

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2017

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, February 13, 2017 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present

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

Also Present

Jim Fields, County Engineer

Excused

Mike O'Donnell

Mr. Vernier presented the minutes from the December 5, 2016 Transportation Committee Meeting. Motion by Mr. Mosley, 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 approve Highway Permit 2657, a permit issued to Harrisonville Telephone Company for work along CH 40, Imbs Station Road to upgrade an existing facility. Mr. Fields explained that Harrisonville has been upgrading the existing telephone facility along Imbs Station Road over the past several months. This is another phase of that project. Most of the work involves boring conduit under the road. Mr. Fields stated that the office has reviewed the application and the design plans for the work. They meet the requirements of the Department and he recommends that the permit be granted. Mr. Trentman asked if the workers of the Harrisonville Telephone Company were members of the IBEW and who was doing the boring? Mr. Fields stated that he did not know the answer to those questions. The Highway Department does not dictate who the utility company hires for the work. The permit is issued to the utility company not the contractor. Motion was forwarded by Ms. Chartrand, seconded by Ms. Clark to approve the resolution. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Vernier presented a resolution to authorize an Agreement between St. Clair County and the Village of Shiloh for the construction of Section 16-00269-05-SW, a project to construct sidewalks along a section of CH 16, Hartman Lane. Mr. Fields explained that the City of O'Fallon has secured funds from the Safe Routes to School Fund for the construction of sidewalks near Central School in O'Fallon. The majority of the project falls within the City of O'Fallon along the section of Hartman Lane maintained by the City. The remaining section is

along CH 16, maintained by the County. The confusing comes about because that section of road falls within the Village of Shiloh. The City of O'Fallon is overseeing the project and the County has no funds involved in the project. The City of O'Fallon is responsible for the maintenance. IDOT has required the additional agreement with Shiloh because of the corporate limits. Mr. Fields recommended that the resolution be approved and passed on to the County Board for further action. Motion was forwarded by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Crawford to approve the resolution. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Vernier presented a resolution to approve the award of a contract to the low bidder, Christ Brothers Asphalt, in the amount of \$538,222.66 for the construction of Section 15-00075-05-RS, Signal Hill Boulevard, CH 32. Mr. Fields asked if there were any questions. Mr. Vernier pointed out that this bid was well below the estimate. Mr. Fields added that the difference was associated with the price for Hot Mix Asphalt and the cost associated with the construction of the curb around the center islands. Mr. Fields recommended that the resolution be approved and passed on to the County Board for further action. Motion was forwarded by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Clark to approve the resolution. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Vernier discussed the possibility of purchasing a second backhoe to replace the existing backhoe at the maintenance facility. The backhoe is used and similar in hours and age as the backhoe purchased in December. Mr. Crawford asked Mr. Fields if the funds were available for the new backhoe. Mr. Fields explained that he was looking at a new Tandem and a couple of new crew cabs and explained that the one of the existing loaders is getting near the end of its useful life, but if the Committee felt the second backhoe was a better deal that we could put off the crew cabs and the loader. Motion was forwarded by Ms. Chartrand, seconded by Ms. Clark to authorize the purchase of the backhoe. All members present voted aye. Mr. Mosley and Mr. Crawford suggested that the County look into foam filled tires for the equipment. Both gentlemen insisted that the tires will last much longer.

Mr. Trentman informed Mr. Fields that the Highway Commissioner Fayetteville Township called him to complain about the bump at a bridge on CH 92. He says the Highway Commissioner has called the Department several times and we have not responded. Mr. Fields said he would look into the issue.

Mr. Fields informed the Committee that he would be out of town from February 27 to March 1 attending the Transportation and Highway Engineers Conference in Champaign, IL.

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 Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Mosley was brought forth. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.