

STEPHENSON COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Public Works Committee of the Stephenson County Board met at the County Highway Office on April 9, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

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

Also present were: Chris Isbell and Marsha Van Horn

A motion was made by Andrew Kuhlemeier and seconded by Alvin Wire to approve the agenda.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Alvin Wire and seconded by Andrew Kuhlemeier that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as read/corrected/mailed.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Tom Gilmour and seconded by Andrew Kuhlemeier that the Claims be allowed.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chris stated he had received a letter from the Freeport Chapter ABATE asking if the could place a 30' Motorcycle Awareness Banner on the grounds at the old Highway Bldg.

It was approved by IDOT.

A motion was made by Brenda Boynton and seconded by Tom Gilmour to move forward with the banner after discussing placement, length, and maintenance with Freeport Chapter ABATE.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion carried

Chris told the committee that an Engineer Tech had been hired and her name is Monica Vorass. Monica holds a Civil Engineer degree and after working under a licensed engineer for four years, she would be able to take her license test.

He also said that the plans for Cedarville Bridge were received yesterday from IDOT and the letting is April 24, 2009.

Jim Kuhlmeier mentioned he had received a letter from Ringland.Johnson stating they were IDOT pre-qualified for concrete bridge repairs and to offer free estimates on work.

Chris said that he attended and testified in Rockford regarding HB1. Representative Bradley introduced the bill. This bill has provisions for increasing MFT. Chris also said that he spoke with Mr. Bradley after the meeting and he stated that any increase in revenues Local Agency's would share in.

A motion was made by Lyn Koch and seconded by Tom Gilmour to recommend approval of Resolution HD 09-10 to the full board. This resolution authorizes the Addition of Forest and Fairgrounds Roads to the Federal Highway System

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Andrew Kuhlemeier and seconded by Alvin Wire to recommend approval of Resolutions HD 09-11, HD 09-12, HD 09-13, HD 09-14 to the full board. These resolutions approve the Supplemental County Engineer Expenses from MFT Funds for 05-00000-00-CS, 06-00000-00-CS, 07-00000-00-CS, and 08-00000-00-CS.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Lyn Koch and seconded by Tom Gilmour to recommend approval of Resolution HD 09-15 to the full board. This resolution approves of the appropriation of MFT Funds for 09-00000-00-GM

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion carried

A motion was made by Brenda Boynton and seconded by Tom Gilmour to recommend approval of Resolution HD 09-16 to the full board. This resolution awards the low bid for Sec 09-XX000-01-GM.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion carried

Other:

Salt Storage Facility Proposal

Chris explained the need for a bigger salt shed and wants to ask the County Board to budget this next year out of non-highway funds. After much discussion, it was determined that Chris would revise the proposal and bring it back to the next Public Works meeting in May.

Draft Inter-Governmental Agreement with City of Freeport

Chris presented a draft Inter-Governmental agreement between the County and the City of Freeport for intersection work at Pearl City & Kiwanis Dr.

After much discussion:

A motion was made by Andrew Kuhlemeier and seconded by Tom Gilmour instructing Chris to move forward and submit the draft agreement the City of Freeport for review.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion carried

Spring Tour

Chris was instructed to come up with some dates available when construction would be going on and bring that information to the next meeting.

Stimulus Project

Chris said that the Highway Dept has submitted Winneshiek Road from IL 75 to 26 for the stimulus.

COMMENTS:

Tom Gilmour inquired as to how a small sub-division could be annexed into the County or Township so they wouldn't have to maintain their own roads. Chris told him that the residents could but they would have to adhere to set backs and other matters required for the annexation.

Alvin Wire: NO Comment

George Kinney asked if there was any action regarding the windmills in Lancaster and Chris replied no.

Brenda Boynton: NO Comment

Lyn Koch: NO Comment

Andrew Kuhlemeier made comments about the different weights restriction on different roads.

Jim Kuhlmeier asked when the road postings would be lifted and Chris said maybe the end of this month. He also asked if the Old Highway Building is in the City TIFF district.

A Motion was made by Brenda Boynton and seconded by Tom Gilmour that the meeting adjourn/recess at 10:50 A.M.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion carried

Motion carried 7 to 0.
Respectfully submitted,

Marsheila L. Van Horn
Committee Secretary