

MINUTES OF THE STEPHENSON COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MARCH 6, 2009

A meeting of the Public Works Committee was held March 6, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. at the County Highway Building with the following members present:

Members present were George Kinney, Andrew Kuhlemeier, Alvin Wire, and James Kuhlmeier

Brenda Boynton arrived at 9:05 A.M.

Tom Gilmour arrived at 9:08 A.M.

Also present were: Chris Isbell, Marcia Hammer

Agenda: Chris stated there was no need for Executive Session. A motion was made by George Kinney and seconded by Andrew Kuhlemeier to approve the agenda as amended.

Ayes: 5 Nays:0 Motion carried

Minutes: A Motion was made by George Kinney and seconded by Lynn Koch that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as read/corrected/mailed.

Ayes: 5 Nays:0 Motion carried

Claims: A Motion was made by Andrew Kuhlemeier and seconded by Alvin Wire that the bills in the respective funds be allowed.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion carried

Correspondence:

(a) **City of Freeport:** Chris stated that he wrote a letter to the Mayor of the City of Freeport requesting that the County take the lead in the project to install stoplights at Pearl City Road and Kiwanis Drive. The mayor agreed so we should have an intergovernmental agreement next month regarding this project.

(b) **Stimulus Package:** Chris stated that the County was awarded \$393,026.00 for transportation projects that are to be under contract by March of 2010, and that he would like to use those funds to continue improvements on Rock Grove Road starting at the end of the current Rock Grove section and going west as far as we can, hopefully to Afolkey Road.

Chris also stated that the City of Freeport was awarded \$799,842.00. Any monies not under contract by that date will be returned to the federal government and would go to other states.

ACTION ITEMS:

A Motion was made by Brenda Boynton and seconded by Andrew Kuhlemeier to recommend approval of Resolution HD 09-07 to the full board. This resolution awards the low bid for Sec. 07-14133-00-BR, Rock Run Road District – Knoup Road, to Moring Construction.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

A Motion was made by Brenda Boynton and seconded by Lynn Koch to recommend approval of Resolution HD 09-08 to the full board. This resolution awards the low bid for Sec. 08-08115-00-BR, Kent Road District – Goddard Road, to Moring Construction.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

A Motion was made by Lynn Koch and seconded by Brenda Boynton to recommend approval of Resolution HD 09-09 to the full board. This is a Resolution to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

OTHER:

Ridott Township: Chris stated that Ridott Township rejected the bids for Sec. 08-12131-00-BR, Bunker Hill Road as the bids came in 30% over estimate.

Road Postings: Chris stated that signs started going up March 5th and will begin to be enforced on Monday, March 9th.

Salt Storage: Chris stated he is working on a proposal for next month to build a new salt storage facility and how to pay for it.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Lynn Koch asked Chris if he heard anything from the City in regard to the sale of the old highway building. Chris stated that he was told that the mayor called John Blum and was not happy with the counter-offer, the deal was off, and that their biggest complaint was that we would not provide financing.

George Kinney asked Chris the status of the wind mill project in Lancaster Township, and Chris stated that a draft of a road agreement was sent out, but hasn't heard back.

Andrew Kuhlemeier stated that Dan McCarthy is having severe flooding on his property on Rock City Road. Chris stated there is nothing the County can do as his house was built in a low area and the water drains naturally from the field.

Jim Kuhlmeier asked if there was a letting date set for the Cedarville Bridge project. Chris said the letting will probably be in late April with construction possibly starting just after July 1st.

Jim Kuhlmeier stated that he talked to Russ Mulnix regarding the Early Retirement Incentive. Russ told him to talk to the Labor Attorney. The Labor Attorney told Jim that it should not be offered without it being offered in the union contract; otherwise, it may be open to unfair labor practices.

Lynn Koch, Alvin Wire, Brenda Boynton, and Tom Gilmour had no comments.

A Motion was made by Brenda Boynton and seconded by Andrew Kuhlemeier that the meeting adjourn/recess at 10:29 A.M.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Hammer