

Lake County Illinois

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

8:30 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor

Public Works and Transportation Committee

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present 9 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer, Member Stolman and Member Thomson-Carter

Others present:

Peter Tremulis, Pulte Homes

Paula Trigg, Division of Transportation

Emily Karry, Division of Transportation

Adam Lehmann, County Administrator's Office

Larry Wollheim, Purchasing

Adlil Issakoo, Finance and Administrative Services

Peter Manaard, Manaard Consulting

RuthAnne Hall, Finance and Administrative Services

Gary Gordon, Finance and Administrative Services

Ashley Lucas, Division of Transportation

Aaron Lawlor, County Board Chairman

Ryan Waller, County Administrator's Office

Peter Kolb, Public Works

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Chris Kopka, Human Resources

Kelly Merz, County Board Office

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair O'Kelly led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 14-0923

Minutes from July 30, 2014.

Attachments: [PWT 7.30.14 Minutes.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Member Hewitt, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer, Member Stolman and Member Thomson-Carter

4. Added to Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

6. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

7. New Business

PUBLIC WORKS

7.1 14-0868

Committee action endorsing a policy related to the County operation, maintenance or ownership of municipal water or sewer facilities.

Attachments: [14-0868 Policy and Criteria Related to the County Operation...Water or Se](#)

Committee Chair O'Kelly explained that the County receives periodic requests from municipalities to take over operation and maintenance of water or sewer facilities. Peter Kolb, Director of Public Works, discussed how an internal policy will provide comprehensive and uniform criteria for evaluating such service requests. The policy contains a series of decision making processes and criteria to be reviewed, such as the structural condition of the system, available capacity, and funds available.

A motion was made by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Maine, that this item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer, Member Stolman and Member Thomson-Carter

7.2 12-1231

Director's Report - Public Works.

Peter Kolb, Director of Public Works, updated the group on the Arden Shores Water System. North Chicago had requested an amendment to the boundary agreement with Lake Bluff so that a rate could be established. The existing agreement indicates that Arden Shores residents cannot be charged more than Lake Bluff residents. Negotiations between Lake Bluff and North Chicago ensued in effort to establish a fair rate. Until an agreement can be reached, the water system cannot be connected.

Member Craig Taylor provided an update on the Lake Michigan water Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency (CLCJAWA) action. At the last meeting, Mr. Taylor made a motion to move forward with the agreement, and the agreement has been sent out to each party's council for review.

Mr. Kolb also reported that the route has been set for the Lake Michigan water project, and is published on Public Works' website. Consultants are out surveying the route, and the next step is to determine if easements from residential property owners will be necessary. Mr. Kolb will initiate discussions with the Forest Preserve regarding an easement that will be needed from them.

DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION

7.3 14-0857

Joint committee action approving a developer donation from the Pulte Group for the Hawthorn Hills Subdivision access to Gilmer Road in the amount of \$213,702.23 under the Lake County Highway Access Regulation Ordinance.

Attachments: [14-0857 Gilmer Road Cash Donation Exhibits](#)

Division of Transportation Director Paula Trigg explained this is a typical developer donation. A project is planned to improve the intersection of Gilmer Road at Midlothian Road, which includes a section of Gilmer Road that requires the access for the Hawthorn Hills Subdivision. The Pulte Group is providing the donation for the design and construction of an alternate access road to the property. The access road will allow full out options, but only a right turn into the property.

Public Comment was heard from Mr. Peter Tremulis of Pulte Homes. Mr. Tremulis thanked the committee, and made himself available to address any questions.

A motion was made by Member Thomson-Carter, seconded by Member Taylor, that this item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer, Member Stolman and Member Thomson-Carter

7.4 14-0847

Ordinance providing for the establishment of an altered speed zone for 40 miles per hour (M.P.H.), currently unposted 55 M.P.H., on Linden Avenue, located in Avon Township in conformity with Chapter 625 - Section 5/11-604 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

Paula Trigg, Director of the Division of Transportation, explained that recent speed studies indicated the appropriate speeds to travel on the roads as recommended in items 7.4, 7.5, and 7.6. The members voted on these items collectively.

A motion was made by Member Sauer, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this item be recommended for adoption to the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer, Member Stolman and Member Thomson-Carter

7.5 14-0848

Ordinance providing for the establishment of a speed zone for 25 miles per hour (M.P.H.), currently unposted, on Linden Avenue, located in Avon Township in conformity with Chapter 625 - Section 5/11-604 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

A motion was made by Member Sauer, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this item be recommended for adoption to the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer, Member Stolman and Member Thomson-Carter

7.6 14-0849

Ordinance providing for the establishment of an altered speed zone of 45 miles per hour (M.P.H.), currently posted 50 M.P.H on Delany Road, County Highway 22, from a point 528 feet north of York House Road, County Highway 65, to a point 1,400 feet south of Wadsworth Road, County Highway 17, located in Newport Township, in conformity with Chapter 625 -

Section 5/11-604 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

A motion was made by Member Sauer, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this item be recommended for adoption to the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer, Member Stolman and Member Thomson-Carter

7.7 14-0912

Resolution changing the name of North Curran Road, which runs through unincorporated Lake County between Townline Road and Illinois Route 120, to North Wildspring Road.

Attachments: [14-0912 North Curran Road to North Wildspring Road Name Designation](#)

Paula Trigg, Director of the Division of Transportation, explained that map services requested the name change for consistency. The Village of Round Lake had changed the name to North Wildspring Road, however; according to map services, a small piece of the road remained as North Curran Road.

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Carey, that this item be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer, Member Stolman and Member Thomson-Carter

7.8 14-0917

Joint resolution authorizing an agreement with the State of Illinois, by and through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), for the utilization of federal highway funds for the interconnection of the traffic signals along Illinois Route 83, from Millstone Drive to North Avenue, including connection to Lake County PASSAGE and Phase III construction engineering services, appropriating \$230,000 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation and Public Safety funds, and designated as Section 12-00999-25-TL.

Attachments: [14-0917 IL 83 PASSAGE Intergovernmental Agreement Draft](#)

Paula Trigg, Director of the Division of Transportation, explained that Lake County received \$798,408 in Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding, for 80 percent of the cost of the improvement.

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Durkin, that this item be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer, Member Stolman and Member Thomson-Carter

7.9 14-0918

Joint resolution authorizing an agreement with the State of Illinois, by and through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), for the utilization of federal highway funds for the modernization and interconnection of the traffic signals along Sheridan Road, from Grand

Avenue to Illinois Route 173, including connection to Lake County PASSAGE and Phase III construction engineering services, appropriating \$555,000 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation and Public Safety funds, and designated as Section 12-00999-29-TL.

Attachments: [14-0918 Sheridan Road PASSAGE Intergovernmental Agreement Draft](#)

Paula Trigg, Director of the Division of Transportation, explained that Lake County received \$1,898,024 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding which will cover 80 percent of the cost of the improvement.

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Durkin, that this item be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer, Member Stolman and Member Thomson-Carter

7.10 14-0916

Joint resolution authorizing the Lake County Division of Transportation to establish the necessary right of way line for the construction of the Washington Street improvement, from Hainesville Road to Haryan Way, and designated as Section 11-00121-10-WR.

Attachments: [14-0916 Washington Street Right of Way Dedication](#)

Paula Trigg, Director of the Division of Transportation, explained prior authorization was granted to acquire property from others for the Washington Street improvement project. This resolution provides authority for a piece of county owned property to also be designated to the improvement project.

A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Member Thomson-Carter, that this item be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer, Member Stolman and Member Thomson-Carter

7.11 14-0854

Joint resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Bollinger, Lach & Associates, Inc., Itasca, Illinois, for Phase III construction engineering services for the Washington Street improvement, from Hainesville Road to Haryan Way, at a maximum cost of \$1,212,394.60, appropriating \$1,455,000 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation and Public Safety Funds, and designated as Section 11-00121-10-WR.

Attachments: [14-0854 Washington Street Hainesville Rd to Haryan Way Phase III Cons](#)

Chair O'Kelly presented the resolution.

A motion was made by Member Carey, seconded by Member Thomson-Carter, that this item be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer, Member Stolman and Member Thomson-Carter

7.12 14-0882

Joint resolution executing a professional services agreement with DLZ Illinois Inc., Chicago, Illinois, for professional engineering services at a maximum cost described as \$446,407.64, and appropriating \$500,000 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation and Safety funds for these services.

Attachments: [14-0882 Planning Permits Engineering Services Consultant Agreement D](#)

Paula Trigg, Director of the Division of Transportation, explained that the agreement will allow DLZ, Inc. to act as staff at the Division of Transportation. The rollout of the 1/4% Sales Tax Plan included hiring only two full time positions and utilizing consultants for the extra workload. Currently, Trans Systems is providing five people under contract who are helping with the challenge bond projects, however the contract will be expiring soon. Projects were re-evaluated, and two project managers selected from existing DOT staff were put in place for the long-term. Consultants will backfill the positions of DOT employees who are now project managers. The contract with DLZ, Inc. is for two years, with three one year extensions if necessary.

Member Carey inquired if an analysis was conducted to determine if it was more cost effective to hire additional DOT staff versus contracting the positions out. Ms. Trigg advised that the analysis will be conducted in the upcoming two years. As no long term projects are planned for the upcoming year, it would not make sense to hire new employees only to lay them off when projects end. Discussion followed.

The agreements in items 7.12 and 7.13 were considered together, as 7.12 approves a contract with DLZ, Inc. for Permits Engineering Services, and 7.13 approves a contract with ESI Consultants, Ltd. for Phase II Design.

A motion was made by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Maine, that this item be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer and Member Stolman

Nay: 1 - Member Thomson-Carter

7.13 14-0883

Joint resolution executing a professional services agreement with ESI Consultants, Ltd., Chicago, Illinois, for Phase II Design professional engineering services at a maximum cost described as \$397,166.86 and appropriating \$450,000 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation and Safety funds for these services.

Attachments: [14-0883 Phase II Design Engineering Services Consultant Agreement Dr](#)

A motion was made by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Maine, that this item be

approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Chair O'Kelly, Vice Chair Taylor, Member Carey, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Sauer and Member Stolman

Nay: 1 - Member Thomson-Carter

7.14 14-0884

Presentation and discussion regarding excess property.

Ashley Lucas of the Division of Transportation presented on excess property. DOT identified approximately 30 parcels of excess property that are owned by the county. An evaluation of the County's needs will determine if each of the parcels will be transferred, disposed of, or retained. Ms. Lucas outlined the process required for each option, and explained that the approval of the Board will also be necessary. Some of the excess parcels were shown, and a brief history and overview of their current state were presented. With the committee's endorsement, Ms. Lucas would like to move forward in her project by developing a process for excess property, then begin with transfers and parcels being encroached upon. Ms. Lucas noted that DOT would like to retain properties having potential of being used for road improvements, realignments, rights of way, and detention. The committee gave Ms. Lucas its endorsement.

7.15 14-0064

Director's Report - Transportation.

Paula Trigg, Director of the Division of Transportation, updated the group on the status of several road projects underway throughout the county. Progress has been made on the West Washington project from Cedar Lake to Hainesville Roads. The federal letting date for the grade separation project has been delayed to November. A December federal letting date for the Central Washington Street project has been delayed due to a longer than expected time to move utilities. DOT is working with consultants to determine the best time to let the project to achieve the goal of completing both Washington Street projects (the Grade Separation and the Central project) at the same time. A Washington Street bike path project that was on a federal letting last month will be rebid. Since prices submitted for the job exceeded the engineer's estimate, DOT rejected the project and rescheduled it for a November 7, 2014 federal letting. The Peterson Road project is moving along as expected. An issue with an underground gas line owned by Kinder Morgan is being vetted, but it is not expected to delay the scheduled completion. The Rollins Road project is slightly behind schedule. It is still anticipated that Rollins will be off of the temporary alignment by the end of this month, and Route 83 will be off the temporary alignment before winter. The Fairfield to 176 project is nearly finished, with the completion of punch list items and IDOT turning the signal on this week. The River and Roberts Road project is moving along. Once the soil stabilization is complete, the road will reopen with a temporary traffic signal for the winter, and then close again in spring to start building the roundabout. The Wadsworth and Greenbay Road project is making progress, and will be substantially complete before winter.

Ms. Trigg announced that SWALCO will host Recycle-o-Rama this year on October 11, at DOT. Additionally, the EPA has provided funding for a tire recycling event which SWALCO will also host at DOT on October 31. The tire recycling event is free for municipalities and at a minimal cost for individuals.

On October 7 and 8, DOT will participate in SMC's annual de-icing workshop, which will address how to minimize salt use on roads, parking lots, and sidewalks.

Ms. Trigg advised that she had numerous IDOT lettings to share, which the members requested that the information be emailed to them.

As a high number of accidents continue to occur after improvements had been made, a road safety audit was held at the s-curve of Washington Street, east of Route 45. Ms. Trigg shared that DOT's study of accident reports did not reveal a common factor, and IDOT was consulted to complete an independent audit. IDOT's audit team is comprised of personnel from IDOT, Federal Highways, and Illinois State Police. The audit was completed last week and can take up to two months for the official report. An immediate suggestion made by IDOT after the audit was to exercise enforcement of the speed limit.

Ms. Trigg shared with the group that she will be presenting DOT's 2015 Capital Program at the Illinois Road Builders Association on Thursday. At this event, contractors and engineers are given an idea of what projects are coming down the pike so they can staff accordingly. Additionally, she and Jon Nelson are attending the Intelligent Transportation Systems Conference in Detroit, Michigan, next week.

Ms. Trigg informed the group that the tollway currently has a significant amount of ramp work going on at Grand Avenue. In the next few weeks, the westbound to westbound ramps will close, and is anticipated to be closed through November.

On a final note, Ms. Trigg pointed out the detention pond upgrade project in front of DOT. The existing pond was not large enough and there were no water quality features in the pond. The new pond will allow for more storage and a more natural looking, water quality water basin.

8. Executive Session

There was not an Executive Session.

9. County Administrator's Report

Chairman Aaron Lawlor advised the members that a complete update on the Route 53 project will be presented at Committee of the Whole. Mr. Lawlor discussed three areas of focus: motorfuel tax and tolling, tolling policy for Route 53 and the Lake County portion of I94, and the creation of a stewardship fund. Chairman Lawlor noted that additional funding opportunities will be added to further discussions with the Tollway Board, including

opportunities for CMAQ money that the County would apply for, and off-system improvements pertaining to areas impacted by Route 53. Discussion followed.

Chairman Lawlor also updated the group on a recent meeting with Metra Chairman Marty Oberman. Metra has reported they are working towards locating funding sources, and developing a long term plan to meet their needs. Metra is holding their September 19, 2014 board meeting at Central Permit Facility, and all County Board Members are invited.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Kelly J. Merz.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Public Works and Transportation Committee