

**Transportation Committee  
Meeting  
Wednesday, April 20, 2005 - 9:00 AM  
McHenry County Division of Transportation  
Main Conference Room  
16111 Nelson Road  
Woodstock, Illinois 60098**

Chairman Dan Shea  
Vice Chairman Ed Dvorak    Don Larson  
Virginia Peschke        Lyn Orphal  
Sandra Salgado        Anna May Miller

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Shea called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Chairman Dan Shea, Don Larson, Anna May Miller, Virginia Peschke, Sandra Salgado and Ed Dvorak

**MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

Notified absence by Lyn Orphal to Chairman Shea

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

In attendance were: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Inc.; Joseph Korpalski, Division of Transportation Director/County Engineer; Joe Murawski, Trustee for the Village of Lake in the Hills; Karen Patel, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation; Joe Loch, H. W. Lochner; Gary Overbay, Civiltech Engineering, Inc.; Iris Bryan, Town Crier; Nate Legue, Northwest Herald; Chuck Keeshan, Daily Herald; Ken Kelgard, Division of Transportation Deputy County Engineer; Mark Dammyer, Division of Transportation Construction Manager; Jeff Young, Division of Transportation Design Manager; Ken Baker, Division of Transportation Township Engineer; Donna Adamson, Division of Transportation Receptionist; Debra Kroll, Division of Transportation Administrative Assistant.

❖ No Public Participation was conducted at today's meeting

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 06, 2005 MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Dvorak to approve the April 06, 2005 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Salgado.

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

**BID APPROVAL**

***Resolution Awarding Road District Construction Contracts***

The Illinois Highway Code requires that the County Board accept bids and award contracts for Road District Motor Fuel Tax maintenance and construction.

Contract maintenance bids for Alden, Dorr, Hartland and Hebron Townships were opened on March 29, 2005 at the McHenry County Division of Transportation.

We recommend the award of contracts be given to:

Alden Township    Section 05-01000-02-GM    \$ 22,787.94    to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, Inc.

Dorr Township    Section 05-06000-01-GM    \$230,519.58    to Peter Baker & Son Company

Hartland Township Section 05-10000-01-GM \$ 38,675.86 to Peter Baker & Son Company

Hebron Township Section 05-11000-01-GM \$ 59,306.60 to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, Inc.

A motion was made by Ms. Miller to approve and recommend to the County Board the Resolution Awarding Road District Construction Contracts to the above mentioned companies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dvorak.

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

***Resolution Accepting Road District Material Bids***

The Illinois Highway Code requires that the County Board accept bids for Road District Motor Fuel Tax maintenance materials.

The Road District paving material bids for Hartland and Hebron Townships were opened on March 29, 2005 at the McHenry County Division of Transportation.

We recommend that the following bids be accepted:

Hartland Township	Section 05-10000-00-GM	\$24.50/ton for surface and 22.00/ton for binder to Peter Baker & Son Company
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Hebron Township	Section 05-11000-00-GM	\$24.50/ton to Payne & Dolan, Inc.
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A motion was made by Ms. Miller to approve and recommend to the County Board the Resolution Accepting Road District Material Bids to the above mentioned companies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dvorak.

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

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR CULVERT MATERIALS**

In order to properly maintain the County Highway System, it is necessary to replace culverts and sections of culverts throughout the County Highway system.

Culvert materials are part of the annual maintenance program and budget for the County Highway System.

A motion was made by Ms. Salgado to approve and recommend to the County Board the Resolution Appropriating Funds for Culvert Materials and the appropriation of \$15,000.00 from the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larson.

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDED ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR INTERSECTION LIGHTING PROJECT**

McHenry County has determined a need to install intersection lighting systems on Randall Road at its intersections with Harnish Road, Huntington Drive, Miller Road and Ackman Road and entered into an agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. to perform the design of the intersection highway lighting systems on September 16, 2003.

Since the above project has been completed and since the Algonquin Road reconstruction project has also been completed, the McHenry County Division of Transportation has determined the need to install intersection highway lighting at Randall Road and its intersection with Algonquin Road, which is outside the scope of the original contract.

The project has been identified and is included within the budget. We recommend approval of the Amended Engineering Services Agreement in the "not to exceed" amount of \$7,161.47 to provide said engineering services, bringing the total contract amount to \$74,512.31.

A motion was made by Ms. Salgado to approve and recommend to the County Board the Resolution Approving an Amended Engineering Services Agreement for the Intersection Lighting Project with Christopher Burke Engineering, Ltd. and the appropriation of \$8,000.00 from the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund. The motion was seconded by Ms. Miller.

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH IDOT FOR THE PROVISIONS OF PLANNING SERVICES TO THE MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS**

Section 104(f) of Title Twenty Three U.S.C. has authorized through the State of Illinois, Metropolitan Planning Funds, hereinafter referred to as PL Funds, to carry out Section 134 of Title Twenty Three U.S.C.

The State of Illinois will make this funding available to the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible for carrying out the responsibilities under Section 134 of Title Twenty Three U.S.C, Sections 1602, 1604 and 1607 of Title Forty Nine U.S.C.

The Governor of the State of Illinois has designated the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Northeastern Illinois.

CATS has allocated an amount "not to exceed" \$74,025.51 in PL Funds for the one year period ending June 30, 2005 to the McHenry Region of the CATS Council of Mayors for providing staff assistance to local officials to undertake activities in support of transportation planning, programming and management and review in the region.

A motion was made by Ms. Miller to approve and recommend to the County Board the Resolution Approving an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the Provisions of Planning Services to the McHenry County Council of Mayors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dvorak.

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MCHENRY AND THE CITY OF HARVARD FOR THE EXTENSION OF LAWRENCE ROAD**

The area surrounding the City of Harvard is currently experiencing growth and will continue to do so, as projected by the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission for the year 2030.

McHenry County and the City of Harvard have determined a need to develop a long range plan for the extension of Lawrence Road to the North and South of its present alignment within the planning boundaries of the City of Harvard.

The plan will be of immediate and lasting benefit to the County and the City of Harvard as the study identifies the future alignment of Lawrence Road, roadway network modifications, right-of-way needs and access locations along the routes in question, for a developed condition.

The County Access Management Ordinance is in place for the purpose of maintaining the arterial functions of County Highways.

The City of Harvard and McHenry County have entered into an agreement for the *Concept Alignment Study of Lawrence Road Extension*.

A motion was made by Ms. Salgado to approve and recommend to the County Board the Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of McHenry and the City of Harvard for the Extension of Lawrence Road, adopting the *Concept Alignment Study of Lawrence Road Extension*. The motion was seconded by Ms. Peschke.

Mr. Young addressed this issue citing that this project was similar to the Huntley East Side Plan and discussed the benefits of setting aside a corridor now. Mr. Young also noted that there will be several jurisdictional transfers within this intergovernmental agreement.

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

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR WEST ALGONQUIN BYPASS PROJECT**

McHenry County and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) conducted an intensive study of the intersections of Illinois Routes 31 and 62 and have completed the preliminary engineering for the proposed improvement.

In order to improve this traffic congestion, the design and construction of a West Illinois Route 31 bypass of the Village of Algonquin is necessary.

The improvements will require the services of a consulting engineering firm to provide contract plans and specification (Phase II engineering) documents for the project.

We recommend approval of the Engineering Services Agreement with Civiltech Engineering, Inc. in the "not to exceed" amount of \$2,781,215.00 to provide said engineering services.

The project is being funded entirely by federal funds, administered by IDOT, with McHenry County being the facilitator of the contract and making progress payments to Civiltech Engineering, Inc., with reimbursements from the state to the County for 100% of the actual costs.

A motion was made by Ms. Peschke to approve and recommend to the County Board the Resolution Approving an Engineering Services Agreement with Civiltech Engineering, Inc. for the West Algonquin Bypass Project and the appropriation of \$2,790,000.00 from the County Option Motor Fuel Tax Fund. The motion was seconded by Ms. Miller.

Mr. Overbay of Civiltech Engineering, Inc. updated the committee on the status of the project, noting the following issues of concern:

- Indiana Bats (endangered) – The U. S. Department of Fish and Wildlife is part of the processing of a form we call the *Biological Assessment Form* that was sent in at the beginning of the project (approximately 3 years ago). The department believes there is a potential "*bat habitat*" in Algonquin. Because of this, "*Mist Netting*" will be conducted throughout the summer. If in fact a *bat habitat* exists, it will not stop the attainment of design approval. Instead, the County will be granted *conditional design approval*, in order to move on with the process.
- A 4F Statement is part of the National Environmental Policy Act that states if you take lands of recreational value to build a transportation project, a report (4F Statement) needs to be completed. A 4F Statement was completed and submitted and it was reviewed by the County and approved; the Village of Algonquin has also approved the report. The report was sent to Springfield, IL where it was also approved. The people at the Federal Level in Springfield asked if the County had reviewed all the options for not impacting the parkland, which we have. Now we need to readdress some their concerns regarding this issue. The State has advised that this will not hold up *conditional design approval*.
- State of Illinois Bridge Office – The Towne Park Pavilion Project has grown to approximately a \$50 million project. The State has approximately \$39 million of this

project funded. The Bridge Office has been given the direction to try to lessen the costs of **all** of their projects. They would like us to narrow the spans and use concrete instead of steel, hence a less expensive structure. We will meet with the Bridge Office on possible options regarding the length of the bridge and materials used. We feel that we can still maintain a significant cost reduction if steel is used.

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR FUNDING OF WEST ALGONQUIN BYPASS PROJECT**

In order to obtain federal funding of local highway improvements, McHenry County is required under Illinois Department of Transportation policies, to enter into an agreement for the funding of said local improvements.

McHenry County is desirous of entering into a design engineering contract with Civiltech Engineering, Inc. for the Phase II Engineering (contract plans and specifications) for the West Algonquin Bypass Project.

Federal funding, administered by IDOT, is in place to cover 100% of the work as a reimbursable expense to McHenry County.

A motion was made by Ms. Miller to approve and recommend to the County Board the Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois for the Funding of the West Algonquin Bypass Project. The motion was seconded by Ms. Salgado.

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

**PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

The report was discussed in detail by Mr. Korpalski.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

***Old Business-*** None

***New Business***

Mr. Korpalski advised that as part of the County's Purchasing Policy, retired equipment is sent to auction. The Division of Transportation placed in the County's auction last year, a Vermeer Wood Chipper with a minimum bid of \$14,000.00. The Division of Transportation did not receive one (1) bid. We have received an offer of \$12,500.00 from Chemung Township. Mr. Korpalski was seeking concurrence from the committee to move forward with the sale of the chipper.

A motion was made by Ms. Peschke to move forward with the sale of the chipper to Chemung Township for \$12,500.00 and was seconded by Ms. Salgado.

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

Mr. Korpalski notified the committee that Ms. Patricia Schroeder has given her notice of resignation and will be pursuing other endeavors. Ms. Schroeder's last day will be April 22, 2005. Ms. Schroeder was wished "good luck" by all.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – MINUTES AND PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

Executive Session was not conducted at today's meeting.

**NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

9:00 AM on May 04, 2005 – Division of Transportation

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Salgado at 09:47 AM and was seconded by Ms. Miller.

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