

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 2016

The meeting of the Transportation Committee of the St. Clair County Board was called to order by Chairman Vernier at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2016 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present

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

Also Present

Jim Fields, County Engineer
Rich Meile, Maintenance Supt.
Mark Kern
Ken Easterly
Ken Sharkey
John West
Herb Simmons
Joe, Bustos, BND

Mr. Vernier presented the minutes from the September 12, 2016 Regular Meeting for review. Motion forwarded by Mr. Trentman, seconded by Ms. Clark 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 to award a contract for the Section 15-00370-00-RP, River Bridge District – Phase 1 (Front Street) to Baxmeyer Construction in the amount of \$6,396,944.61. Mr. Fields presented a tabulation of bids from all of the bids that show also included the Engineer's estimate. Baxmeyer was the low bid and fell below the Engineer's Estimate. Mr. Fields informed the committee that all of the bids have been review, corrected and approved. He recommended that the contract be awarded to Baxmeyer Construction in the amount specified. Motion forwarded by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Clark to approve the resolution as presented. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Vernier presented a resolution to enter into an agreement with the Village of Millstadt for Section 15-00218-05-SW, a project to improve the sidewalks along CH 9, Jefferson Street in the Village of Millstadt. Mr. Fields explained that the County has a proposed resurfacing project for CH 9 Jefferson Street that has Federal STU Funds. With these funds it is required that the sidewalks be upgraded to meet current ADA Specifications. The Village of Millstadt, under an existing agreement with the County is responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalks. This resolution defines the proposed improvements to the sidewalk and the obligations of each of the local agencies. The agreement was developed by the Highway Department. Mr. Fields recommended that the agreement be approved. Motion forwarded by Mr. O'Donnell, seconded by Ms. Chartrand to approve the resolution as presented. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Vernier presented two (2) related ordinances that modify the posted speed limit along CH 43, Shiloh-O'Fallon Road (Cross Street (Shiloh), South Lincoln Street (O'Fallon)). Mr. Fields

explained the proposed changes. The existing speed limit along South Lincoln north of the I-64 overpass in O'Fallon is posted at 35 MPH. Along Cross Street south of Frank Scott Parkway East in Shiloh it is posted 30 MPH. In between the speed limit is 50 MPH for a very short section of roadway. With the new hospital and the proposed development of property surrounding the new hospital it has been determined that the speed limit needs to be modified. The ordinances would lower the existing 35 MPH to 30 MPH and lower the existing 50 MPH to 40 MPH. The existing 30 MPH speed limit at the Shiloh end remains the same. Mr. Fields informed the Committee that these changes will bring the speed zones into policy in accordance with Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) with respect to minimum length of a speed zone and the maximum change from one zone to another. It is the recommendation of the County Engineer that these speed limit zones be modified as presented in the two ordinances. Motion forwarded by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. O'Donnell to approve the ordinances as presented. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Meile announced that GPS devices have been installed in all the County maintenance trucks. Herb Simmons commented that the new handheld radios with the GPS are available and will be distributed very soon. There will be some training for the County Engineer and the Superintendent of Maintenance on the computer software that will be installed to utilize the GPS.

Ms. Chartrand asked if Mr. Fields would be available to attend a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee that has been scheduled to discuss bike paths, bike routes and the County policies associated with each. Mr. Fields answered in the affirmative. Ms. Chartrand will send a notice to Mr. Fields of the scheduled meeting.

Mr. Fields announced that he will be calling a special meeting for next Monday, October 24, 2016 for action on the salt bids. He also informed the Committee that the existing union contract with the maintenance personnel expires at the end of the year. Negotiation to discuss a new contract will begin in November.

With no other business to be presented, Mr. Fields asked if the Committee had any questions or comments.

None were 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 5:20 p.m.