

Transportation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2016
4:30 p.m., Rm 319 Courthouse Annex, Danville, IL

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call

Acting Committee Chairman Larry Baughn called the Transportation Committee of the Vermilion County Board to order at 4:30 p.m., November 16, 2016, in Room 319 of the Courthouse Annex.

Upon the call of roll, the following committee members were present: Craig Golden, Joe Eakle, Larry Baughn. Daniel Walls and Todd Johnson were absent and excused. AJ Wright and John Criswell were absent. 4 Present, 4 absent at roll call. Mike Marron was declared as an ex-officio member.

Also attending the meeting: Doug Staske, County Engineer; Bill Donahue, Assistant State's Attorney; Brian Trygg, Illinois Department of Transportation; and Amie Harvey, Administrative Assistant.

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption of the Agenda

Mike Marron moved, second by Joe Eakle, to adopt the agenda. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of the September 7, 2016 Minutes

Craig Golden moved, second by Joe Eakle, to adopt the September 7, 2016 minutes. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments

None

Agenda Item 5 - Review of Bills – September and October 2016

Joe Eakle moved to approve the review of bills, second by Craig Golden. Doug Staske informed the committee all items were in budget. Upon the call of roll, the following members voted yes, to-wit: Craig Golden, Joe Eakle, Larry Baughn, and Mike Marron. 4 yes, 4 absent.

Agenda Item 6 – Resolution (County MFT Fund 008)

Craig Golden moved, second by Joe Eakle, to approve the resolution as presented. Doug Staske informed the committee this was an annual resolution that remained unchanged from the previous year. There were no other questions. Upon the call of roll, the following members voted yes, to-wit: Craig Golden, Joe Eakle, Larry Baughn, Mike Marron. 4 yes, 4 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 7 – Presentation on County Highway Funding Programs by Brian Trygg, Illinois Department of Transportation

Doug Staske introduced Brian Trygg as a representative from Illinois Department of Transportation. Mr. Trygg explained his responsibility was to ensure money coming in to IDOT was processed and dealt out correctly. He told the committee about various grants available to different areas of the county. He told the committee that a sub-allocation existed which would allow small rural areas (under 5,000 population) funds. He said most of these were county highways, but he knew that Fairmount was also an area where this was available; and if the Fairmount road were transferred, this could also apply. He showed items that detailed that there are also grants for urban and suburban funding and "bridge-only" funds as well. Doug Staske added that we build 3-4 Township Bridges per year and those are typically federally funded. Discussion ensued. Mr. Trygg noted that it is encouraged for applying for these funds to be competitive so that the most necessary projects get completed.

Chairman Mike Marron thanked Mr. Trygg for attending and said it was always good to get the word out that these funds are available.

Agenda Item 8 - Executive Session

Not necessary.

Agenda item 9- Items of Information

Doug Staske updated the committee on the following:

- The county took possession of a cab they hope to have ready in time for heavy snowfall
- He handed out a packet describing the Highway Department, Funds that are used, and projects planned.

Chairman Marron updated the committee on the following:

- He noted it might be helpful for the DATS committee to report to the Transportation committee every few months in the future in order to keep everyone informed.
- He stated Building and Grounds is finishing renovations at the Health Department.
- Reminded committee that the County Board meeting in December will be a reorganizational meeting held December 5.
- County Board Office is in process of reapplying for ownership of Federal Courthouse through National Park Service, but it should still be a 3-6 month process.

Agenda Item 10 - Adjournment of Meeting

Being no further business, Acting Committee Chairman Baughn adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Minutes by:

Amie Harvey, Administrative Assistant