

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD  
HIGHWAY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2012 MEETING**

Chairman Deany called the rescheduled January 12, 2012 meeting to order at 3:30 pm at the Livingston County Highway Department.

Present: Deany, Ruff, Weber, Young, and Runyon  
Absent: Weller, Holt  
Other Board Members Present: Fairfield  
Others Present: Winters

Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Ruff, second by Runyon. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Motion by Weber, second by Young to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2011 meeting. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

**COUNTY BOARD CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Resolution: 2012 County MFT Maintenance resolution, Section 12-00000-00-GM, \$924,880.50.
2. Quarterly Report: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 11
3. Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation: Fairbury 7<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, Section 08-00145-05-BR. Estimated Cost = \$800,000 FHWA, \$200,000 Livingston County.
4. Bridge Petition: Germanville Road District – Replace existing culvert pipe at 250N, 3070E road. Estimated cost = \$30,000. Section 12-12000-00-AB.
5. Bridge Petition: Round Grove Road District – Replace existing culvert pipe and drop spillway with a reinforced concrete box culvert and drop spillway at 3440E, 3000N Road. Estimated cost = \$80,000. Section 12-25132-00-DR.
6. Bridge Petition: Charlotte Road District – Replace two existing culverts near the intersection of 1000N and 3100E roads. Estimated cost = \$30,000. Section 12-05000-00-AB.

Motion by Young, second by Runyon to recommend full board approval of the consent agenda items. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

**HIGH SPEED RAIL:** An informational meeting was held with the Odell Township Board and Highway Commissioner Legner at 2:00 this afternoon to discuss a revised offer from IDOT High Speed Rail to replace the 2400N bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad. Odell Township had previously rejected the proposal to build a two girder bridge due to calculated increases in inspection costs that the township felt it could not afford. Additionally the replacement plan called for the existing bridge to be removed and not reconstructed for a period of one to two years. David Winters on behalf of Odell Township sent a letter to the IDOT Bureau of Railroads on December 22, 2011 advising them of the township's desire to maintain the existing structure and opt out of the replacement structure proposal. A revised offer was made to the township consisting of an additional cash payment of \$350,000 earmarked for "adjustments to the proposed detour route" in addition to the bridge replacement. No change in the construction schedule was offered. Odell Township officials expressed their desire to stay firm with their rejection of the proposed bridge type even with the added incentive. Winters will communicate their feelings to representatives of the High Speed Rail project.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Motion by Runyon, second by Young to go into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (5) (11) Property Acquisition and Litigation. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE: Deany – Aye, Ruff, -Aye, Weber – Aye, Weller – (Absent did not vote), Runyon – Aye, Holt – (Absent did not vote). Closed session began at 3:53 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION:** Motion by Weber, second by Ruff to come out of closed session. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES. Open session resumed at 4:00 p.m.

**ACTION RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION:** Motion by Young, second by Runyon to authorize Chairman Deany to sign the minimum payment estimates for right-of-way Parcels 1 and 2 on the Fairbury 7<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge project, Section 08-00145-05-BR. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

- The plumbing of the hand wash basin in shop restroom is leaking and needs to be repaired. The current valve is foot controlled but the plumbing is over thirty years old and repair valves are not readily available. The building maintenance department was contacted to repair the valve and an estimate was received from BDI Plumbing to install a new motion activated faucet and mixing valve for \$900 to \$950. The department will research further options that may be less costly.
- One overhead door opener in the shop stopped working and was temporarily repaired by Childers Door Service. Parts are no longer available for this style of door opening. Winters suggested that the department look into a multi-year schedule of replacing all seven door openers to current standards including electric eye safety stops. The cost would be approximately \$1,000 per door. The committee was ok with systematically replacing the door openers as the highway budget would allow.
- Winters received a letter from Coroner requesting the department investigate the installation of additional safety measures at the intersection of 1600E and 1200N roads. A recent fatality at the intersection prompted his request to install additional devices to call attention to the stop signs at the intersection. Winters estimated rumble strip installation on 1200N would cost approximately \$5,000 and asked if the committee wanted the department to pursue this option. Pros and cons of rumble strips were discussed. The committee directed Winters to pursue this option.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Motion by Ruff, second by Weber to approve the bills. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

There being no further business to come before the committee, motion to adjourn the meeting by Young, second by Weber. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.



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David R. Winters, County Engineer