GRUNDY COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 20, 2009

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

Your Committee met on Thursday, August 20, 2009, 8:30 A.M. at the Administration Center to hold the regular monthly meeting. Those present were: T. Pfaff, M. Throneburg, R. Joyce, T. Poole, D. Duffy, F. Halpin, and C. Cassem. Also present were: S. Bates, J. Blessent, D. Blessent, and S. Those absent were R. Severson. Motion by T. Poole and seconded by R. Joyce to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried. Motion by R. Joyce and seconded by T. Poole to approve the claims. Motion carried. Mr. & Mrs. Jim Blessent addressed the Committee regarding the status of the drainage study and their request for an additional culvert across Reddick Road. They were informed that the drainage study had not been completed and that their engineer needed to provide more detailed calculations before an additional culvert across Reddick Road could be Motion by T. Poole and seconded by R. Joyce to change the September Highway Committee meeting from the 17th to the 18th. carried. C. Cassem advised the Committee that the County will receive an emergency road repair grant through Representative Careen Gordon in the amount of \$317,500. This grant will be used to construct a hot mix surface on Kankakee Road. Motion by T. Poole and seconded by M. Throneburg to bid Kankakee Road project. Motion carried. C. Cassem advised Committee that he had met with the engineer for the Seneca Railport project. He wanted to know if the County would be interested in turning over Marseilles Road to the Village of Seneca. Committee agreed they were not interested in giving up Marseilles Road. T. Pfaff and C. Cassem updated Committee on status of new Highway building. Geothermal wells are being dug; methane is being handled. Roof construction has started. C. Cassem will look into installing a sump pump alarm system. Motion by T. Poole and seconded by R. Joyce for Full Board to approve resolution appropriating \$270,000 in MFT Funds and \$250,000 from Highway Fund for Tynan Road bridge deck replacement. Motion carried. NICOR is still reviewing what gas lines should be relocated along Old Stage Road for the reconstruction project. ComEd has finished relocating utility poles on Old Stage Road, but AT&T is

responsible for removing old poles. Committee discussed letter from Jahn's requesting rumble strips and flashing lights be installed on Gardner Road at Route 47. Low accident history and review by IDOT could not justify these measures, but the Committee agreed to install high intensity stop ahead signs at the intersection. This type of sign is much brighter than the current sign type. Motion by M. Throneburg and seconded by T. Poole to go into executive session to discuss negotiations. Upon roll call motion carried. Motion made by M. Throneburg and seconded by T. Poole to return to open session. Motion carried. Three (3) consultants gave presentations for the Broadway Road and Reed Road Corridor Access Study - CivilTech, Baxter and Woodman, and KLOA. After the presentation T. Poole made a motion to select KLOA for a cost not to exceed \$30,000 to perform the study and seconded by R. Joyce. Motion carried. Motion by M. Throneburg and seconded by T. Poole to adjourn. Motion carried.