TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES June 15, 2015

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Chairman-Pro-Tem Mosley at 5:02 p.m. Monday, May 18, 2015.

Members Present

Rick Vernier

Roy Mosley, Jr

June Chartrand

Robert Trentman.

Marty Crawford

Carol Clark

Mike O'Donnell

Also Present

Jim Fields, County Engineer

Angela Grossman-Rowe, County Board

William Brehmen, Resident

Mr. Vernier presented the minutes from the May 18, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Motion was forwarded by Mr. Mosley seconded by Ms. Chartrand 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 presented a resolution establishing general prevailing wage rates for hourly work on public works projects. Mr. Fields informed the Committee that the County is required by State Statue to publish the wage rates once a year and asked if the Committee had any questions on this issue. None were heard.

Motion was forwarded by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Trentman to approve the resolution as presented. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Vernier presented an ordinance to establish a no parking zone along West Boulevard. Mr. Fields explained that the Department was approached about a No Parking Zone along West Boulevard in front of the Fun Spot Roller Rink. After events at the facility cars are parked on both sides of the road picking up children from the rink. It has been noted that vehicles traveling along West Boulevard cannot see the children that are attempting to cross the street because of the cars parked along the east side of the road (the Fun Spot Side). Mr. Fields informed the Committee that he reviewed the issued and has concluded that a No Parking Zone would enhance the safety of people attempting to cross the street. He is proposing that the existing No Parking that exist because of the left turn lane at B Street be extending northerly along the east side of the road to the intersection of West Boulevard and Eastview Drive. Mr Trentman stated that he believes that the owner of Fun Spot was only wanting the No Parking between the entrances to his building and he asked Ms. Grossman-Rowe to address the Committee. Ms. Grossman-Rowe confirmed Mr. Trentman's statement. Mr. Fields revealed that it his opinion that the purpose of the proposed No Parking would not be achieved if cars were still allowed to park on the east side before the facility as you travel in the northerly direction and that leaving a small parking lane between the rink and Eastview Drive would likely lead to violation of the No Parking at the most critical time, when events are ending at the facility. Discussion among the Committee lead to motion by Mr. Trentman, seconded by Ms. Clark to table the ordinance to allow further assessment of the issue and the impact on the property owner. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Vernier presented an ordinance to reduce the speed limit along CH 27, Baldwin Road. Mr. Fields explained that the Department continues to review all Speed Limit Zones along the County Highway System for concurrence with existing policy. The speed limit along Baldwin Road between IL State Route 13 and Spotsylvania Road (Old Route 13) starts off at 35 MPH at the Spotsylvania Road end and changes to 55 MPH about 1000 feet south of Spotsylvania. Current IDOT policy recommends that speed limits be adjusted in increments of 10 MPH and that the length of the speed zone should be not less than 1000 feet. This speed zone probably has not been reviewed since IL Route 13 was relocated quite awhile ago. There is a Stop for traffic on Baldwin Road at IL State Route 13. The distance between IL Route 13 and Spotsylvania is less than ½ mile, roughly 2300 feet. Mr. Fields is proposing to extend the 35 MPH for the entire distance between IL Route 13 and Spotsylvania Road. Mr. Fields asked if there were any questions. None were heard. Mr. Fields informed the

Committee that as the Department finds other speed zones that do not meet current policies additional modifications would be brought before the Committee. Motion was forwarded by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Chartrand to approve the resolution as presented. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Fields announced that Chris Kaesberg, an operator for the Highway Department retired after 32 years of service. To replace Mr. Kaesberg, Mr. Fields recommends that Randolph Hudson be prompted from the Sprayer/Operator Trainee position to an Operator and Mike Suarez be moved into the Sprayer/Operator Trainee position. No objections were heard.

Mr. Crawford asked if the report on the duties of the Auto Attendants would be coming before the Committee. Mr. Fields responded that he would check with Mr. Meile on the status of that report.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.