

**Transportation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 16, 2007 - 9:00 A.M.
McHenry County Division of Transportation
Main Conference Room
Woodstock, Illinois 60098**

Chairman Dan Shea
Vice Chairman Ed Dvorak Mary Lou Zierer
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, Virginia Peschke, Lyn Orphal and Sandra Salgado

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Anna May Miller and Mary Lou Zierer

OTHER ATTENDEES

In attendance were: Kenneth Koehler, McHenry County Board Chairman; Peter Austin, McHenry County Administrator; Joseph Korpalski, Division of Transportation Director/County Engineer; Joe Murawski, Village of Lake in the Hills Trustee; Bob Rollings, Bollinger, Lach & Associates, Inc.; Cathy Link, McHenry County Director of Purchasing; Charles Eldredge, McHenry County EDC; Veronica Armstrong, County resident; Wawanna Widoff, County resident; Jeff Young, Division of Transportation Assistant County Engineer; Mark DeVries, Division of Transportation Maintenance Superintendent; Ed Markison, Division of Transportation Assistant Maintenance Superintendent; Dave Hansen, Division of Transportation Shop Supervisor; Loren Schmitt, Division of Transportation Road Supervisor; Randy Morin, Division of Transportation Vegetation Supervisor; Ron Maas, Division of Transportation Data/Communications Manager; Walter Dittrich, Division of Transportation Design Manager; Mark Dammyer, Division of Transportation Construction Manager; Brad Cousin, Division of Transportation Traffic Engineer; Ken Baker, Division of Transportation Township Engineer; Glen Lindsey, Division of Transportation Utility Coordinator; Jason Osborn, Division of Transportation Principal Transportation Planner; and Debra Kroll, Division of Transportation Administrative Specialist.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Wawanna Widoff, 1712 Hobe Road in Woodstock, Illinois addressed the committee regarding Merryman Excavation Inc. trucks that utilize *conditional use permits* and traverse County, Township and State roads. Ms. Widoff has safety concerns regarding truck usage of these roads. She stated that the roads were not constructed to withstand the weight of these trucks, which she noted to be 73,000 lbs.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 18, 2007

On a motion by Mr. Dvorak, seconded by Ms. Salgado, the April 18, 2007 meeting minutes were approved.

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

BID APPROVAL

Resolution Approving the Purchase of Maintenance Equipment

The McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests the approval of the resolution approving the purchase of two (2) snow plow trucks for the Division of Transportation – Maintenance section.

This is an annual item in the budget for the Division.

Bids were received on March 20, 2007. The Director of Purchasing sent bids to seven (7) vendors. Three (3) bids were received. One (1) bid received was for a cab and chassis only and did not meet the specifications of complete units. The other two (2) bids included alternate bids, which also did not meet the requirements. The trucks are being awarded to the low bid that meets specifications. The Director of Purchasing has recommended the award of this bid. The successful bidder has been the previous low bidder for the past six (6) years.

The new plow trucks are replacements. They will be replacing two (2) 1992 International trucks with 87,000 and 89,000 miles on them. These trucks were regular route plow trucks for the first ten (10) years and then spare plow trucks for the next five (5) years, which falls under the Division's replacement schedule.

This was a budgeted item in the FY2007 budget. However, the bids came in \$4,128.00 over the budgeted amount of \$435,000.00 and can be accommodated. The new emissions standards contributed to the increased cost of the vehicles this year and were anticipated by the Division.

On a motion by Ms. Orphal, seconded by Ms. Peschke, the resolution approving the purchase of maintenance equipment (snow plows) 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 the Purchase of Maintenance Equipment

McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests the approval of the resolution approving the purchase of one (1) 4-Wheel Drive (4-WD) Pickup Truck for the Division of Transportation – Maintenance section.

This is an annual item in the budget for the Division.

Bids were received on April 19, 2007. The Director of Purchasing sent bids to fourteen (14) vendors. Three (3) bids were received. The lowest bid received was for a 2007 model, which included a seven (7) day deadline to secure the vehicle and could not be considered, given the deadline. The lowest bid that met specifications was for a 2008 model truck. The Director of Purchasing has recommended the award of this bid.

This was a budgeted item in the FY2007 budget. The bid price is \$6,751.00 under the budgeted amount of \$35,000.00. A 1999 pickup truck with 142,000 miles will be placed into the County auction.

On a motion by Mr. Dvorak, seconded by Ms. Peschke, the resolution approving the purchase of maintenance equipment (one (1) 4-WD pickup truck) 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 the Purchase of Maintenance Equipment

McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests the approval of the resolution approving the purchase of one (1) 2007 Pure Vacuum Street Sweeper for the Division of Transportation – Maintenance section.

This was a supplemental request that was approved in the FY2006/2007 budget for the Division.

Bids were received on December 13, 2006 by the State of Missouri Department of Transportation. The McHenry County Director of Purchasing reviewed the bids received from the vendor. The low bid meeting the State of Missouri and the McHenry County specifications was a base price of \$187,075.00. Additional equipment (auto lube system, safety lighting, additional water storage, hopper wash system and high pressure wash system for catch basins) required for the McHenry County Division of Transportation, altered the purchase price to \$194,315.00. The Director of Purchasing has recommended the award of this bid for one (1) 2007 Pure Vacuum Street Sweeper.

The street sweeper has been a supplemental requested for the last ten (10) years, which was approved in the FY2006/2007 budget. The low bid is approximately \$4,000.00 over the budgeted amount of \$190,000.00. The street sweeper will be used throughout the County system for routine cleaning of roads, curb lines and cleaning of catch basins.

On a motion by Ms. Orphal, seconded by Ms. Peschke, the resolution approving the purchase of maintenance equipment (one (1) 2007 Pure Vacuum Street Sweeper) was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Bull Valley Corridor Study

Mr. Young discussed the comprehensive study and a southern and eastern bypass of the City of McHenry. The study's primary purpose will be to assess and accommodate future needs and growth within northeastern McHenry County. This study will serve communities and the traveling public as this long range plan will preserve the Bull Valley Road / Miller Road / River Road / Chapel Hill Road corridor as a primary arterial circumventing the southern and eastern portions of the City of McHenry.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LONG RANGE PLANNING STUDY

In follow up to Mr. Young's presentation, the McHenry County Division of Transportation requests the approval of the resolution adopting a long range study for the Bull Valley Road / Miller Road / River Road / Chapel Hill Road corridor.

The City of McHenry, the Village of Johnsburg and McHenry County entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) on October 19, 2004.

The primary purpose of the corridor study is to solidify the access locations, as well as the right-of-way needs for the corridor. This will enable the County to work cooperatively with the City and Village, and their respective areas as development occurs, so that the corridor can continue to be preserved and improved. The study will also serve as an excellent guide as sections move forward in engineering phases destined for construction. The need to preserve and improve the corridor will allow it to serve the communities and the traveling public with an effective, reliable and safe means to travel in and around the northeastern portion of the County.

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Ms. Orphal, the resolution adopting a long range planning study was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

SPEED STUDIES

Township

The McHenry County Division of Transportation requests the approval of the ordinance adopting the establishment of an altered speed zone for the Township.

As part of the Division’s bi-annual program, upon request, speed studies are conducted for various County and Township roadways.

Of the roadways studied this Spring, the following Township locations warrant reductions:

- Bull Valley Road from 55 mph to 45 mph
- Hillside Road from 45 mph to 40 mph
- East Main Street from 45 mph to 40 mph
- Ringwood Road from 55 mph to 50 mph
- Dean Street from 55 mph to 50 mph

The other roadways studied did not warrant reductions at this time. The McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests a waiver of the 30-day review.

On a motion by Mr. Dvorak, seconded by Ms. Peschke, the ordinance adopting the establishment of altered speed zones for the above mentioned Township roads and a waiver of the 30-day review was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

McHenry County

The McHenry County Division of Transportation requests the approval of the ordinance adopting the establishment of an altered speed zone for the Township.

As part of the Division’s bi-annual program, upon request, speed studies are conducted for various County and Township roadways.

Of the roadways studied this Spring, the following County location warranted a reduction:

- Richardson Road from 55 mph to 50 mph

The other roadways studied did not warrant reductions at this time. The McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests a waiver of the 30-day review.

On a motion by Mr. Dvorak, seconded by Ms. Peschke, the ordinance adopting the establishment of an altered speed zone for the above mentioned County road and a waiver of the 30-day review was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES

The McHenry County Division of Transportation requests the approval of the resolution approving the acquisition of right-of-way and appropriation of funds for the realignment of the Virginia Road at Illinois Route 31.

As part of the Illinois Route 31 Western Algonquin Bypass, the Virginia Road intersection was determined to be a High Accident Location. To improve the condition, the intersection is proposed to be realigned, cutting through the parcel in the northwest quadrant. The subject parcel has been the subject of proposed development for several years and could be developed without going through the plat process and would not necessarily need access to Virginia Road. To move forward with protective acquisition, which is allowable per Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidelines to minimize the cost to purchase land, the McHenry County

Board approved a contract with Mathewson Right Of Way Company (MROWCO) on September 19, 2006 to acquire the property. Given the cost should the property develop, this is a substantial savings to McHenry County. It is also advantageous as the owner is willing to sell.

On a motion by Ms. Peschke, seconded by Ms. Salgado, the resolution approving the acquisition of right-of-way for highway purposes was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR CULVERT MATERIALS

The McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests the approval of the resolution appropriating funds for culvert materials, for the replacement of a culvert on Oak Grove Road.

Late in 2006, a cross road culvert located under Oak Grove Road at Ramer Road in Chemung Township began to fail. Maintenance performed a temporary repair by placing a steel plate over the damaged area and paved over it as a temporary measure. Since that time, Division of Transportation staff and its consultant have been working on a project to replace this culvert.

In order to complete the culvert replacement (which will require closure of Oak Grove Road and a posted detour) prior to the height of the fall harvest season, construction for this project must begin in August. It was brought to the McHenry County Division of Transportation's attention that lead times for precast box culverts (which was determined to be the best solution to the culvert failure and existing drainage issues) were approximately 6 to 8 weeks. While the consultant can finish plans and obtain permits for bidding the project to accommodate this schedule, including the culvert materials within the contract, plans would not allow for timely completion of the project. By purchasing the culvert materials now, the culvert can be fabricated while engineering is being completed and the project is out for bid. This will allow the culvert to be supplied to the contractor when the project is anticipated to begin in August.

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Ms. Orphal, the resolution appropriating funds for culvert materials was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. Korpalski announced the employment of Mr. Randy Morin, who assumed the responsibility of Vegetation Supervisor with the Division of Transportation on April 23, 2007. Mr. Morin was introduced and welcomed by all.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was not held at today's meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

9:00 A.M. on June 6, 2007 – McHenry County Division of Transportation

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Orphal, seconded by Ms. Peschke, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

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