## GRUNDY COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

## **MEETING MINUTES**

JULY 21, 2011

TO: The Honorable Chairman and Members of the County Board, Grundy County, Illinois:

Your Committee met on Thursday, July 21, 2011, 4:30 P.M. at the Highway Department to hold the regular monthly meeting. Those present were: F. Halpin, J. Almer, D. Boggs, E. Rasmusson, R. Severson, D. Duffy, and C. Cassem. Also present were: H. Miller, N. Ammer, and M. Durkin. Those absent were: J. Galloway. Motion by D. Boggs and seconded by E. Rasmusson to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried. Motion by D. Boggs and seconded by E. Rasmusson to approve the claims. Motion carried. Nancy Ammer of the G.E.D.C. addressed the Committee regarding funding the preparation of a Transportation Priority Plan. The G.E.D.C. will prepare the plan for a cost of \$7,150 and exhibits will be prepared by Wight & Company at a cost no cost to the G.E.D.C. or County. The plan will identify transportation projects (County & State) which will encourage economic development. C. Cassem and Nancy Ammer updated the Committee on a meeting held with the Village of Seneca officials regarding the creation of a TIF for the Orica property. Several options are available which would allow DuPont Road through Orica to be improved prior to the establishment of a TIF and later have TIF funds or other funds reimburse the County for a portion of the improvement costs. Will continue investigating options. C. Cassem said he has asked IDOT if the \$900,000 in Federal Funds received for Brisbin Road interchange could be used to cover cost of constructing 5 lanes instead of 3 lanes on Route 6 & Brisbin Road. IDOT officials in Ottawa directed C. Cassem to contract the Control Office in Springfield for an answer. F. Halpin suggested we send a contingent to Springfield if necessary to request that the funds be used for the additional lanes at the intersection. C. Cassem updated the Committee on the status of current construction projects: Old Stage Road Phase I - paving, striping, shoulder stone complete, seeding remains; Old Stage Road Phase II – will begin shortly; Gonnam Road resurfacing - will begin patching next week; DuPont Road Cape Seal – will start next week; Pine Bluff Road culverts – both are installed. C. Cassem and S. Bates met with Leo Cinquino, attorney hired for eminent domain of property on Old Stage Road and Kankakee Road; he has all parcel files. Motion by J. Almer and seconded by E. Rasmusson to recommend Full Board approve Engineering Agreement with Hutchison Engineering, Inc. to design a new bridge on Sherrill Road just west of Route 47 for a cost not to exceed \$41,250. Motion carried. Committee will tour County roads on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, will invite County Board to attend. The Electronic Speed Display signs are currently up on Rice Road in S. Wilmington and E. Brooklyn. Will ask Sgt. Jeff Cole to attend next meeting to discuss speed sign placement schedule. Committee reviewed and discussed Highway Budget. Finance Committee will review budget on July 29. Motion by E. Rasmusson and seconded by J. Almer to adjourn. Motion carried.