

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2012 MEETING**

Chairman Deany called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm at the Livingston County Highway Department.

Present: Deany, Ruff, Weber, Weller (arrived 3:45), Young, Holt and Runyon
Absent: None
Other Board Members Present: Fairfield
Others Present: Winters

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Ruff, second by Holt. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Motion by Weber, second by Runyon to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2012 meeting. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

COUNTY BOARD CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Letting Results: June 5, 2012 letting
2. Quarterly Report: 2nd Quarter FY 12

Motion by Runyon, second by Weber to recommend full board approval of the consent agenda items. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

IDOT SAFETY FIELD REVIEW REPORT: The highway department has received a copy of the Safety Field Review Report conducted at various intersections in the county by the Illinois Department of Transportation Bureau of Safety Engineering. Safety Field Reviews are an independent safety review of roadways and are an integral part of the Illinois Strategic Safety Plan. The field review was initiated by IDOT after a fatal crash at the intersection of CH 10 (1600E) and CH 8 (1200N). The committee discussed the recommendations made by the review team at this intersection:

1. Provide clear sight distance triangles
2. Doubling up "STOP" and "STOP AHEAD" signs
3. Install larger signs
4. Install flashing beacons
5. Install solar powered LED "STOP" signs
6. Reduce sign "clutter" at intersection
7. Restripe stop bar pavement marking
8. Install transverse rumble strips at stop approaches
9. Place dashed line extensions of the edge lines through the intersection

Winters said that the highway department will try to accomplish items 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9. If these improvements do not reduce the crash record at this intersection, installation of flashing beacons will be investigated. Currently the county has no flashing beacons on its highway system. Safety measures at other intersections in the county were also discussed. A complete copy of the report is available at the highway department office.

OTHER ITEMS:

1. The committee discussed the possibility of transferring the cost of purchasing replacement rural reference signs on township roads to the various townships in the county. Currently the county purchases the signs for the townships to install with their forces. The county cost for the township signs is averaging about \$2000.00 per year to replace signs on an as-needed basis. Winters said that the county can continue to absorb this cost, but the existing signs are thirty years old and will need to be replaced at an accelerated rate in the near future. Winters will investigate if the townships are willing to purchase new signs and also talk with the Emergency Telephone Systems (911) board to see if they would be willing to cost-share in the purchase of new rural reference signs. The procedure will remain *status quo* until a decision is made.
2. The letting for the 7th Street Bridge replacement in Fairbury will be held June 15, 2012 in Springfield.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion by Holt, second by Young to approve the bills. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

There being no further business to come before the committee, motion to adjourn the meeting by Young, second by Weller. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.



David R. Winters, County Engineer