

**Transportation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 6, 2006 - 9:00 A.M.
McHenry County Division of Transportation
Main Conference Room
16111 Nelson Road
Woodstock, Illinois 60098**

Chairman Dan Shea
Vice Chairman Ed Dvorak Mary McCann
Virginia Peschke Lyn Orphal
Sandra Salgado Anna May Miller

CALL TO ORDER

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

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Dan Shea, Ed Dvorak, Lyn Orphal, Sandra Salgado, Anna May Miller, Mary McCann and Virginia Peschke

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

None

OTHER ATTENDEES

In attendance were: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Joseph Korpalski, Director of Transportation/County Engineer; Jamie Rein, State's Attorney Office; Mark Mathewson, Mathewson Right of Way Company; Robert Rollings, Bollinger Lach and Associates; Kelly Farley, CMT; Chris J. Manheim, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation President; Charles Eldredge, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation; Jeff Young, Division of Transportation Assistant County Engineer; Mark DeVries, Division of Transportation Maintenance Superintendent; Ed Markison, Division of Transportation Assistant Maintenance Superintendent; Mark Dammyer, Division of Transportation Construction Manager; Jim Werner, Division of Transportation Construction Engineer; Jason Osborn, Division of Transportation Principal Transportation Planner; Holly Ostdick, Planning Liaison; Ray Beets, Division of Transportation Permit Coordinator; Debra Kroll, Division of Transportation Administrative Specialist.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Chairman Shea introduced Ms. Mary McCann as the new Board Member for the Transportation Committee.

- Mr. Eldredge, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation introduced Mr. Chris Manheim, the new President of the EDC, who replaces Ms. Karen Patel.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 15, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Orphal, the November 15, 2006 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

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

BID APPROVAL

Resolution Awarding a Contract for Tree Removal

McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests the approval of the resolution awarding a contract for tree removal and the appropriation of funds for Algonquin Road from Lakewood Road to Randall Road.

The County has determined that there is a need for an advance tree removal contract for the Algonquin Road project to prepare the right-of-way for utility relocations and construction of the project. The project will be funded by County Option Motor Fuel Tax funds. The majority of the work is scheduled to be completed this winter and will allow the utility companies to relocate with minimal delay.

The engineering cost estimate for the tree removal was \$209,235.50 and the low bid received from McGinty Brothers, Inc. of Long Grove, Illinois was for \$176,272.70.

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Ms. Orphal, the resolution awarding a contract for tree removal to McGinty Brothers, Inc. and the appropriation of funds was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

Resolution Awarding a Contract for Building Demolition

McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests the approval of the resolution for bids received for the demolition of one (1) home and the addition of a certified asbestos survey by a licensed contractor for the Harmony Road and U.S. Route 20 intersection project.

As part of the property acquisition process for the intersection project, the County is cutting down a vertical curve (hill) on Harmony Road, to improve the sight distance along the highway. As part of the hill cut, the County needs to grade the property in front of the existing home. This grading required the acquisition of the home on the site. The home has been purchased and vacated.

The low bid received was from American Demolition of Elgin, Illinois for \$13,800.00 with an asbestos survey fee of \$630.00.

On a motion by Mr. Dvorak, seconded by Ms. Salgado, the resolution awarding a contract for building demolition and a certified asbestos survey to American Demolition and appropriation of funds was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO DEVELOP A BICYCLE FACILITIES MAP

McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests the approval of the resolution for an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), formerly known as CATS, to use Metropolitan Planning funds (UWP) for the purpose of producing a bicycle facilities map for the McHenry County Council of Mayors.

UWP funds have been made available to the McHenry County Council of Mayors, \$16,000.00, for the purpose of taking an inventory of the bicycle facilities within the Council of Mayors' area and the production of maps of these facilities. The McHenry County Division of Transportation's FY 2007 budget has \$12,000.00 budgeted to produce foldable County highway maps. The end result will be a two-sided foldable map with the bicycle facilities on one side and the updated County highway map on the other side.

On a motion by Ms. McCann, seconded by Ms. Miller, the resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement to develop a bicycle facilities map was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY NEGOTIATION SERVICES

McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests the approval of the resolution for the hiring of negotiation services for property associated with the Walkup Road CMAQ bottleneck elimination project, north of Illinois Route 176, north to Bull Valley Road.

The McHenry County Division of Transportation has entered into an agreement with the State of Illinois to provide 80% funding, to complete the Walkup Road project. The Division has completed Phase I engineering and is ready to initiate land acquisition for the project.

The contract is with Mark Mathewson Right-of-Way Company (MROWCO) and is in line with other recent contracts on a per parcel basis. At this time, the Phase II plan preparation is underway along with the preparation of the plat of highways for the acquisitions determined during Phase I. A separate agreement will be required for the properties associated with the Walkup Road intersection with Illinois Route 176.

The agreement content has been reviewed by the State's Attorney and remains unchanged.

On a motion by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Peschke, the resolution approving an agreement for right-of-way negotiation services was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

RESOLUTION VACATING RIGHT-OF-WAY

McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests the approval of the resolution vacating a portion of Ackman Road east of Randall Road, pursuant to Section 5-109 of the Illinois Highway Code.

On March 23, 2006, the County Board approved an agreement with the developer, which called for McHenry County to quit claim or vacate the north half of the Ackman Road right-of-way east of Randall Road. The new roadway, Meredith Drive, would be a private roadway serving the development east of Randall Road.

The resolution was authored by the State's Attorney office and satisfies the County's obligation of the March 23, 2006 agreement with the property owner.

On a motion by Mr. Dvorak, seconded by Ms. Salgado, the resolution vacating right-of-way was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Old Business

Ms. Miller complimented and thanked the Division of Transportation's snow maintenance staff for the excellent condition of the roads during Friday's storm and for everyone's hard work and efforts in maintaining safe traveling conditions within the County.

Ms. Peschke stated that she always makes people aware of which roads are County roads and noted that whenever traveling County roads, the condition of the roads always reflects everyone's hard work and efforts. The effort of the Division's maintenance staff was greatly appreciated.

New Business

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Property Acquisitions and Pending Litigation

On a motion by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Salgado, the meeting went into Executive Session at 9:25 A.M.

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

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Ms. Miller, the meeting went into Regular Session at 10:52 A.M.

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

Chairman Shea noted that “no action was taken” in Executive Session.

Mr. Austin addressed the committee regarding the agreement between the County and the International Operating Engineers Union Local 150.

Mr. Austin explained that the agreement needs to be sent onto a number of committees for their approval. Mr. Austin was asking for the committee’s endorsement to forward the agreement to the other committees for approval, proceeding to the County Board for final approval, without having a special meeting by the Transportation Committee.

The committee gave their concurrence to forego a special meeting and to send the agreement forward for final approval.

NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

9:00 A.M. on December 20, 2006 – McHenry County Division of Transportation

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. McCann, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

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