## GRUNDY COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

## **MEETING MINUTES**

## **DECEMBER 22, 2011**

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

Your Committee met on Thursday, December 22, 2011, 4:30 P.M. at the Highway Department to hold the regular monthly meeting. Those present were: F. Halpin, D. Bogg, S. Hamilton, R. Severson, and C. Cassem. Those absent: E. Rasmusson, J. Galloway, J. Almer. Also present were: N. Ammer, J. Snyder. Motion by R. Severson and seconded by D. Boggs to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried. Motion by D. Boggs and seconded by R. Severson to approve the claims. Motion carried. J. Snyder of Grainco F.S. addressed the Committee regarding fuel contracting options. He informed the Committee that there was a \$5,807 savings by contracting and pre-paying for fuel last year. Fuel costs are low right now and suggested the County lock in prices. 100% pre-pay savings is \$0.10/gallon. Motion by B. Severson and seconded by D. Boggs to contract and pre-pay fuel for 2012. N. Ammer of G.E.D. gave a brief history of the Transportation Priorities Plan the G.E.D.C. is working on. Discussed option for \$1 per resident charge for G.E.D.C. / County annual Contract -vs- option to pay for Doug Pryor's time to prepare Transportation Priorities Plan separately and pay less than \$1 per resident for GEDC//County Contract. Options will be discussed at Finance Committee. Motion by R. Severson and seconded by D. Boggs to reprove agreement with Canal Corridor Association to help administer Federal Grant for A M Canal Signage Program. Motion by D. Boggs and seconded by R. Severson to approve Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with IDOT in the amount of \$167,600. Motion carried. Motion by R. Severson and seconded by D. Boggs to approve engineering agreement with Chamlin & Assoc. for a cost \$167,577.14 for Phase I & II of I & M Canal sign project. (This will be paid by IDOT (80%) and Canal Corrdor Assoc (20%).)) C. Cassem showed Committee pictures of repairs to salt storage building recently made by Nativick Brothers Lumber. He also distributed updated pricing for a new salt storage options. Discussions followed may consider setting aside funds annually to save for construction of a new building. Also, C. Cassem vill contact township and municipalities to see if there is any interest in sharing in the cost of a new salt storage building which would store salt for multiple entities. R. Severson updated the Committee on conversations he has had regarding maintenance responsibilities of Main Street in Gardner. C. Cassem was spoken with an IDOT representative in Springfield who has advised him that the agreement with Gardner appears to be binding and requires Gardner to continue maintaining Main Street. F. Halpin advised Committee that he and C. Cassem have met with Channahon and Morris regarding sharing of savings resulting

from using Federal Funds to pay local agency share of additional turn lanes on Route 6 at Bristin Road. Committee requested F. Halpin and C. Cassem continue discussions and negotiations. Motion D. Boggs and seconded by R. Severson to approve resolution appropriating \$200,000 in M.F.T. Funds for Patrol #1, Equipment & Labor Maintenance. Motion carried. Motion by D. Boggs and seconded by R. Severson to approve resolution appropriating \$97,850 in M.F.T. Funds for County Engineer's Salary and which also authorizes reimbursement of \$48,925 in Federal Funds for County Engineer's Salary. Motion carried. Salary did not increase for 2012. C. Cassem will set up joint meeting with Kendall County's Highway Committee to discuss various topics of interest to both counties. The purshase of gift cards for Highway Department employees was discussed, no action taken. Discussion held regarding the Village of Dwight's request for County to pay \$42,543 toward the cost of road improvements on Route 47 required for the new Love's Truck Stop. No action taken, will bring back to Committee next month. Motion by D. Boggs and seconded by R. Severson to pay for preliminary engineering fees required for "Safe Routes to Schools" grant request by S. Wilmington Grade School. Grant will pay for new sidewalk construction along Rice Road which is County Road as well as sidewalks along streets in Gardner and E. Brooklyn. Engineering Fees are estimated at \$3,500 and must be paid and then will be 100% reimbursable through grant. C. Cassem informed Committee that the Ridge Road / CN RR widening project was rist selected for TIGER III funding. Committee asked C. Cassem to set up a meeting with Village of Minooka to discuss this project and other issues. Motion by R. Severson and seconded by D. Boggs to adjourn. Motion carried