

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2015

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Vice-Chairman Crawford at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 13, 2015.

Members Present

Marty Crawford
June Chartrand
Roy Mosley, Jr.
Mike O'Donnell
Robert Trentman

Also Present

Jim Fields, County Engineer
Rich Meile, Superintendent of Maintenance

Excused

Rick Vernier
Carol Clark

Mr. Crawford presented the minutes from the March 16, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Motion was forwarded by Mr. O'Donnell seconded by Ms. Chartrand to approve the minutes as presented. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Crawford asked if there were any comments on the agenda. None were heard.

Mr. Crawford presented a resolution to the Committee for an agreement with Phil Johnson for negotiating services in acquiring the easements for Section 10-00354-01-PV, CH 34 Bunkum Road Project. Mr. Fields explained that there are 6 easements required for the proposed construction. The agreement is for \$1500.00/easement for a total of \$9000.00. The Department is looking at a June letting for the project. Mr. Fields asked if there were any questions. None were heard. Mr. Fields recommended the approval of the resolution. A motion was forwarded by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to accept the recommendation of the County Engineer and approve the resolution as presented. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Crawford asked for comments or questions concerning any other business. Mr. Mosley asked Mr. Fields about the weed spraying requirements. Mr. Fields explained that the Illinois Department of Agriculture oversees the licensing of the weed sprayer operators and weed sprayer applicator. Next week, April 21 and 22, he (Mr. Fields) and Mr. Meile will be taking the applicator test and 5 employees will take the operator test. Two individuals will be assigned the task of spraying. With increased restrictions over the past few years, the County has limited its spraying to a management type program. We spray around guardrails, signs and other obstacles that are difficult to mow. Then we react to reports of noxious weeds, mainly Thistle and Johnson Grass. The County no longer applies any sort of growth inhibitor. Mr. Mosley inquired as to whether the County would be willing to spray for other communities. Mr. Fields explained that he would have to investigate the limits of his license as the applicator. The license may limit the spraying to right-of-way property owned by St. Clair County. Mr. Fields explained that the licensing process requires re-testing every 3 years. He and Mr. Casey were staggered so that they were not testing the same year. This year we were scheduled to test in February but we had a snow event and had to cancel. Next year someone else will take the test so that we are staggered. Mr. Fields explained that he was always licensed when Darrell Cates was County Engineer, so next year Wayne Sandheinrich, who is in the construction engineering position will probably be tested. No other questions were heard.

Mr. Fields informed the Committee that he will be out-of-town on April 24 and April 27. He will also be attending the Spring Meeting of the Illinois Association of County Engineers and April 30 and May 1. He will be available by cell phone and checking messages on those later dates. on this issue.

With no further issues to discuss, a motion to adjourn by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Ms. Chartrand was brought forth. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.