



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Joint resolution authorizing an agreement with the NICOR Gas Company to relocate a gas main within the easement of Quentin Road to accommodate the upcoming improvement of Quentin Road, from White Pine Road to Illinois Route 22, appropriating \$7,080,000 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation funds, and designated as Section 17-00090-15-MS.

- Quentin Road, from White Pine Road to Illinois Route 22, is planned to be widened and reconstructed starting in 2018.
- This project is included in the County's Highway Improvement Program.
- The NICOR Gas Company has a gas main located within an easement along the roadway corridor that must be relocated to accommodate the upcoming highway improvement.
- The Lake County State's Attorney has reviewed this agreement, and while rare, NICOR has a superior easement which causes Lake County to be responsible for the cost of relocation of NICOR's gas line. Lake County has been approved for a federal grant that will reimburse up to 80 percent of these gas main relocation costs.
- The terms of NICOR's existing easement require that Lake County reimburse the NICOR Gas Company for the cost to relocate their facilities, which is estimated to cost \$5,900,000.
- This resolution authorizes the execution of an agreement with NICOR that provides for the relocation of their facilities and appropriates \$7,080,000, which includes a 20 percent contingency, of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation funds for this utility relocation.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Quentin Road, County Highway 5, is a designated route on the County highway system; and

WHEREAS, the free flow of traffic at Quentin Road, from White Pine Road to Illinois Route 22, is beneficial to the safety and welfare of the State of Illinois and the County as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois and Lake County believe it would be beneficial to the safety and welfare of the motoring public if Quentin Road, from White Pine Road to Illinois Route 22, could be improved by widening and reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, the NICOR Gas Company has a natural gas main located within an existing easement in the area of the improvement; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to relocate the said natural gas line to accommodate the upcoming improvement of Quentin Road, from White Pine Road to Illinois Route 22; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary for Lake County to reimburse the NICOR Gas Company for the cost to relocate their facilities, estimated to be \$5,900,000; and

WHEREAS, Lake County is eligible to receive an 80 percent reimbursement from federal funding for

the gas main relocation cost; and

WHEREAS, the NICOR Gas Company and Lake County are desirous of entering into an agreement to provide for the relocation of the said natural gas line, setting forth the terms and obligations to each agency, a draft copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, in order to start the relocation work, an appropriation of funds is needed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Lake County Board, that the County Board Chair, the County Clerk and the County Engineer of Lake County are authorized, and they are directed to execute an agreement, and any amendments, pertaining to the terms and conditions of the above-named utility relocation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Engineer shall transmit in writing the final agreement, and any amendments, to be executed by the County Board Chair and the County Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is appropriated \$7,080,000 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation funds for this utility relocation, and designated as Section 17-00090-15-MS.

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois, on February 13, 2018.