life. The new unit has a larger capacity and a more efficient burner system. It is equipped with a dump option for ease of cleaning and will be more efficient by hauling an additional two (2) tons of asphalt material.

The bid amount for the hot asphalt patch wagon was \$27,427.00. The budgeted amount for the unit in the FY 2010 budget was \$35,000.00, which is \$7,573.00 under the budgeted amount.

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the resolution approving the purchase of a hot asphalt patch wagon was approved with a recommendation to the County Board.

A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes"; motion carried.

PROCLAMATION NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK "ABOVE, BELOW, & ALL AROUND YOU"

National Public Works Week (NPWW), May 16 through May 22, is a celebration of the many men and women in North America who provide and maintain services collectively known as public works.

Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960, APWA calls attention to the importance of public works in community life. The Week seeks to enhance the prestige of the often-unsung heroes of our society—the professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication.

National Public Works Week is observed each year during the third full week of May. Through APWA and other efforts, APWA seeks to raise the public's awareness of public works issues and to increase confidence in public works employees who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Ms. Peschke, the Proclamation for National Public Works Week was approved with a recommendation to the County Board.

A voice vote was taken with all members present voting "aye"; motion carried.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the endorsement of the resolution approving the inclusion of the identified groups into the McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) Adopt-A-Highway Program.

Lakewood Fire Department
new group

Ackman Road from Lakewood Road to Haligus Road

EPS-Materials Marengo
new group

Kishwaukee Valley Road from Deerpass Road to Illinois Route 23

McHenry County Sportsmen's Assn.
current group with a different section

Country Club Road from Castleberry Drive to Ridgefield Road

Loving Tribute to Evertsen Family
new group

Country Club Road from Crystal Springs Road to Castleberry Drive

In order to augment the MCDOT's litter collection efforts, the County enacted an Ordinance to allow for volunteer groups to adopt various sections of highways for litter collection. With the approval of these agreements, the MCDOT has 138 groups enrolled in the program covering 142 centerline miles of the 214 available miles in the program which is roughly 66%.

The ordinance requires that the volunteer groups enter into an agreement with McHenry County defining the responsibilities of the group and the County. This resolution approves the County to enter into an agreement with four (4) groups for four (4) sections of highway.

On a motion by Ms. Yensen, seconded by Ms. Peschke, the resolution approving the inclusion of the identified groups into the McHenry County Division of Transportation Adopt-A-Highway Program was approved with a recommendation to the County Board.

A voice vote was taken with all members present voting "aye"; motion carried.

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Updates were offered to the Committee on the following items:

Longmeadow Parkway

- On March 2009, a public hearing was held as required by the the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to seek and obtain public comments regarding the potential environmental issues that were associated with operating the bridge as a toll collection facility. In November 2009, the FHWA determined that no supplement Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was required.

With regard to Phase I engineering, the Kane County Board approved funding at their November 10, 2009 meeting which would fund the necessary work associated with the tolling element. Based on the determination by the FHWA, the Kane County Board needed to approve an amended Phase I engineering contract. They are awaiting approval from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) on the agreements.

Land acquisition is moving forward for the entire corridor. On December 8, 2009, the Kane County Board approved an amended Federal funding agreement that will provide for over \$9 million in land acquisition.

On March 9, Kane County staff met with IDOT and the FHWA staff resolving various Phase I engineering issues and updating new Federal staff on the current status of engineering. Kane County Department of Transportation (KDOT) staff is coordinating with the Task Force Chairman regarding the next scheduled meeting date.

Kishwaukee Valley Road

- The general contractor, Illinois Constructors Corporation, is moving along quickly on the bridge project. The last of the sub-structure will be poured today. As the week closes all excavation in the waterway will be completed. A requirement of the project was that all excavation be completed by April 16th, due to an endangered species and all excavation will be completed as of this week. The project is currently two (2) weeks ahead of schedule.

Bids Tabs

- There were two (2) Federal Aid projects at the March 5th letting: Walkup Road and Chapel Hill Road resurfacing American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) project. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is handling all bidding and certification of bids. As it now stands, the apparent low

bidders were Lake County Grading for Walkup Road and Geske & Sons for Chapel Hill Road. All official awards will be determined by IDOT and that information will be provided at a later date.

- The first public meeting for Fleming Road, to be held in an open house format, is scheduled on March 23rd from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the McHenry County Administration Building on Ware Road. The project website for Fleming Road is: www.flemingroad.info.

OLD BUSINESS

Request for Qualifications

- **Four County Bridges**

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff is requesting the Committee's concurrence with the selection of four (4) consultants for four (4) County bridge replacement projects. The MCDOT staff recommendation summaries are being distributed per our procedure for these types of selections.

At the October 7, 2009 Transportation Committee meeting, the Committee approved MCDOT staff issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for four (4) bridge replacement projects for staff to bring forward recommendations on the preferred consultants. The bridges were arranged into three (3) groups. Upon review of the qualifications and determination that separate contracts will be required for the two (2) Group 9 bridges due to Highway Bridge Program eligibility. The following consultants are recommended for selection:

1. Group 7 – Lawrence Road over Tributary of Lawrence Creek – Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly
2. Group 8 – Deerpass Road over Kishwaukee River – AECOM
3. Group 9a – Franklinville Road over a Tributary of the Kishwaukee River – Wills, Burke, Kelsey & Associates
4. Group 9b – Franklinville Road over the Kishwaukee River – Collins Engineers, Inc.

If these are acceptable to the Committee, MCDOT staff will enter into negotiations with each firm and bring forward the contracts for approval at a later date.

On a motion by Mr. Dvorak, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the Committee offered their concurrence for MCDOT staff to enter into negotiations with each firm and bring forward contracts at a later date for approval.

A voice vote was taken with all members present voting "aye"; motion carried.

Chairperson Miller requested that in the future, a list of the selected consultants be included in the Transportation Committee packet for review in advance of a meeting.

- **Intersection Projects**

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff is requesting the Committee's concurrence on adding a Various/Variou item to the previously approved Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Intersection Safety Projects.

At the June 3, 2009 Transportation Committee meeting, the Committee approved MCDOT staff issuing an RFQ for three (3) intersection safety projects. These projects were:

1. River Road at Dowell Road – Phase II Design, Plan and Specification Preparation
2. Charles Road at Raffel Road - Phase II Design, Plan and Specification Preparation
3. U.S. Route 20 at Marengo Road/South Union Road/Beck Road – Phase I Preliminary Design

During the time of coordination of the RFQ posting with the Purchasing Department and writing the RFQ's, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has since programmed a safety improvement project for the U.S. Route 20 at Marengo Road/South Union Road/Beck Road project. At this time, MCDOT staff would like to replace this project on the RFQ with a various/various project where the actual project would be selected at a later date, after the consultant is selected. The Committee's concurrence on

the actual project would be obtained prior to staff entering into negotiations with the preferred consultant. As was approved for the other two (2) intersections at the June 3, 2009 meeting where the interview process requirement was waived (anticipated fees around \$150,000.00), MCDOT staff will bring forward a selected consultant and alternate for the Committee's approval.

The Committee concurred with the various/various approach and selection a consultant through the Intersection Projects RFQ.

- Mr. Korpalski advised that construction's unemployment rate continues to rise, reaching 24.7% in January, its highest level since 2000, reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

BLS's latest monthly employment report released on February 5, 2010, showed that construction's January jobless rate increased from 22.7% in December and 18.2% in January 2009.

The construction industry lost 75,000 jobs in January, bringing total jobs lost since December 2007 to 1.9 million.

NEW BUSINESS

- The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) is pleased to announce that the Algonquin Road project has been selected as a recipient of a Special Achievement Award from the American Council of Engineering Consultants (ACEC) of Illinois. This award was one (1) of eighteen (18) Special Achievement Awards awarded. A total of fifty-five (55) projects were submitted for recognition. A plaque was awarded to Patrick Engineering, Inc. on behalf of the MCDOT at the ACEC Awards Banquet in Springfield, Illinois in February. Patrick Engineering, Inc. also has provided a project poster for display at the MCDOT in recognition of this achievement.
- Mr. Ken Baker has been invited by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to participate in a two (2) day workshop held in Dallas, Texas on April 7th and 8th. The goal sought is expertise in the development of a Pavement Management Roadmap. The objective is to bring together participants for the development of this road map that would lead to future research development, technology transfer and workforce development activities for the proper management of highway pavements. Participants will include the FHWA, various stakeholders, State and local highway agencies, academia and industries. Attendants will be asked to participate actively in discussions on ten (10) issue areas within the overall pavement management topic. In the end, the discussions will lead to the development of problem statements that will be used to generate a roadmap for pavement management activities for the next ten (10) years. Mr. Baker is the only County representative within the United States.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Land Acquisition, Pending Litigation and Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Ms. Yensen, the Committee went into Executive Session at 9:05 A.M. to discuss land acquisition, pending litigation and review of meeting minutes.

A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes"; motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Yensen, the Committee went into Regular Session at 9:51 A.M.

A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes"; motion carried.

Chairperson Miller noted that "no action" was taken in Executive Session.

The Executive Session Meeting minutes of February 17, 2010 were reviewed and by direction of the Committee will be forwarded to the State's Attorney Office (SAO) for review and release.

MEMBER COMMENTS

- Ms. Yensen addressed issues of concern to her constituents, regarding the Hackmatac project.

Discussions ensued and use of the project public access website was encouraged.
- Ms. Salgado addressed non-dedicated and private road funding along with information provided to her by her constituents. Discussions ensued.

NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

8:15 A.M. on April 7, 2010 – McHenry County Division of Transportation

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Ms. Peschke, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 A.M.

A voice vote was taken with all members present voting “aye”; motion carried.

APPROVED