

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2016

The meeting of the Transportation Committee of the St. Clair County Board was called to order by Chairman Vernier at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2016 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present

Rick Vernier, Chairman
Marty Crawford
Bob Trentman
Carol Clark
June Chartrand

Also Present

Jim Fields, County Engineer

Excused

Roy Mosley, Jr.
Mike O'Donnell

Mr. Vernier presented the minutes from the February 16, 2016 Regular Meeting for review. Motion by forwarded by Ms. Chartrand, 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. No comments were heard.

Mr. Vernier presented a resolution for a change order for work associated with Section 14-00000-01-GM, Traffic Signal Maintenance. Mr. Fields informed the Committee that the contract for the Signal Maintenance anticipated extra work. The project replaced all the incandescent lights with LED signal heads that will result in a significant savings in electric cost. The scope of the work also included an inspection of all the equipment in the cabinets and the testing if the detector loops. The Department was aware of several issues with the detector loops. The majority of the work on the change order is to repair failed loops and other issues associated with the failed loops. Mr. Fields also informed the Committee that it is his goal to execute a similar inspection contract for all the signal equipment on an more frequent cycle. This is the first such inspection. It is probably something we need to do on an annual base. The extra work amounts to \$29,810.00. Mr. Fields recommended that the resolution approving the change order be approved. Motion by forwarded by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Clark to approve the resolution as presented. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Fields informed the Committee that he has been in contact with a representative from Verizon Wireless concerning GPS tracking systems for County vehicles. Preliminary cost associated with the installation of equipment would run around \$125 per vehicle. The data plan for the system was quoted at an estimated \$18.00 per vehicle. The maintenance facility has between 25-30 vehicles. Rough estimates \$3750 for equipment and installation and \$540/month for service. Mr. Fields did not have a lot of information beyond the cost at this time. He has looked at the system online and it seems to have a lot of benefits associated with maintenance of

the vehicles. The system allows for a history of a vehicle's movements. Mr. Fields told the committee that when a system that is being looked at with the current radio system was discussed he was told that it would be able to locate a vehicle but it was his impression that it would not keep a history. Mr. Fields informed the Committee that the issue with any previous GPS system was the cost. It appears that the cost have come down significantly. He asked the members present if they wanted him to gather more information. They Committee instructed Mr. Fields to gather more information.

No other business was heard.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.