



Ogle County Highway Department
Road & Bridge Committee
December 2021 Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2021

- I. Meeting called to order at 8:03 AM by Chairman Hopkins at the Ogle County Courthouse, Room 100.
Members present (in-person): Stan Asp, Dorothy Bowers, Lloyd Droege, Rick Fritz, Lyle Hopkins and Bruce McKinney.
Members present (over Zoom Conference): None
Members absent: Dave Williams
Others present: Jeremy Ciesiel (County Engineer)
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Reviewed November 9, 2021 Road & Bridge Minutes.
 1. Motion to approve minutes by – McKinney
 2. Motion seconded by – Bowers
 3. Discussion: Month at the top of Page 1 needs to be changed to November.
 4. Vote – All in favor.
- III. Reviewed Bills and Payroll
 - A. Motion to approve Highway Dept bills and payrolls by – Bowers
 - B. Motion seconded by – Fritz
 - C. Vote – All in favor.
- IV. Received Bids
 - A. None this month.
- V. Petitions and Resolutions
 - A. 2022 County Maintenance Resolution (Section 22-00000-00-GM) appropriating \$1,293,000 County Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds for maintenance of County highways.
 1. Motion to approve by – Bowers
 2. Motion seconded by – McKinney
 3. Discussion: Fritz asked if MFT funding is consistent. The County Engineer stated that it was consistent prior to the gas tax increase in 2019. When MFT was doubled, Ogle County saw an increase in MFT funds. When the pandemic hit, funds decreased due to less travel. Funds have been more stable recently. There are monthly fluctuations due to miscellaneous state deductions that vary month to month. Discussion was then held regarding the proposed phase-out of fossil fuel vehicles and how funding will continue in the future.
 4. Vote – All in favor.

- B. Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary (Section 22-00000-00-CS)
 - 1. Motion to approve by – Bowers
 - 2. Motion seconded by – Fritz
 - 3. Discussion: The salary represents a 2% increase over the previous year.
 - 4. Vote – All in favor.

VI. Business & Communications

A. Unfinished Business

- 1. COVID-19 Update: No positive Highway Department employees. However, two family members of employees tested positive that resulted in employee quarantines.
- 2. Project Status Report (see attached).
- 3. Holiday Luncheon – Luncheon for Highway Department employees, retirees and Road & Bridge Committee members is scheduled for Monday, December 20th at noon at the Highway Department.

B. New Business

- 1. I.A.C.E. Legislative Committee – No Update.
- 2. I.A.C.E. Policy Committee – No Update.
- 3. IL Route 2 Shared Path – As part of the IL Route 2 reconstruction project between Byron and Rockford, IDOT is evaluating a multi-use path within and 1-mile outside the City of Byron. If feasible, IDOT would construct the path; however, all future maintenance would fall on local entities. While reports are that the City of Byron will maintain the path within city limits, they will not do so outside their municipal border. IDOT is asking if Ogle County is desirous of maintaining the portion outside of the municipal limits. The County Engineer stated that the Highway Department's equipment is designed for highway maintenance and is not suitable for use on a smaller path. It was the general consensus of the committee members that local control of a multi-use path by the City of Byron, Byron Forest Preserve District, Byron Park District or other local entity would be best.
- 4. Canadian Pacific – KC Southern Merger – The Highway Department received notice that the two railroads have filed an application to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) seeking authorization for a merger. The STB has initiated preparation of an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) to investigate the potential environmental impacts of the merger. Within Ogle County the merger would result in an increase in trains per day and the proposed addition of a passing siding east of Monroe Center. The STB is accepting scoping comments for the EIS through December 17th. More information is available at www.CP-KCSMergerEIS.com and comments can be filed at that website. Chairman Hopkins asked if the County Engineer had any updates regarding the Soo Green electrical transmission line proposed to be placed within the

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Canadian Pacific Railroad right of way. The County Engineer did not have any additional information with the exception of a request for right of way information along German Church Rd in early 2021.

5. Dump Truck Discussion: The Highway Department strives to replace each tandem-axle dump truck after 11 years. Recent supply issues have pushed this out to 12 years. For example, the truck we ordered in January 2021 is not expected to be delivered until March 2022. In order to get back on schedule, the County Engineer would like to go out for bid for two trucks in January 2022. Chairman Hopkins was in favor of this as long as it works out budgetarily.
6. Next Meeting – **Tuesday, January 11, 2022, @ 8:00 AM,**
Lettings: Equipment Letting

VII. Public Comment:

- 1) John Finfrock agreed that a multi-use path along IL Route 2 near Byron is better to be maintained by an agency around Byron as discussed in New Business.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 A.M. by Chairman Hopkins.
Minutes submitted by Jeremy A. Ciesiel, PE



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1. 2020/21 Structure Repairs – Various Roads (19-00323-01-BR) (Contr: Martin & Co)
 - a. Lowell Park Rd & Mt. Morris Rd bridges complete.
 - b. Work complete: \$131,214. Remaining work: \$0.
2. Maple Grove Rd Culvert Replacement (Section 19-16120-00-BR) (Contr: Martin & Co)
 - a. New structure is in place. Need to backfill and perform road work.
 - b. Work completed: \$258,762. Remaining work: \$0.
3. Kennedy Hill Rd Gutter Improvement (Section 21-00338-00-CG) (Contr: Stenstrom Exc.)
 - a. Work to take place fall 2021.
 - b. Work completed: \$130,598. Remaining work: \$0.
4. Flagg Rd Culvert Structural Upgrade (Section 20-00335-00-BR) (Contr: Martin & Co)
 - a. Project complete.
 - b. Work completed: \$105,650. Remaining work: \$0.
5. Meridian Rd Culvert Extensions (Section 20-00336-00-BR) (Contr: O'Brien Civil Works)
 - a. Project complete. A utility conflict required force account work to resolve the issue that resulted in a 6% increase.
 - b. Work completed: \$27,628. Remaining work: \$0.
6. Meridian Rd Overlay (Section 17-00317-00-RS) (Contr: William Charles Construction)
 - a. Project is complete.
 - b. Work completed: \$949,615. Remaining work: \$0.
7. Flagg Rd Overlay (Section 20-00329-00-RS) (Contr: Martin & Co)
 - a. Paving began the week of August 29th. Mainline paving should be complete the week of September 6th.
 - b. Work completed: \$522,750. Remaining work: \$0.
8. Highway Department Salt Shed Paving (Contr: Martin & Company Excavating)
 - a. Work complete.
 - b. Work completed: \$50,874. Remaining work: \$0.
9. County Seal Coat (Section 21-00000-02-GM) (Contr: Steffens 3-D Construction)
 - a. Seal coat placement complete. Some sweeping remaining.
 - b. Work completed: \$434,673. Remaining work: \$0.
10. Twp/Village Seal Coat (Section 21-XX000-00-GM) (Contr: Steffens/Civil/AC Pavement)
 - a. All seal coat placement by Civil Constructors, Steffens 3D and A.C. Pavement Striping is complete. Some sweeping remains.
 - b. Steffens work completed: \$796,923. Remaining work: \$0.
 - c. Civil work completed: \$749,088. Remaining work: \$0.
 - d. A.C. Pavement Striping work completed: \$54,672. Remaining work: \$0.
11. County Crack Sealing (Sec 21-00000-04-GM) (Contr: Denler, Inc.)
 - a. Work completed on May 14th. Due to additional pavement distress noted in Spring, approximately 15% to the project.
 - b. Work Completed: \$112,544. Remaining work: \$0

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12. Flagg Twp Paving – Deer Creek Estates (Section 21-06000-01-GM) (Contr: Martin & Co)
 - a. Paving complete.
 - b. Work completed: \$60,735. Remaining work: \$0.
13. Rockvale Twp Paving – Town Hall Rd & Silver Creek Rd (Section 21-21000-00-GM)
 - a. Contractor: Martin & Company Excavating.
 - b. Paving complete.
 - c. Work completed: \$434,298. Remaining work: \$0.
14. Oregon-Nashua Twp Paving – Oregon Trail Rd (Section 21-26000-00-GM)
 - a. Contractor: Martin & Company Excavating.
 - b. Contracts executed. Paving to be completed in September.
 - c. Work completed: \$90,999. Remaining work: \$0.
15. Leaf River Twp Paving – Mt. Morris Rd (Section 21-10122-00-FP)
 - a. Contractor: Helm Civil
 - b. Paving complete.
 - c. Work completed: \$43,240. Remaining work: \$0.
16. Flagg Twp Microsurfacing – Skare Rd (Section 21-06000-02-GM) (Contr: Struck & Irwin)
 - a. Project complete.
 - b. Work completed: \$54,106. Remaining work: \$0.
17. County Striping (Contractor: America’s Parking Remarketing)
 - a. Work to take place in September. Paint has been delivered.
 - b. Work completed: \$50,761. Remaining work: \$0
18. Various County Pipe Culverts & Grading (Day Labor) – (Supplier: Metal Culverts)
 - a. Pipe letting in February 2021.
 - b. Pipe Delivered: \$33,550. Remaining: \$0.
19. Union Road Milling – Contractor: Martin & Company Excavating
 - a. Profile milling of Union Rd from IL Route 64 to Haldane Rd.
 - b. Work completed: 11,100. Remaining: \$0.
20. County Patching (Day Labor)
21. 2021/2022 Bridge Inspections
 - a. Inspections complete and reports distributed.

Total work under contract: \$5,103,780
Total contracted work completed: \$5,103,780 (100%)
Remaining 2021 contracted work: \$0 (0%)