

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 2015

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Chairman Vernier at 5:30 p.m. Monday, December 14, 2015 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present

Rick Vernier
Marty Crawford
Carol Clark
Robert Trentman
Mike O'Donnell
Roy Mosley, Jr.

Also Present

Jim Fields, County Engineer
Rich Meile, Supt. of Maintenance

Excused

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Mr. Vernier presented the minutes from the November 16, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Motion was forwarded by Ms. Clark seconded by Mr. Crawford to approve the minutes as presented. All members present voted aye.

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

Mr. Vernier announced that there were three items to be brought forward for action, one ordinance and two resolutions.

The first item to be discussed was an Ordinance to impose weight limits on County Highways. Mr. Fields explained that Section 15-316 of the Illinois Vehicle Codes allows for the seasonal temporary weight limits to be placed upon County Highways. It is required that an Ordinance be passed yearly to impose these weight limits. The Ordinance is the same as last year. No additional roads were added, none were removed. The enforcement of the weight limits will commence on January 15, 2016 and expire on April 15, 2016. Mr. Fields asked if there were any questions. None were heard. Mr. Fields recommended that the Ordinance be approved and passed on to the County Board for further action. Motion was forwarded by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Clark to approve the Ordinance. All members present voted aye.

Two resolutions were presented to the Committee for action. The first resolution authorizes the appropriation of \$1,400,000.00 from MFT Funds for the repayment of Highway Revenue Bonds. Mr. Fields pointed out that this is also a yearly resolution required by IDOT. Mr. Mosley asked if this amount was the yearly cost of the bonds. Mr. Fields answered that the annual payment was nearly \$3,000,000.00. This amount is only the portion paid for using the MFT funds. The remaining funds come from the Highway Fund and Matching Fund. Those amounts are part of the County budget and are handled by the County. MFT Funds are dispersed through IDOT. No other questions or comments were heard.

The second resolution authorizes the appropriation of \$2,875,000.00 from MFT Funds for the maintenance of County Highways. These funds are used for various materials used by the Maintenance Department, rock, patch, oil, etc. Salaries for the maintenance personnel are also taken from MFT Funds. The 2016 amount is the same as last year. Mr. Vernier asked if equipment was purchased from this appropriation. Mr. Fields explained

that it is not directly but that we transfer from this appropriation of MFT Funds into the Highway Equipment Trust Fund through equipment rental rates. With no other questions or comments heard, Mr. Fields recommended that both resolutions be approved.

Motion was forwarded by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to approve the resolutions. All members present voted aye.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:50p.m.