

GRUNDY COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 22, 2009

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

Your Committee met on Thursday, October 22, 2009, 8:30 A.M. at the Administration Center to hold the regular monthly meeting. Those present were: T. Pfaff, R. Joyce, R. Severson, M. Throneburg, and C. Cassem. Those absent were T. Poole. Also present were: K. Miller, D. Plott, B. McGuinn, D. Coreweny, B Hoffman, D. Cooper, B. Conger, S. Conger, J. Blessent, and D. Blessent. Motion by R. Severson and seconded by R. Joyce 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. During public comment, Kathy Miller, Mayor Don Plott, and Diane Cooper of Casey's General Stores advised the Committee of issues related to the new Casey's Store in Mazon. Mrs. Miller lives across the street from Casey's on E. Grand Ridge Road. She has been having people turn around in her driveway because no left turn is allowed into Casey's for eastbound traffic. She said her dog has been hit and is concerned about the safety of her grandchildren. Mayor Plott requested the "Do Not Enter" sign be removed from the right-in right-out entrance on E. Grand Ridge Road to allow eastbound traffic to turn north. Mrs. Cooper said Casey's would like the right-in right-out entrance to be a full entrance. During public comment Bob McGuinn asked for a second entrance into this property on Broadway Road. He was advised that the second entrance would not be allowed because Access Ordinance would not allow it. Chairman Pfaff suggested to the Congers and Blessents that the property owners get together to come up with an agreed approach to help relieve flooding along Lincoln Road north of Stonewall Road. He said the County will assist where possible, but that some of the alternatives proposed by the County's consultant to help minimize flooding in the area involved work on private property which would not be the County's responsibility. C. Cassem handed out a summary of change orders for the new highway building. F. Halpin will check with NICOR to see if they will reduce their gas main relocation cost to \$100,000 for work on Old Stage Road. New traffic counts have been taken for Broadway Road and Reed Road Traffic Study. County will be getting additional information to consultant

for the study. Methodist Church in Minooka requested that the field entrance to their property on Ridge Road be used to access soccer fields they are planning for the property. Committee wanted access ordinance followed which will require construction of a left turn lane and right turn lane into the property prior to the soccer fields being developed. C. Cassem explained that last June, the wrong version of the resolution allowing the County to charge for overweight permits was approved by the County Board and the correct version needs to be approved. Motion by R. Joyce and seconded by M. Throneburg to repeal resolution number 09-032. Motion carried. Motion by M. Throneburg and seconded by R. Severson to place new resolution on file. Motion carried. C. Cassem advised Committee that a cost analysis had been done comparing cost to epoxy paint stripe by contract -vs- purchasing equipment and striping with own forces. Average cost to contract the work is \$80,000 per year. Average cost if County purchased equipment and materials is \$113,000 per year. County will continue to contract this work. The Village of Minooka requested permission to install street lights along portions of Ridge Road and McEvelly Road. An intergovernmental agreement must be executed for County to authorize the work. Motion by R. Severson and seconded by R. Joyce to purchase a four post lift for new garage for a cost of \$13,000. Motion carried. Motion by R. Joyce and seconded by M. Throneburg to authorize up to \$12,000 for tree removal work on Old Stage Road. Motion carried. C. Cassem will get prices from two more tree service contractors. Motion by F. Halpin and seconded by R. Joyce to approve PT Ferro's quote of \$18,525 for patching work on Gonnam Road. Motion carried. Motion by R. Joyce and seconded by F. Halpin to paint edge line on Kankakee Road for a cost of \$18,000. Motion carried. Committee decided right-in right-out access of E. Grand Ridge Road for Casey's Store would remain. C. Cassem will send a letter to Casey's and Mayor Plott advising of Committee's decision. Committee discussed allowing the use of Gardner Road between Rt. 47 and Verona Road for certain wind farm construction operations such as hauling of stone. Due to magnitude of number of trucks, County will review requiring a new overlay for this section of road. Motion by R. Joyce and seconded by F. Halpin to adjourn. Motion carried.