

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2015

The meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by Chairman Vernier at 5:30 p.m. Monday, November 16, 2015 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present

Rick Vernier
Carol Clark
Robert Trentman
June Chartrand
Mike O'Donnell
Roy Mosley, Jr. (arrived at 5:37)

Also Present

Jim Fields, County Engineer

Mr. Vernier presented the minutes from the October 12, 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 four resolutions to be brought forward for action.

The first resolution authorizes the County to enter into an agreement with the Norfolk and Southern Railroad to perform preliminary engineering for Railroad Crossing AAR-DOT# 724-598E, CH 89, North Green Mount Road. Mr. Fields explained that this is part of the proposed improvements to North Green Mount Road, Section 13-00333-15-PW which is currently in the design phase. The agreement estimates the cost at \$35,000.00. Mr. Fields asked if there were any questions. None were heard. He recommended the Committee approve the resolution and forward it to the County Board for further action. Motion was forwarded by Ms. Chartrand, seconded by Ms. Clark to approve the resolutions. All members present voted aye.

The next resolution approves a change order in the amount of \$56,150.70 for work completed as part of Section 11-00040-06-RS, New Athens-Darmstadt Road. Mr. Fields explained that when the milling of the existing surface was completed, it was discovered that some of the existing subbase pavement was unacceptable to continue with the new surface. Work was completed to prepare an acceptable subbase for the resurfacing. These costs are associated with that work and the additional material that was used for the resurfacing. Mr. Fields asked if there were any questions. None were heard. He recommended the Committee approve the resolution and forward it to the County Board for further action. Motion was forwarded by Mr. O'Donnell, seconded by Ms. Clark to approve the resolutions. All members present voted aye.

The next resolution authorizes the Jurisdictional Transfer of a portion of CH 89 North Green Mount from St. Clair County to the City of O'Fallon. Mr. Fields defined the limits of the transfer and explained that the City is planning on improvements to that section of the road that are not consistent with the County Highway System. In a meeting with the City, it was concluded the best course of action was the transfer. Mr. Fields asked if there were any questions. None were heard. He recommended the Committee approve the resolution and forward it to the County Board for further action. Motion was forwarded by Mr. O'Donnell, seconded by Ms. Chartrand to approve the resolutions. All members present voted aye.

The final resolution will modify Resolution 1214-06-RT, a resolution to appropriate MFT Funds for the repayment of Highway Revenue Bonds. Mr. Fields explained that Resolution 1214-06-RT appropriated MFT funds for several years. IDOT has concluded that this is no longer acceptable. They want to see the appropriation every year and they are asking that a resolution for the 2015 expenditure which has already been made, be passed and that from now on a resolution for each year be passed. So another similar resolution will be brought before the Committee next month for 2016 and every year after in December for the following year. Mr. Fields asked if there were any questions. None were heard. He recommended the Committee approve the resolution and forward it to the County Board for further action. Motion was forwarded by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve the resolutions. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Fields presented documentation from Stutz Excavating, Inc. that was submitted to the Department in order to become a pre-qualified contractor for highway work in St. Clair County. He explained that this contractor is working on the development of a Circle K quick stop at the intersection of Hartman Lane and Thouvenot Lane. The development requires some work to both County Highways and in accordance with the policy of the Highway Department a contractor must be pre-qualified to complete that work. All of the documentation has been reviewed and meets the requirement of the Department. Mr. Fields asked if there were any questions. Mr. Trentman asked if this contractor was approved by IDOT? Mr. Fields explained that part of the pre-qualification for St. Clair County requires that they all contractors have IDOT Certification. If they lose that certification they are removed from the County list. With no other questions brought forward, he recommended the Committee approve the pre-qualifications of Stutz Excavation, Inc. Motion was forwarded by Ms. Clark, seconded by Mr. Trentman to approve the pre-qualification. 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 6:05p.m.