

Lake County Illinois

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18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

8:30 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor

Public Works and Transportation Committee

1. **Call to Order**

Vice Chair Sauer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present 8 - Vice Chair Sauer, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Member Werfel

Absent 1 - Chair Thomson-Carter

Others present:

Yvette Albarran, Finance and Administrative Services

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Gary Gordon, Finance and Administrative Services

RuthAnne Hall, Finance and Administrative Services

Adlil Issakoo, Finance and Administrative Services

Kevin Kerrigan, Division of Transportation

Peter Kolb, Public Works.

Aaron Lawlor, Lake County Board Chairman

Adam Lehmann, County Administrator's Office

Paula Trigg, Division of Transportation

Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Board Office

Ryan Waller, Assistant County Administrator

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Member Werfel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

3.1 [15-0214](#)

Minutes from January 7, 2015.

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Werfel, that this item be approval of minutes. The motion carried by the following vote: The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Sauer, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Member Werfel

Absent: 1 - Chair Thomson-Carter

Not Present: 1 - Member Maine

4. **Added to Agenda**

There were no items added to the agenda.

5. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

6. **Old Business**

There was no old business to conduct.

7. New Business

PUBLIC WORKS

7.1 [15-0200](#)

Joint resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with RHMG Engineers, Inc., Mundelein, Illinois, in the amount of \$145,656 for design engineering services for the Route 120 Reservoir Expansion Project.

Public Works Director Peter Kolb reported there is a need to expand the capacity of the Route 120 Reservoir in case of a water disruption. The design services work is for a ground storage water reservoir which would increase the storage of water from 750,000 gallons to 1,500,000 gallons of water, approximately a two day water reserve. Discussion ensued regarding the reasoning of having a ground storage tank. Mr. Kolb indicated that while it is the County's preference to have water reservoir tanks in the air, many municipalities do not prefer it. The proposed ground water reservoir would be low and unobtrusive.

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

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Sauer, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Member Werfel

Absent: 1 - Chair Thomson-Carter

Not Present: 1 - Member Maine

7.2 [15-0202](#)

Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of \$32,000,000 subordinated water and sewer system revenue bonds, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) third lien for the Des Plaines River Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Project.

Public Works Director Peter Kolb requested authorization for the issuance of \$32,000,000 of water and sewer system revenue bonds for the Des Plaines River Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) project.

Member Maine arrived at 8:35 a.m.

The loan rate is not expected to be higher than four percent per year. Upon inquiry of Vice Chair Sauer regarding Governor Rauner's proposed budget cuts, Mr. Kolb reported that there is every indication the money is available for loans.

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

Aye: 8 - Vice Chair Sauer, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Member Werfel

Absent: 1 - Chair Thomson-Carter

7.3 [15-0132](#)

Presentation and overview of the Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan for the Public Works Department.

Public Works Director Peter Kolb presented the Five Year Capital Plan for 2015-2019. The purpose of the plan is to provide a listing of projects, planning, design, and capital construction to the Committee in order to solicit input and obtain endorsement. Mr. Kolb reviewed Public Works' potable water and waste water assets.

Capital Project priorities include system preservation, system modernization and regulatory compliance, and system expansion. Mr. Kolb reviewed the project selection program. Total capital project costs are estimated at \$76,750,000 over the five year program. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Hewitt, to endorse the Five Year Capital Plan.

Aye: 8 - Vice Chair Sauer, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Member Werfel

Absent: 1 - Chair Thomson-Carter

7.4 [12-1231](#)

Director's Report - Public Works

Public Works Director Peter Kolb reported the Des Plaines Watershed Workgroup now has a website. Its next meeting is set for February 12, 2015 and includes discussion regarding the group's bylaws and membership agreement. As dues are being collected, membership agreements are being proposed to address how funds will be spent.

Mr. Kolb reported the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150 will be considered at the Financial and Administrative Committee today for Public Works Employees.

DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION

7.5 [15-0194](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a contract for the reconstruction of Petite Lake Road, from Illinois Route 59 to Fairfield Road, to Berger Excavating Contractors, Wauconda, Illinois, in the amount of \$1,151,010.28, and designated as Section 10-00181-05-RS.

Division of Transportation Director Paula Trigg reported the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT's) portion of work on Petite Lake Road will not be completed because IDOT does not know when it will have funding to do the work. Staff is working on a communication for the public explaining the County's portion of work and advising them of the future anticipated work by IDOT. The County's portion of construction is being

coordinated to occur when school is out of session.

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

Aye: 8 - Vice Chair Sauer, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Member Werfel

Absent: 1 - Chair Thomson-Carter

7.6 [15-0201](#)

Joint resolution appropriating \$120,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for concrete pavement patching, where necessary, on various County highways, and designated as Section 15-00000-10-GM.

Division of Transportation Director Paula Trigg reported the funds from the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) will be used for concrete pavement patching which includes curb and gutter work and concrete around manholes.

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

Aye: 8 - Vice Chair Sauer, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Member Werfel

Absent: 1 - Chair Thomson-Carter

7.7 [15-0192](#)

Joint resolution appropriating \$80,000 of Matching Tax funds for inspection and maintenance of recently planted native landscape detention areas along various County highways, and designated as Section 15-00000-14-GM.

Division of Transportation Director Paula Trigg reported items 7.7 and 7.8 could be considered jointly. Due to the increased workload of staff, the maintenance of native landscaping at various detention areas and of trees and shrubs on various highways is being proposed to be performed by a contractor. Upon Member Maine's inquiry regarding the variety of species of shrubs and trees planted, Ms. Trigg reported staff works with professionals, including Stormwater Management Commission and the Forest Preserve, who provide guidance as to what should and should not be planted in different areas. The plantings are not maintenance free but are low maintenance.

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Werfel, that items 7.7 and 7.8 be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Vice Chair Sauer, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Member Werfel

Absent: 1 - Chair Thomson-Carter

7.8 [15-0193](#)

Joint resolution appropriating \$80,000 of Matching Tax funds for landscape maintenance, including trees and shrubs, along various County highways, and designated as Section 15-00000-17-GM.

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Werfel, that items 7.7 and 7.8 be approved and referred on to Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Vice Chair Sauer, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Member Werfel

Absent: 1 - Chair Thomson-Carter

7.9 [15-0203](#)

Joint resolution appropriating \$120,000 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation funds for the 2015 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) PASSAGE improvements, along various routes in Lake County, and designated as Section 15-00999-13-TL.

Division of Transportation Director Paula Trigg reported on the proposed installation of permanent counters in certain locations will help staff with future road planning. The counters would also validate other counts that have previously been made. These counters can be relocated but it is the intention of staff to maintain them at the proposed sites.

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

Aye: 8 - Vice Chair Sauer, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Member Werfel

Absent: 1 - Chair Thomson-Carter

7.10 [15-0212](#)

Joint resolution appropriating \$150,000 of Matching Tax funds for permit fees and design engineering services needed to address specialized items such as geotechnical, topographic survey, wetland delineation, and clean construction demolition debris testing for the Fremont Center Road reconstruction, and designated as Section 14-00138-03-RS.

Division of Transportation Director Paula Trigg reported the reconstruction of Fremont Center Road will mainly be designed in house, but there is a need for a specialized engineer to assist with the design process.

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

Aye: 8 - Vice Chair Sauer, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Member Werfel

Absent: 1 - Chair Thomson-Carter

7.11 [15-0204](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an agreement with the State of Illinois/Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the improvement of traffic control signals at Illinois Route 43 at Casimir Pulaski Drive, Illinois Route 83 at Engle Drive, Illinois Route 120 ramp at Greenleaf Avenue, and Illinois Route 137 at Butterfield Road, appropriating \$2,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds, and designated as Section 15-00000-16-GM.

Division of Transportation Director Paula Trigg reported this is the last of the light emitting diodes (LEDs) and Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS) requested by staff at this time.

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

Aye: 8 - Vice Chair Sauer, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Member Werfel

Absent: 1 - Chair Thomson-Carter

7.12 [15-0205](#)

Joint resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the State of Illinois/Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the road improvement on Illinois Route 59, from Illinois Route 132 to Highwoods Drive including Petite Lake Road, appropriating \$25,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds, and designated as Section 15-00264-00-RS.

Division of Transportation Director Paula Trigg reported \$25,000 of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds is the County's share for the improvements on Illinois Route 59. Work includes the milling and resurfacing, intersection reconstruction, and traffic signal installation at Petite Lake Road.

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

Aye: 8 - Vice Chair Sauer, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Member Werfel

Absent: 1 - Chair Thomson-Carter

7.14 [15-0196](#)

Committee action approving the Spring 2015 Adopt-A-Highway Program.

Division of Transportation Director Paula Trigg reported the quit claim deed is due to an error in a legal description that resulted in the acquisition of more property than was necessary on Bonner Road. The land will be given back to the owner per the direction of the Committee.

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

Aye: 8 - Vice Chair Sauer, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Member Werfel

Absent: 1 - Chair Thomson-Carter

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

Aye: 8 - Vice Chair Sauer, Member Durkin, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor and Member Werfel

Absent: 1 - Chair Thomson-Carter

7.15 [15-0195](#)

Report on the fiscal year (FY) 2005 through FY 2012 Lake County and Lake County Road Districts Motor Fuel Tax Funds Audit Results.

Division of Transportation Director Paula Trigg presented the auditor's final results on its audit for the department's office on Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the years of 2005 - 2012.

7.16 [15-0097](#)

Director's Report - Transportation.

Division of Transportation Paula Trigg provided statistics of this year's snow plowing efforts. Currently, the Division of Transportation has seen a significant decrease in callouts for snow plowing, salt usage, fuel usage, and overtime hours from last year due to the milder winter.

A preconstruction public open house meeting for the Washington grade separation project will be held on March 2, 2015. A public open house meeting for the Fremont Center Road extension project will be held on March 16, 2015. Ms. Trigg reported Bruce Christensen of the Division of Transportation spoke at a Bicycle Club of Libertyville meeting. Ms. Trigg and Mr. Christensen will also speak with the Bike Club of Lake County at the end of March. Staff hopes to have the new highway and trail maps available for this meeting as well as the Division of Transportation's web based mobile bike application. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Trigg noted the Fairfield and 176 Project received the American Public Works Association (APWA) Lake Branch Award for Project of the Year and has now received the Chicago Chapter APWA Award for Project of the Year. This project will now move forward for national award consideration. Additionally, Jon Nelson received the Engineer of the Year Award for Technology and Engineering.

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has notified Ms. Trigg that the Washington Street Bike Path Project will be relet. The contract price came in too high. IDOT will let several projects in the County including the Lake Street Project, the Center Street Project, Route 41 shoulder work, and bridge repair work off of Route 41.

Ms. Trigg reported the Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee has

provided a list of accomplishments for 2014 and goals for 2015. The Committee is aware it needs to move forward on action items. The grants the County receives for paratransit services are federal grants and would not be subject to cutbacks by the State.

8. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's report.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Public Works and Transportation Committee