

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

8:30 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor

Public Works and Transportation Committee

1. Call to Order

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

Present 9 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

Others present:

Sandy Hart, County Board Member

Judy Martini, County Board Member

Danya Abusoud, Finance and Administrative Services

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Evelyn Cooper, S.P.I.L.L.

Paul Fetherston, Assistant County Administrator

Matt Fronk, State's Attorney Office

Ben Gllbertson, Finance and Administrative Services

Al Giertych, Division of Transportation

Gunnar Gunnarson, State's Attorney Office

Ryan Horne, Finance and Administrative Services

Doretha Johnson, Division of Transportation

Kevin Kerrigan, Division of Transportation

Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator

Phil Perna, Public Works

Larry Savage, Division of Transportation

Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation

Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Administrator

Rodney Worden, Public Works

Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Board Office

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Pedersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 [17-0925](#)

Minutes from August 2, 2017.

A motion was made by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Durkin, to approve the meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 9 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

6. Chairman's Remarks

Chair Maine extended thoughts and prayers to the residents of Houston, Texas, who experienced massive flooding.

Chair Maine welcomed Public Works Director Rodney Worden and Division of Transportation Director Shane Schneider and thanked Al Giertych, Phil Perna, and staff for the leadership that was exhibited during the interim period.

Chair Maine reported on the Transit Team quarterly meeting. Representatives discussed issues facing RTA, Metra, and Pace as well as the 1/4% sales tax. Chair Maine also noted there was discussion regarding obtaining a consultant to coordinate and organize bike paths countywide so that residents can get across the county for work and play.

7. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 through 8.2)

DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION

8.1 [17-0888](#)

Ordinance providing for the establishment of an altered speed zone for 40 miles per hour (M.P.H.), currently designated 45 M.P.H, on Miller Road, located in Antioch Township in conformity with Chapter 625 - Section 5/11-604 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Wilke, that items 8.1 and 8.2 be recommended for adoption to the County Board agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 9 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

8.2 [17-0890](#)

Ordinance providing for the establishment of an altered speed zone for 40 miles per hour (M.P.H.), currently designated 45 M.P.H, on Almond Road, located in Libertyville Township in conformity with Chapter 625 - Section 5/11-604 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Wilke, that items 8.1 and 8.2 be recommended for adoption to the County Board agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 9 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director Rodney Worden introduced himself to the committee.

8.3 [17-0916](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with Synagro Central, LLC, Baltimore, Maryland, for the biosolids management program for Lake County Public Works (PW) in an estimated amount of \$442,170.

Chair Maine stated that the county has three water reclamation facilities that require proper removal, transport, and disposal or land application of its biosolids. The contract with the previous vendor has expired and bids were extended to 14 qualified vendors. One bid was received from Synagro Central. The contract will actually result in a cost savings of \$105,000 due to the recent implementation of the county's biosolids dryer project. Public Works Director Rodney Worden reported that the contract includes waste removal.

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

Aye: 9 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

8.4 [17-0917](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a sewage disposal agreement by and between County of Lake, Village of Round Lake, Lakes Region Sanitary District, and Baxter International Inc. (Baxter) regarding the provision of wastewater services to the Baxter property.

County Board Judy Martini thanked staff for their assistance in working on terms of an agreement for Baxter to join the public sewer system. County Administrator Barry Burton reported that if terms of an agreement had not been reached, Baxter would have needed to upgrade its sanitary sewer system and continue to use its lagoon to equalize its waste.

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

Aye: 9 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

8.5 [17-0060](#)

Director's Report - Public Works.

Public Works Director Rodney Worden reported that he is in the process of conducting an overall assessment of his department.

DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION

Division of Transportation Director Shane Schneider provided an introduction of himself and his background

8.6 [17-0908](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with H & H Electric Company, Franklin Park, Illinois, in the amount of \$808,908.13 for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable Illinois Highway Code, from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018, including traffic control signals, street lights, Lake County PASSAGE field elements and electrical service, and designated as Section 18-00000-01-GM.

Chair Maine noted that this contract is for the maintenance of streets and highways with multiple communities and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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

Aye: 9 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

8.7 [17-0914](#)

Joint resolution appropriating \$240,000 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation funds for the acquisition of necessary right-of-way, by agreement or condemnation, and other right-of-way costs associated with the proposed reconstruction of 14th Street, from Illinois Route 131 to Jackson Street, and designated as Section 99-00260-01-WR.

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

Aye: 9 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

8.8 [17-0913](#)

Joint resolution appropriating \$50,000 of County Bridge Tax funds for fiscal year (FY) 2017 miscellaneous engineering services, water quality monitoring services, and materials needed to meet the minimum requirements of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) ILR40 Permit for Lake County, and designated as Section 17-00000-18-GM.

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

Aye: 9 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

8.9 [17-0919](#)

Joint committee action approving Change Order Number Two for contracts for the purchase of an additional Field Asset Status Tracker (FAST) tool tablet for the sign inventory and

management system for the Lake County Division of Transportation in the amount of \$3,700.

Chair Maine reported that this is for the purchase of a sign inventory and management system.

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

Aye: 9 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

8.10 [17-0936](#)

Joint resolution appropriating a supplemental amount of \$6,000,000 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation funds for the acquisition of necessary right-of-way, by agreement or condemnation, and other right-of-way costs associated with the Rollins Road Gateway Improvement at the intersections of Illinois Route 83/Rollins Road/Hainesville Road, and designated as Section 08-00080-56-BR.

Al Giertych of the Division of Transportation reported the Lake County used the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT's) eminent domain authority to acquire right-of-way for the Illinois Route 83/Rollins Road/Hainesville Road project. Eminent domain allowed Lake County to complete the work and settle the fair value of the property at a later date. A jury judgement was reached for an area on the southeast quadrant of Rollins Road in the amount of \$6,000,000. Chair Maine stressed the importance of communicating information prior to it becoming public knowledge. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Danforth, seconded by Member Wilke, that this resolution be postponed until after Executive Session. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 9 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

8.11 [17-0029](#)

Director's Report - Transportation.

Division of Transportation (DOT) Director Shane Schneider reported that work is ongoing for the emergency replacement of the Center Street roadway culvert in Grayslake. The culvert was damaged due to the July storms that caused county-wide flooding. The culvert is seven and one-half feet in diameter and requires that the road be closed for the work. The closure began on August 21, 2017 and is expected to reopen on September 1, 2017, weather permitting. Work will continue until mid-September, with occasional daily lane closures. Flaggers will be stationed to guide traffic.

Mr. Schneider reported the DOT was notified that it was awarded a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant to install heated light emitting diode (LED) signal modules for most of the red lights at Lake County-owned intersections, approximately 160 intersections. The installation of the heated modules will help alleviate the problem of snow sticking to, and covering, the light signals, which can happen when air humidity

levels are within certain ranges. The grant will cover 90 percent of the cost with a 10 percent County match. The total estimated project cost is \$675,000.

Mr. Schneider reported on a public hearing for the Fremont Center Road/ Illinois Route 60 Intersection Improvement Project which realigns the intersection and adds turning lanes and traffic signals. The meeting was well attended with 82 people and strong support was expressed for the project to move quickly. The project is programmed for the 2019 construction season.

The DOT hosted the Lake County Council of Mayors. The meeting focused on upcoming changes to the distribution process of Surface Transportation Funds (STP) in the Chicagoland area. A representative from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) presented a draft proposal of the changes that are required to bring the program into compliance with federal guidelines. A final draft of the proposal is expected later this fall, with changes in the program expected to be implemented in 2020. One key change to the program is that the STP funds will be distributed based on transportation performance measures, such as pavement conditions, congestion levels, and safety, rather than by the population of the area. Municipalities may require local agencies to collect new data about their transportation system to apply for grants. More information will be shared when CMAP releases its final recommendations this fall.

9. Executive Session

Executive Session was entered into at 9:13 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Member Maine, that this item be to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 9 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

9.1 [17-0937](#)

Executive Session to discuss litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)11.

This item was discussed in Executive Session.

Executive Session was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Mathias, to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 9 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

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Motion by Member Mathias, seconded by Member Danforth, to bring this item back to the floor for consideration.

Aye - 9: Chair Maine, Vice-Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel, Member Wilke.

Member Mathias inquired whether this appropriation will effect other projects. Al Giertych of the Division of Transportation (DOT) indicated this amount is in the DOT's budget. If additional appropriations are necessary for this project, it could have an impact on the timing of other projects.

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

Aye: 9 - Chair Maine, Vice Chair Hewitt, Member Danforth, Member Durkin, Member Mathias, Member Pedersen, Member Taylor, Member Werfel and Member Wilke

10. County Administrator's Report

Deputy County Administrator Amy McEwan reported staff has completed its assessment and paperwork for federal assistance due to the recent flooding in Lake County. She noted that with the massive flooding in Houston, Texas, caused by Hurricane Harvey, it is less likely Lake County will receive any federal assistance.

County Administrator Barry Burton reported Lake County does not use Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT's) eminent domain authority for many projects. There is currently only one other project in which Lake County is using IDOT's eminent domain authority.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no remarks from members.

12. Adjournment

Chair Mained adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Next Meeting: September 27, 2017

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela Schneider.

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Public Works and Transportation Committee