TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2015

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Chairman Vernier at 5:30 p.m. Monday, February 9, 2015.

Members Present	Also Present
Rick Vernier	Jim Fields, County Engineer
Marty Crawford	Rich Meile, Superintendent of Maintenance
June Chartrand	
Roy Mosley, Jr.	
Carol Clark	
Robert Trentman	
Mike O'Donnell	

Mr. Vernier presented the minutes from the December 15, 2014 Regular Meeting.
Motion was forwarded by Mr. O'Donnell seconded by Mr. Mosley 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 asked the Committee if there were any objections to presenting all of the resolution at once. None were heard.

Mr. Fields explained the resolutions to the members of the Committee.

Resolution A: A Resolution for an Agreement with Volkert Engineering to perform the appraisals and the review appraisals for the parcels of property required for Section 12-00301-14-PW, Frank Scott Parkway East widening project. Mr. Fields explained that there are approximately 15 parcels to be acquired. The appraisals are estimated to range between \$2200 and \$2600 per parcel and the review will cost \$1200 per parcel. The agreement total shall not exceed \$50,000.00.

Resolution B: A Resolution for an Agreement with Phil Johnson to negotiate for the acquisition of the parcels of the property required for Section 12-00301-14-PW, Frank Scott Parkway East widening project. The agreement is for \$23,250 or \$1550 per parcel.

Resolution C: A Resolution to purchase a parcel of property from the owner of the property adjacent to the existing Ameren Power Company Substation along Frank Scott Parkway East. The property will be used in the negotiation with Ameren for property required for Section 12-00301-14-PW, Frank Scott Parkway East widening project.

Mr. Fields explained that these three resolution are all related to the land acquisition phase for the Frank Scott Parkway East Project. Resolution C is not for ROW, therefore requires a separate resolution. During initial discussions with Ameren concerning utility adjustments for the project, an issue with the existing entrance was discussed. The staff at the Department and the consultant for the project feel that the best solution will be to relocate the entrance. To do this, an additional piece of property is required from the adjacent land owner. That property is currently listed for sale, therefore it seems prudent to approach the property owner to negotiate for the parcel required to relocate the entrance. If successful this property will be used in the negotiations with Ameren to secure the property required for ROW. It is important to know that the relocation of the entrance would be beneficial to the safety of the traveling public even without the proposed project. Mr. Fields asked there were any questions. None were heard.

Resolution D: A Resolution for an Agreement with Phil Johnson to re-negotiate the easements acquired for Section 08-00301-13-PW, Frank Scott Parkway East Intersections. The agreement is for \$24,000 or 16 parcels at \$1500 per parcel. Mr. Fields explained that the settlement on the Cope Property has been signed. The delay in securing the Cope property has resulted in the expiration of all the other easements that were secured in 2011 or 2012. We are required to offer the property owners additional compensation for the easements. Mr. Fields asked if there were any questions. None were heard.

Resolution E: A Resolution with Kaskaskia Engineering Group to provide additional engineering services for Section 09-00365-01-PV, Reider Road Interchange. Mr. Fields explained that some unforeseen review of shop drawings and other issues related to the project have come up that require the review of the design engineer. These are not errors associated with the design. Kaskaskia Engineering Group was contracted to perform the work on the plans. Since St. Clair County is the lead agency on the project, IDOT has informed us that it is our responsibility to perform these reviews. We do not have staff members that possess the requirements necessary to perform some of the reviews. The agreement provides for hourly rates to perform the work. The dollar amount listed on the agreement shall not exceed $100,000. Mr. Fields asked if there were any questions. Mr. Mosley questioned the total amount. Mr. Fields explained that the number of hours required perform the work is difficult to estimate. The $100,000 was based upon an estimated number of hours that was determined based upon the number of hours spent to date and prorated over the length of the job. Mr. Mosley suggested that the resolution be amended to limit the total to $50,000. If stated that if it appears that we will exceed that amount then an additional resolution can be brought to the Committee for the increase. Mr. Fields agreed to that alternative. A motion was forwarded by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Ms. Clark to amend that resolution to limit the total amount to $50,000. All members present voted aye. Mr. Fields amended the resolution and initialed the correction. Mr. Fields asked if there were any other questions. None were heard.

Mr. Fields recommended that all the resolution be approved and forwarded to the County Board for action.

A motion was forwarded by Mr. Mosely, seconded by Ms. Chartrand to approve the all the resolutions as presented with the amendment to the resolution for the Agreement with Kaskaskia Engineering Group. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Fields announce that the new tandems were to be picked up later this week. He also informed the Committee that he is checking the IDOT purchasing contract periodically to check for a new van for the survey crew.

The City of O'Fallon is seeking a jurisdictional transfer for a portion of CH 89 North Green Mount Road. Mr. Fields has introduced alternate limits to the transfer. The City would like to take from Highway 50 to the northerly limits of the controlled access for the I-64. Mr. Fields would like to extend the limit to CH 95 Frank Scott Parkway East. Mr. Fields asked for input from the Committee. Mr. Mosley showed support for the County Engineer's decision to pursue the extended limits and suggested that we continue along that path. The other Committee members agreed.

Mr. Fields announced that he would be attending the Transportation and Highway Engineers Conference in Champaign on February 24 and 25.

Mr. Mosley asked Chairman Vernier for a few minutes to discuss some issues that have come up. The Chairman granted his request. Mr. Mosley asked about the status of the Feasibility Study for the Tudor Piggott Extension Project. Mr. Fields informed the Committee that at the last meeting with the consultant for the project the scheduled showed the first public hearing would be held in mid-April. That would be followed by meetings with the identified stake-holders and at least one more public hearing. The final report is due later in 2015. Mr. Fields would have to look at the agreement to report the exact date. Mr. Mosley asked if it would be possible to set up a meeting with East St. Louis City Officials and other Community leaders ahead of the first public hearing. Mr. Fields acknowledge that he felt Mary Lamie, who represents the consultant, would like the opportunity to address this group and answer all questions or comments. Mr. Fields will get in contact with the consultant to set up the meeting.

Mr. Mosley asked about the maintenance of the St. Clair County trucks. He questioned that if we have two mechanics on staff why do we take our trucks out for repairs? Mr. Fields responded that we do not have two mechanics on staff. We have job classification for two auto-attendants/equipment operators. Their job is to maintain records for the truck maintenance and perform minor repairs if possible. Mr. Mosley asked what sort of repairs do they perform? Mr. Fields responded that he would expect them to change tires, lights, possibly belts. They change the blades on the snow plows, respond to breakdowns on the road. They do what I would refer to as basic maintenance. Mr. Mosley asked if they change oil. Mr. Fields answered no. The County has contracted with Jiffy Lube to change the oil of all our pick-up trucks. The larger trucks are sent to Schmidt for oil changes. Mr. Fields added that this has been the situation since the maintenenace facility was moved to its present location in the late 90's. The existing garage does not have the facility to change oil like the previous garage. Mr. Mosley asked if we could provide a list of what the auto attendants do on a daily basis. Mr. Meile responded that he would have the two guys document their daily work and present it to the Committee at a later date.

Mr. Mosley also asked if the County insurance covered the trucks that are assigned to personnel that have 24 hour access rights. Mr. Fields stated that the insurance department sends over a list every year that shows the employee's name, driver license number and whether or not they have 24 hour rights to a vehicle. I have assumed that is for insurance purposes. Mr. Mosley asked that Mr. Fields please verify that the vehicles are insured. Mr. Fields acknowledge to request.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.