

**MOULTRIE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**  
10 S MAIN, COURTHOUSE, Sullivan, IL 61951  
Jeff Birch, County Engineer, Phone 217-728-4142

**November 4, 2020**

**ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Kevin McReynolds, Arlene Aschermann, Dave McCabe, Jeff Birch.

The meeting was brought to order at 9:00a.m. by **Mr. Kevin McReynolds**. A motion was made by **Mr. David McCabe** and seconded by **Mrs. Arlene Aschermann** to approve all claims as presented. Yea: 3 Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Business discussed:

**1. Whitely Township Bridge Project, Section #94-08111-00-BR.**

The right-of-way negotiations with the co-owners of one parcel have not proceeded further. The owners have been unresponsive to attempts to contact them.

The right-of-way offer previously made for the parcel will be revised to include compensation for "soil rights". If the property co-owners remain unresponsive, the County will proceed with requesting eminent domain/quick-take authority from the State Legislature.

**2. Howie's Intersection, IDOT Section (1&2) N, Contract 74A11.**

IDOT forwarded an agreement to the County regarding cost sharing. The County, with jurisdiction of one leg of the intersection, will be responsible for 25%, or \$2,900.00, of the installation cost of the electrical components of the intersection rehabilitation, and 25% of future maintenance and electrical costs.

The contract plans contain provisions to install a median in the existing left turn lanes for northbound and southbound traffic. The elimination of the left turn lanes is of concern, as the removal of the left turn lanes may cause excessive traffic backups during peak hours. In the Agreement is a document that is to be signed by the County Engineer approving the final plans. That document will not be signed at this time. IDOT has agreed to discuss County concerns regarding the elimination of the left turn lanes.

IDOT has requested, in order to meet a January bid letting date, that the portion of the Agreement pertaining to cost sharing be signed.

A motion will be made at the full County Board meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> to approve the cost sharing portion of the Agreement.

A second motion to approve a Funding Resolution by the County for the improvement of the intersection will also be made at the full County Board meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

**3. 19-00079-00-FP/20-00133-00-PV (Moultrie County Highway 10 south of Arthur).**

Cummins Engineering Corporation (CEC) has submitted a Preliminary Engineering Agreement for this project. The cost of the preliminary engineering will be split based on the EAV of Douglas and Moultrie Counties at a 55% - 45% ratio, respectively.

At the time of this meeting CEC had not submitted individual Preliminary Engineering Agreements to Douglas County and Moultrie County. It is expected the individual agreement for Moultrie County will be forwarded by the November 12<sup>th</sup> full County Board meeting.

A motion will be made at the November 12<sup>th</sup> Moultrie County Board meeting to approve the preliminary engineering agreement with the Cummins Engineering Corporation.

**4. Dora Township Bridge Project, Section 95-01113-00-BR.**

This project has been advanced to the preliminary engineering phase due to continuing deterioration of the existing wooden pier piles. The structure is not yet required to be weight limit posted. Fuhrmann Engineering has submitted an Agreement for Preliminary Engineering.

A motion will be made at the full County Board meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to approve the Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Fuhrmann Engineering.

**5. Federal Lands Access Program grant request for preliminary engineering. Section 20-02115-00-FP.**

The Selection Committee for the Federal Lands Access Program grant applications was scheduled to meet October 28, 2020. As of this meeting date no information has been received pertaining to a selection/denial of our application.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05am.

County Board:

Motion to approve the Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding cost sharing responsibilities for the improvement of the Illinois Route 32 intersection with Moultrie County Highway 4, Section (1,2) N.

Motion to approve the Moultrie County Funding Resolution regarding the improvement of the Illinois Route 32 intersection with Moultrie County Highway 4.

Motion to approve the Preliminary Engineering Agreement with the Cummins Engineering Corporation for Section 19-00079-00-FP/20-0133-00-PV. (Moultrie County Highway 10 south of Arthur).

Motion to approve the Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Fuhrmann Engineering for Section 95-01113-00-BR, Dora bridge replacement.