

Road and Bridge Committee

Meeting Agenda

Sept. 9th, 2024

Date and Time of meeting: Monday September 9th, 2024-4:30 pm

Location of Meeting: Shelby County Highway Department
1590 State Highway 16
Shelbyville, Illinois 62565

Roll Call: Tim Brown, Clay Hardy, Mitchell Shuff, Brent Wallace arrived 4:32, Mark Bennett was absent

Public Body Comment – Chrissy Grant lives in Shelbyville, Illinois and is owner R & K One Stop gas station in Findlay, Illinois. She wants some understanding of dialogue that has went on between the County Engineer and Curt Wooters, owner of Rosie and Irl's regarding the safety/obstruction issues in Findlay at the intersection by her business. She had FOIDed communications between the County Engineer and the Findlay Police Department and wanted some verbiage explained to her. To her public safety is the most important thing. She questioned if it was a County issue or a Village issue.

Tim Morse made a clarification on why he was requesting a change in the speed limit by his home. He lives on County Highway 5. (Country Club Road)

Curt Wooters, owner of Rosie and Irl's voiced his concerns regarding the intersection next to his business. Doesn't know if a stop is a solution but has offered up some other options. He's trying to alleviate a situation on the corner and make it safe for people to get on the roadway. Chrissy Grant doesn't think a 4-way stop is the answer because she's afraid people would cut through her parking lot. He said he's been to the City and they say they can't do anything about it because it's a County Road. Brent Wallace asked if we needed to get legal advice on the matter. Michael Tappendorf stated he has a meeting with the State's Attorney on Monday to discuss it. Brent Wallace asked if moving the stop sign would solve the problem. Curt said he would like to try it. Curt also stated he has spoke to the Village about painting a crosswalk due to the speed of cars and the elderly trying to cross the road. He just wants it to be a safe place. Mitchell Shuff asked if the police were on duty 24 hours. Curt said no.

Teresa Boehm asked if she could make her comment later when the item was discussed later in the meeting. Tim Brown told her she could.

Brian Cole lives near Findlay. Compared this intersection to a similar intersection in Charleston. He says they painted a 12" stop line. He suggested we try the same thing if we didn't want to move the stop sign.

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting – August 5, 2024 Motion by Brent Wallace, Seconded by Clay Hardy, Passes unanimously

Maintenance Department Update – Tim Baumgarten gave the report. Worked on railroad crossing where they built the road up, fixed signs, patched roads, blotting the bleeding roads when it was hot, 50/50 projects for townships, put in culverts, sprayed weeds, mowed the road sides, serviced the track hoe, hauled rock to the shop and 15" culvert on Highway 5. Tim Baumgarten said the insurance we have here is terrible. Stated he had a bill from November that still hasn't been paid by our insurance. It's been turned over to a collection agency. Tim Brown asked what kind of insurance he was talking about. Tim stated health insurance.

Engineers report – Michael Tappendorf gave the report. He stated we have a number of bridges coming our way for engineering agreements and 50/50 petitions. Township Bridge has changed their rules to where they have quadrupled our money coming in. So, we will be doing a lot more bridges since our funding has increased. We have 9 bridges we will be reaching out to get engineering agreements in the near future.

- Highway Department Team Major accomplishments since last meeting
 - Maintenance – (Tim Baumgarten has already mentioned these)
 - Todds Point Railroad Crossing has taken up a lot of our maintenance team’s time
 - Front Office Team
 - Normal Day to Day operations.
 - IDOT MFT Audits.
 - Oconee Bridge Inspection. One finished bridge is opened. They are mobilizing to start work on the bridge that is half a mile south.
 - Todds Point RR inspection.
 - Support in Oiling and 50/50 projects
 - Future Projects, Costs, Timeframes. (continued)
 - Personnel
 - Steady and doing well
- Projects
 - County Highway 5 Reconstruction 1.5 million dollar project
 - Preconstruction meeting occurred, September 16th Tentative Start Date.
 - 2 weeks of heavy construction with it slowing down after that
 - Union Pacific Railroad Crossings.
 - Todd’s Point RR XING (Crossing). Project has started. Dirt Hauled, Rock Laid.
 - Pay Estimates 1&2 total \$122,344.12, Received \$26,674.48 to date.
 - Gonzalez RR Xings – 3 North of Shelbyville. Gonzalez is pursuing design.
 - 6 Xings from County Line to Findlay. (No change since last meeting)
 - County Highway 3
 - Programming for year has been released. IDOT has contacted me and is aware of issues. They are working on getting us in as soon as possible.
 - Prairie Bridge
 - Project is near completion. Seeding is all that remains. Road is open
 - Oconee Township Bridges – 2 Separate Projects
 - Section 19-11120-00-BR, Federal Bridge project.
 - Mostly complete with fencing, completing tree clearing and cleanup left to do.
 - Section 21-11120-00-BR, Rebuild IL Bridge Project.
 - Bridge is being demolished.
 - Multiple 5050s scheduled and multiple completed on time and in budget.
 - Multiple bridge inspections
 - QBS is selected down to three interviews
 - Equipment Wish List from Labor Force.
 - Mini-Excavator
 - Listed all of our fundings out and where each account stands

- Resolutions/Petitions for County Board Approval

- Discussion and Approval of 50/50 petition from Big Spring Township Highway Commissioners to line an existing 9' diameter-20' long steel pipe with a 40' long pipe. The estimated cost of the project will be 17,121.73, which will be shared 50/50 between the township and County Bridge account. **Motion made by Clay Hardy, Seconded by Mitchell Shuff, Passes unanimously**
- Discussion and Approval for 2 positions for an internship from Maintenance crew to Engineering Technicians. **Motion made by Mitchell Shuff, Seconded by Tim Brown, Passes unanimously**

Teresa Boehm stated her position on this item is if Michael needs a technician he needs to hire a technician. If you are going to bring someone from the back she would like to see some kind of training program or prerequisites to do this job. Her other concern is if we pull people from the back, who is going to pick up the work out back. She assumes they are all busy. She thinks they would need some kind of certification or qualifications in their background in order to go into that position. She says it's budget time now, so if you need another person add it to the budget. Tim Brown said he likes giving a working grunt a chance to better themselves and possibly explore the idea of becoming a technician. Teresa wanted to know how we were going to pay them and how are you going to figure out which ones back here go up there. Then the ones out here are covered under Union contract and then the people up there are non-union. Tim Brown said he likes the idea of promoting within. That makes the jobs more attractive. Teresa wanted to know if we were going to bring someone in to interview them to know if they even have the qualifications. Committee Members said Michael would do the interviewing. Michael stated he has been around the work for 10 years, he knows the qualifications needed. He said he was going to create an actual job listing. He stated a lot of the IDOT classes are on-line.

- Discussion and Road/Bridge Approval Items

- Discussion on intersection of County Highway 3 and County Highway 2. Site Distance issues and landowner parking for business (Rosie and Irl's c/o Curt Wooters). **Tim Brown asked what was involved with moving the stop sign? Michael Tappendorf said he was mainly going to try state the facts. There was a parking petition signed expressing concerns on the parking in front of Rosie and Irl's. Michael stated he was going to have a discussion with the States Attorney next week regarding this matter.**

- Safety

- Vehicles are having to back out on to the Highway from the parking lot. I believe current IDOT policies do not allow parking off highways for businesses. If there are 5 vehicles in the front, 4 of them may not be able to see until they are in traffic. This runs a risk of T-bone style crashes.
- Vehicles South bound off County Highway 2 are unable to see as they are pulling on to County highway 3. Sight distance/triangle (BLR Section 28-3) requirements, which is 335 LF, are not met for vehicles that are pulling off. They need to be able to see further down the road in the Eastbound direction (Per ILGA Title 92 – Section 550.70).

- Multiple discussions on moving the stop sign, parking, stop bar placement and concerns with the Village were had
- Road and Bridge Committee they would wait until after the meeting with the States Attorney's Office to make any changes

Motion by Tim Brown, no second

- Discussion and Approval of Road and Bridge Committee for Right of Way Permit for installation of underground cable for Solar project. **Motion by Mitchell Shuff, Seconded by Tim Brown, Passes unanimously**

- Discussion of Trash Service change of service. Wallace Refuse & Disposal was low bid. Tim Brown thinks it's a problem that Brent Wallace knows what the County pays for garbage before his company gave the Highway Department a quote. Thinks it needs to be discussed with States Attorney before any decisions are made.
- Discussion of County Highways Pavement Preservation, Funding and timeline of projects. Michael Tappendorf passed out a sheet showing projects throughout the County and what the approximate costs would be. He asked the Committee if they had any preference on what projects we fixed first.
- Discussion of Speed Study on County Highway 5, by request of Tim Morse. Michael Tappendorf got a quote for \$2500 for another company to do a speed study on CH5. A speed study is required before any speed limits are changed.

Brent Wallace asks his company be removed from the quote list of the garbage.

Approval of Claims -Motion by Tim Brown, Seconded by Clay Hardy, Passes unanimously

Approval of CPCA-Motion by Tim Brown, Seconded by Mitchell Shuff, Passes unanimously

Public Body Comment – None

Adjournment: Next Scheduled Meeting will be October 7th, 2024 @ 4:30 pm @ Highway Department Motion made by Clay Hardy, Seconded by Tim Brown, Passes unanimously