

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: April 13, 2021
LOCATION: Kendall County Highway Department
MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Gryder, Amy Cesich, Matt Kellogg, Scott Gengler, & Brian DeBolt
STAFF PRESENT: Ginger Gates, Michele Riley, John Burscheid and Francis Klaas
ALSO PRESENT: Ryan Sikes and Kelly Farley

The committee meeting convened at 3:30 P.M. with roll call of committee members. Cesich and Gengler absent. Quorum established.

Motion DeBolt; second Kellogg, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion DeBolt; second Kellogg, to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from March 9, 2021. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Kellogg; second DeBolt to recommend approval of resolution awarding contracts to the following low bidders:

21-00000-01-GM to Builders Paving, LLC in the amount of \$529,924.10
21-00000-02-GM to D Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$49,817.87
21-00000-03-GM to D Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$342,182.15
21-01000-00-GM to D Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$216,534.65
21-03000-00-GM to D Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$127,672.29
21-04000-00-GM to D Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$275,434.70
21-06000-00-GM to Builders Paving, LLC in the amount of \$260,088.00
21-07000-00-GM to D Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$270,040.00
21-08000-00-GM to D Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$414,478.39
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Klaas announced the results of the March 26, 2021 bid opening for county, township and municipal road improvement projects. Kendall County Board is the awarding authority for 10 of the 17 projects bid on said date. Overall average of the low bids was 14% below engineer's estimates. After review, committee unanimously recommended forwarding these 10 projects to the County Board for approval.

Amy Cesich arrived at the meeting.
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Motion Kellogg; second DeBolt to recommend approval of a preliminary engineering services agreement between Kendall County and Hutchison Engineering, Inc. for design of traffic signals at the intersection of Ridge Road and Holt Road in an amount not to exceed \$41,700. This intersection improvement is currently under construction, but does not include traffic signals. Klaas described how the original design, which began several years ago, had analyzed the signal warrants and found that, although borderline, were not warranted. Now, several years later, both

Village of Minooka and Seward Township feel very strongly that signals should be installed; and both agencies have indicated that they will pay for their share of the construction. Motion approved unanimously.

In the Chairman's report, Chairman Scott Gryder informed the committee that there has been a change in administration at Village of Plainfield, and so action on the intergovernmental agreement relating to proposed intersection improvements at Ridge Road and 143rd Street have been postponed to a later date.

Chairman Gryder also requested that the County Engineer work with the Sheriff's Department to identify high-accident locations on county highways.

Scott Gengler asked what type of equipment or cameras were hanging from the traffic signals at the intersection of Route 47 and Galena Road. Klaas indicated that this traffic signal is not under the jurisdiction of Kendall County, and he was unaware of what this might be.

DeBolt indicated that he had a conversation with John Stewart, wherein he learned that Mr. Stewart has an obligation to install turn lanes at the intersection of Ill. Rte. 126 and Ashley Road by the end of the year. He also thought it would be a much better and safer idea to move that intersection further east in order to have better sight distance. Committee agreed, but Gengler indicated that Ashley Road is under the jurisdiction of City of Yorkville and Kendall Township; and if relocated further east, would likely be completely under the jurisdiction of the township. Klaas agreed that there would be significant additional cost for the road relocation, and considering this is not a county highway, wasn't sure who might be willing to pay for it. Engineering alone for the road relocation project would likely exceed \$200,000. Kellogg stated that there were many other examples of important projects around the county; but they just aren't county jurisdiction. Committee generally agreed that Mr. Stewart should continue to work with the City of Yorkville to determine the best way to proceed.

Kellogg asked if the Highway Department was seeing any small-cell-wireless facilities on county highways. Klaas stated they hadn't yet seen this.

Cesich asked about the app for traffic signal interactions. Klaas thought it was called the Glance App; and indicated he could provide additional information to Ms. Cesich, but would have to look it up. Cesich also asked if the County paid for this. Klaas indicated that it was part of the remote access hardware and software for traffic signal diagnostics, but didn't cost the County any extra money. The Highway Department uses the diagnostic and maintenance side of the software; but doesn't currently use the Travel Safely App. Cesich thought it might be a good idea to have the County promote this more.

Committee viewed a power point presentation on the progress of the Eldamain Road Construction, and discussed various aspects of the project.

Klaas asked the committee if they want to continue to review bills at committee level, instead of just sending them to Finance Committee. Kellogg thought it would be a good idea to continue reviewing at committee level.

Motion Cesich; second Gengler, to forward Highway Department bills for the month of April in the amount of \$174,298.66 to the Finance Committee for approval. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Motion DeBolt; second Cesich, to adjourn the meeting at 3:56 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Francis C. Klaas, P.E.
Kendall County Engineer

Action Items

1. Resolution awarding contracts to the following low bidders:

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