

LEE COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021 – 8:00AM
Lee County Highway Department
1629 Lee Center Road, Amboy, Illinois 61310

The Lee County Transportation and Solid Waste Committee met at 8:00 A.M. on the above date to conduct their regular monthly audit together with other County Highway business. The following members were present: Jim Schielein (by video conference), Doug Farster, Marilyn Shippert, Rick Humphrey, Kasey Considine and Mike Zeman. Also Present: Palmyra Township Highway Commissioner, Derrick Storey (8:00 – 8:15) and County Engineer David Anderson.

Motion by Shippert: To approve the minutes from the January meeting. **Second by Zeman:** *Motion carried.*

Mr. Storey informed the committee on his reasons for requesting a reduction in speed on Wildcat Road. In addition, Mr. Anderson presented the results from the speed study conducted by the Highway Department for this stretch of roadway.

After hearing the reasons and reviewing the speed study conducted by the Highway Department, **Motion by Humphrey:** To recommend passage of an ordinance lowering the speed limit from 55 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour on Wildcat Road in Palmyra Township. **Second by Farster:** *Motion carried.* The ordinance will be presented at the next full County Board meeting.

The committee audited claims from the previous month. The claims were as follows: County Highway \$16,262.00 and payroll of \$63,574.60; County Motor Fuel \$168,644.22 and Township Motor Fuel \$3,250.00. The committee also approved the request for deposit of funds in the following accounts; \$178,565.53 into the County Highway fund.

Motion by Shippert: To approve the claims. **Second by Considine:** *Motion carried.*

County Highway Report:

An addendum to the road use agreement with the Green River Wind Farm was presented to the committee. Mr. Anderson explained that the wind farm has met their financial obligations to repair the roads and this addendum releases them from any further claims the County may have regarding the road surface condition. **Motion by Shippert:** To approve the Road Use Agreement Addendum with the Green River Wind Farm. **Second by Zeman:** *Motion carried.* The Addendum will be presented at the next full County Board meeting.

Mr. Anderson presented the Road Use Agreements for the Big Sky Wind Farm Repower project and the Shady Oaks II wind farm project. He explained that the Big Sky Repower project agreement is essentially the same agreement that was adopted two years ago, but had expired. The Shady Oaks II project agreement is very similar in form and content to the Big Sky agreement. Currently these agreements are in template form, but they will be in executable form for the board meeting. After committee review, **Motion by Shippert:** To approve the Road Use Agreement for the Big Sky Wind Repower project and the Shady Oaks II wind farm project. **Second by Humphrey:** *Motion carried.* These agreements will be presented at the next full County Board meeting.

The committee had a lengthy discussion regarding the timing of wind/solar road agreement adoption and zoning approvals. The committee asked Mr. Anderson to speak with the Solar Ad Hoc Committee Chairman, Dave Bowers, to see if this issue can be addressed through his committee.

Mr. Anderson presented a Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for the Shaw Road cold-in-place recycling (CIR) and hot mix asphalt (HMA) overly project. **Motion by Shippert:** To accept the agreement. **Second by Humphrey:** Motion carried. The agreement will be presented at the next full County Board meeting.

Mr. Anderson also presented a resolution to appropriate County Matching funds for the CIR/HMA project discussed above. The committee recommends the Executive Committee place the appropriation resolution on the full board agenda for adoption.

The committee then opened bids for the following projects and materials:

SECTION NO.	DESCRIPTION	LOW BIDDER	BID PRICE
21-XX000-00-GM	Township Seal Coat	All Low Bidders	n/a
21-XX000-01-GM	Township/County Crack Seal	SKC Construction, Inc.	\$37,496.00
21-00000-00-GM	County Seal Coat	Porter Brothers	\$121,225.80
21-00000-02-GM	County Patch Mix	All Bidders	n/a
21-23000-02-GM	Franklin Grove Twp. Patch Mix	All Bidders	n/a
21-00000-04-GM	Pipe Culverts	Contech Const. Products	n/a

Detailed bid tabulations are posted on the County’s website. Bids will be presented to the Full Board for award.

The committee also discussed the potential sale of home lots to Habitat for Humanity from the County’s 4th street property. It was noted that the housing may not have much of an impact on the Highway Department’s operations at this facility, but rather, the Department’s operations may have an impact on the new residents. The Department keeps two snow plows and a loader at this facility and these could be audibly disturbing in the early morning hours when they are loading out salt and getting ready to plow roads. In addition, litter occasionally blows around the site stemming from the recycling bin located adjacent to one of the lots. Relocating the bins could be problematic.

Solid Waste Report:

Per the host agreement with Republic Services, a letter was sent to the landfill with the newly calculated host fees based upon the CPI for 2020. The host fee for 2021 will be \$2.00 per ton for the first 1000 tons in a day and \$2.51/ton for tons over 1000 in a day.

The next Transportation and Solid Waste Committee meeting will be on Monday, March 8, 2021 at **8:00 a.m.** at the Highway Department office in Amboy.

Motion by Shippert: To adjourn at 10:30 A.M. **Second by Humphrey:** *Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,
David Anderson