

STEPHENSON COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
of December 5, 2008

A meeting of the **Public Works Committee** was held December 5, 2008 in the County Highway Building with the following members present:

Members present were Tom Gilmour, George Kinney, Andrew Kuhlemeier, Alvin Wire, Brenda Boynton and James Kuhlmeier

Also present were: Chris Isbell, Marsha Van Horn, and Dan Moeller, media

Absent members: Lynn Koch

A motion was made by Andrew Kuhlemeier and seconded by Alvin Wire that agenda be approved.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried

A Motion was made by Alvin Wire and seconded by George Kinney that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as read/corrected/mailed.

Ayes 6: Nays: 0 Motion carried

A Motion was made by Andrew Kuhlemeier and seconded by Tom Gilmour that the bills in the respective funds be allowed.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried

A Motion was made by Andrew Kuhlemeier and seconded by Alvin Wire to recommend approval of Resolution HD 08-32 to the full board. This resolution authorizes the transfer of funds from federal construction allotments to the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for the County Engineers Salary for Section 09-00000-00-CS

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Andrew Kuhlemeier and seconded by Alvin Wire to recommend approval of Resolution HD 08-33 to the full board. This resolution appropriates funds from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for the County Engineers Salary and expenses or Section 09-00000-00-CS.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 1 Motion carried.  
Nay Vote: George Kinney

A Motion was made by Andrew Kuhlemeier and seconded by Alvin Wire to recommend approval of Resolutions HD 08-34 to the full board. This resolution awards the bidders for Section 09-00000-00-GM.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Other:

No Parking on Rock Grove Road in the town of Rock Grove.

After much discussion of the snow emergency ordinance prepared by the State's Attorney and various options, a motion was made by Alvin Wire and seconded by Tom Gilmour to make the south side of Rock Grove Road no parking from December 1<sup>st</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 1 Motion carried.  
Nay Vote: Andrew Kuhlemeier

NACE 2009 - Chris stated the Nation Association of County Engineers (NACE) 2009 would be held in Peoria this year and he will be an acting host as well as a presenter for the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN) Chris explained that IPWMAN members work together in a case of a crisis, they can call on each other for help, equipment usage etc. He also stated the Stephenson County was the first official member and he is the Vice President of the Board of Directors. His presentation at the NACE 2009 conference will cover the above. The NACE Convention will be from April 19 until April 23rd. There was discussion about one of the Board Members going, and it was stated they had already thought about that and it was placed in the budget.

Nursing Center Salt – Chris stated it was determined this year there would be no extra supply of salt for the Nursing Center, Highland Community College or the Sheriff's Office. All entities were told NO. However, someone at the Nursing Center told Nelson Snavelly it was ok to get salt from the County Highway and the Highway would just bill the

Nursing Center so he did. Chris stated that he new nothing of this and it was never discussed with him. Chris stated The Nursing Center used a ton of pure salt on their parking lot, due to Darnell not wanting it mixed, and if it had been mixed the way the highway department is mixing it that salt could have been used on 20 miles of County Roads.

Chris explained different producers such as using GEO MELT – which is a mixture of calcium chloride and beet juice. It is an enhancer that can be used on the chips/salt or directly be sprayed on the surface before or after the roads freeze. The cost to purchase in bulk is less than \$2.00 a gallon and it would take 4 – 5 gallons of enhancer per ton of mix. He told the members that he had sent two employees to pick up two barrels to hold the mix.

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Tom Gilmour: He said he had a couple of complaints from constituents, one being “When are they going to fix Rock Grove Road, it’s been pieced together for 53 years?” Tom did explain to them about the expense over bid. Chris said that East end of the road is scheduled for January letting but the West end of the road still required the purchase of R.O.W. and one family will not sell. Tom also said the fire department in Orangeville was wanting a fire number on every house and asked Chris if the County had a sign machine that could make them. Chris replied that the County just received one and had a little training on the machine. He also said that something might be able to be worked out.

Alvin Wire asked if Chris if he had heard anything from the Farm Bureau regarding transferring the power from the Road Commissioners to the Supervisors of the Townships. Chris said it was on a State level, not County and that he was not familiar with it being done in Stephenson County. He said that quite a few years back they had more authority, but if they transfer the power then the Road Commissioners become employees.

Brenda Boynton said you could buy firehouse number signs at Menard’s for \$12.00

George Kinney asked Chris if he attended the quarterly meetings of the road commissioners. George also asked about the bridge on Cedarville Road in regards to the emergency vehicles can’t cross it. Chris said some fire trucks think their exempt, but the bridge can’t tell if it’s a fire truck or not. He said there have been discussions at the Fire Chief Association and he had spoke

to some of the trustees regarding emergency vehicles not being able to cross the bridge and the dispatchers are to tell other outside agencies if they have to get involved with a fire.

A motion was made by Alvin Wire and seconded by George Kinney that the meeting adjourn/recess at 11:15 A.M.

Ayes: 6 Nays 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsheila L. Van Horn  
Committee Secretary

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