

GRUNDY COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2010

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

Your Committee met on Thursday, February 18, 2010, 8:30 A.M. at the Highway Department to hold the regular monthly meeting. Those present were: T. Pfaff, R. Joyce, M. Throneburg, D. Duffy, and C. Cassem. Those absent were T. Poole and R. Severson. Also present were: Bryan Williams, ORICA Nitrogen and Nancy Ammer of GEDC. Motion by R. Joyce and seconded by M. Throneburg to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried. Motion by M. Throneburg and seconded by R. Joyce to approve the claims. Motion carried. Bryan Williams of ORICA addressed the Committee in regards to the County taking over the portion of DuPont Road which lies within ORICA property. He advised Committee that his company has questioned why he is putting any money into the road to maintain it since the DuPont Road is a private road through ORICA. He also said ORICA is willing to donate all road right-of-way, but can't guarantee whoever buys ORICA will donate right-of-way. He asked that the Committee consider moving forward with the jurisdictional transfer of the road. Committee asked S. Bates to check on status of right-of-way documents. S. Bates reviewed draft agreement with Methodist Church for using existing field entrance for a soccer program. She will amend the agreement per comments given by the Committee. C. Cassem updated the Committee on the draft agreement with the Village of Minooka for installation of street lights along Ridge Road and McEvilly Road. Village is requesting the County contribute \$19,000 towards the project. Committee will see if Minooka can recapture any funds which the County contributes from future developers. Motion by M. Throneburg and seconded by R. Joyce to approve agreement with Minooka Grade School for a bus only entrance off of Ridge Road. Motion carried. A draft agreement with the Village of Coal City was discussed. This agreement outlines cost sharing for construction of left turn lanes on Broadway Road at the new bus barn entrance. Committee will require the Village to have a recapture

agreement in place before County signs an intergovernmental agreement. C. Cassem advised Committee that he had filled out an application requesting \$800,000 in Federal Funds for Phase II Engineering for Ridge Road / CNRR viaduct widening. Estimated cost to widen Rt. 6 at Brisbin Road to 5 lanes is currently at \$700,000. Committee reviewed proposals to install a water softener to remove iron from the water at new Highway office. They asked that additional quotes be provided. C. Cassem said the County received \$12,329 in overweight permit fees in 2009. Committee asked S. Bates to check into raising Highway Committee spending authority to \$30,000 which is the spending limit per new State Statute. TIGER grant was not awarded to the Seneca intermodal facility. Nancy Ammer asked the Committee to look into getting involved in discussions regarding the Illinois Extension Corridor. This is a major transportation project which will improve and extend the interstate highway system from Indiana to Will County. C. Cassem said garage area is still experiencing a lot of condensation on walls. Greg Lyons will be asked for input on how to resolve the problem. Motion by M. Throneburg and seconded by R. Joyce to adjourn. Motion carried.