

STEPHENSON COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Public Works Committee of the Stephenson County Board met at the County Highway Office on July 3, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Members present were: Lynn Koch, Sandra Kubatzke, William Hadley, Brenda Boynton, Andrew Kuhlemeier, Jim Kuhlmeier, and Alvin Wire.

Members absent:

Also present were: Chris Isbell and Marsha Van Horn.

A motion was made by Andrew Kuhlemeier and seconded by Mr. Koch to approve the agenda.

Yeas 7 Nays 0 - Motion carried.

A motion was made Mr. Koch and seconded by Mr. Wire that the minutes of the meeting held at the Stephenson County Highway Department on 06/06/2008 be approved as read/corrected/mailed.

Yeas 7 Nays 0 - Motion carried.

A motion was made by Andrew Kuhlemeier and seconded by Mr. Wire that the Claims be allowed.

Yeas 7 Nays 0 - Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing at this point. Still no word from Lena as to their taking over the street.

A motion was made by Mr. Koch and seconded by Ms. Boynton to recommend approval of Resolution HD 08-24 to the full board. This resolution approves obtaining Engineering Firm Willett and Hoffman for 08-17128-00-BR, North Crossroads over a branch of Yellow Creek not to exceed \$21,858.80.

Yeas 7 Nays 0 - Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Kubatzke and seconded by Ms. Boynton to recommend approval of Resolution HD 08-25 to the full board. This

resolution approves obtaining Engineering Firm Willett and Hoffman for Section 08-08115-00-BR, West Goddard Road over a branch of Yellow Creek not to exceed \$21, 858.80.

Yeas 7 Nays 0 - Motion carried.

OTHER: Rock Grove Road – Bids were received and opened in Springfield the end of June and it exceeded the estimate by 25 – 30%. Therefore, the contract will not be awarded

Cedarville Road Bridge – It is supposed to be on the September letting because the state has no lettings in August. Paul is working on the wetland mitigation. The county has to purchase 1.5 times the amount of land that will be destroyed and therefore is purchasing 1.5 acres at a cost of \$50,000.00 per acre from the Kilbuck Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank.

July tour date – It was agreed by all that on Thursday, the 24th of July at 9:00 A.M., everyone shall meet at the Highway department and depart by 9:30. The tour is open to all county board members.

IL RT 75 ROW – The State of Illinois wants to purchase from the County .77 acres of land located at Cedarville Road and Route 75. The purchase amount offered is \$3,000.00 with the land to be used for intersection improvements. The consensus was to move forward with the transfer.

Chris stated that he had spoke with Vici, Adrienne, and Russ regarding the ability for the County Highway Department to write their own checks for claims. Vici and Adrienne thought it was an excellent idea and would lift some of the load off their offices. Russ really did not know how it would work. Henry County does this also, so Chris will be discussing the procedures that they have implemented as well as talking with the County Auditor. He stated that we will be doing a trial run in October and November and hopefully have everything in place by the fiscal year which would be the best time to switch everything over.

Committee Comments: Mr. Wire asked about the roads being traveled on for the wind towers and how much money would to going to the townships

for the repair of the roadways. Chris said that a meeting had occurred between Eco Energy, township road commissioners, a few property owners, and Chris himself. Eco agreed there would be a two-million dollar letter of credit to cover maintenance and repairs, and in addition to this, West Point and Winslow Townships would receive a combined amount of \$500,000.00 the first year, \$300,000.00 the second year, and \$200,000.00 the third. Those dollar amounts can be used any way the townships chose to use them and will be distributed between the two townships on a mutually agreeable basis. Chris stated he is still waiting for the two million dollar letter of credit from Eco Energy.

Mr. Koch mentioned there were some brush piles and debris on Forest Road and wondered if there was an ordinance preventing the county to deem this as a hazard. It was indicated that the piles were off the right-of-way, and the County had no control.

Mr. Hadley inquired as to the follow-up on the \$20,000.00 barricades to be used on Pearl City Road. Chris told the committee that the new construction standards require these types of barriers, and therefore, there is nothing that can be changed regarding the barriers due to liability issues.

Andrew Kuhlemeier asked if there was still activity on the old building, and Chris said yes, and also stated that he had shown the building to the same interested person twice now.

Jim Kuhlmeier stated that the triangle on Cedarville Road is looking nice and hoped that others did not start piling brush and dirt there.

A motion was made by Mr. Koch and seconded by Ms. Boynton that the meeting adjourn/recess at 11:20 a.m.

Yeas 7 Nays 0 - Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsheila L. Van Horn
Committee Secretary