

Kane County

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KC Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

DAVOUST, Daugherty, Berman, Iqbal, Kious, Lenert, Roth, & ex-officios Ford (County Development Chair) & Pierog (County Chair) and Tepe (County Vice Chair)

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

9:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

Pro-Temp Chairman Tepe called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT

Board Member Mark Davoust
Board Member Dale Berman
Board Member Mo Iqbal
Board Member Chris Kious
Board Member Bill Lenert
Board Member Bill Roth
Board Member Ron Ford
Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Vern Tepe

REMOTE

Board Member Gary Daugherty

Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Allan*, Bates*, Gumz*, Juby*, Kenyon, Linder*, Molina*, Strathmann*; KDOT Dir. Schoedel & staff Rickert, Vanvooren, Way, Forbes, O'Connell, Hohertz, Nika, Zakosek, Coffinbargar; ASA Cermak, Weldron; Spec. ASA Shepro; ITD staff Kash; and members of the press and public including KDOT Atty. Pat Jaeger.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

Pro-Temp Chairman Tepe announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. He asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Member Daugherty attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes: April 16, 2024

RESULT: APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

MOVER: Bill Roth

5. Public Comment (Agenda Items)

None.

6. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

7. Finance

A. April Transportation Committee Finance Reports

KDOT CFO Vanvooren stated the monthly financial reports were on file. No additional report was made.

B. FY2025 Transportation Budget Development - Personnel

KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert provided the FY2025 Transportation Budget Discussion on Personnel. At last month's Committee meeting, additional information was requested on personnel considerations. Rickert explained that he would be speaking on vacant positions, job positions, and title changes. He stated that he has had discussions with the Director of Finance about how to retain vacant positions. He was advised to bring resolutions forward to this committee for a vote. Rickert reviewed the KDOT Organizational Chart. He highlighted the current vacant positions. He reviewed the FY2025 Transportation Budget Development - Personnel Considerations. Currently, there are seven open positions, with most being engineers. Rickert shared the various impacts these vacancies have on the department. KDOT has requested that an exception be made to the FY2025 Budget Policy, allowing KDOT to retain all seven positions and continue trying to fill them. Rickert reviewed the job duties and importance of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Regional Liaison & Bike/Ped Manager, and professional engineering positions. He thanked the committee and county staff for their efforts on the County's Internal Equity Study. Through the study, KDOT was able to implement \$10K-\$15K pay increases for their engineers. This has helped retain current employees, but is still inadequate to hire the proper staff. Rickert compared Kane County's Division of Transportation (KDOT) with a peer county. He reviewed each vacant engineering position's job description, grade/pay scales, and importance of each. (Committee Chairman Davoust arrived in-person at 9:27 a.m.) Rickert asked the Committee for a consensus to move forward with drafting a resolution and placing it on the next Executive Committee agenda. He summarized that this resolution would be an exception to the current budget policy to retain all seven positions, while trying to fill them. He spoke on the County's cost savings that hiring in-house specialists would have. Rickert reported that over the next couple years, KDOT will have approximately seven retirements in key positions.

Pro-Temp Chairman Tepe announced that Committee Chairman Davoust had arrived and relinquished the Chair position.

Rickert and KDOT staff addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued. The Committee provided consensus to accept the proposed resolution to retain the seven vacant positions and have it included on the next Executive Committee agenda.

C. Authorizing Job Position and Title Changes for the Kane County Division of Transportation

KC Executive Committee

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: KC Executive Committee

MOVER: Bill Roth

SECONDER: Gary Daugherty

AYE: Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris

Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford

ABSENT: Corinne M. Pierog

8. Maintenance

A. Maintenance Report

KDOT staff Way stated the monthly Maintenance Report was on file. He reported that mowing operations have begun. Ahead of the roadway improvement projects, KDOT is conducting culvert repairs on the roads that are set to be paved this summer. Way highlighted that there is a chance of severe storms, tonight. Maintenance has been in contact with the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to make sure resources are available, in case of damage.

B. Approving Adopt-A-Highway Applicants

KC Executive Committee

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: KC Executive Committee

MOVER: Chris Kious SECONDER: Bill Roth

AYE: Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris

Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, Ron Ford, and Vern Tepe

9. Planning & Programming

A. Planning & Programming Report

KDOT staff Forbes stated the monthly Planning and Programming Report was on file. She highlighted that applications have been made available for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program. High school students can apply for the week-long planning program by May 22, 2024. If there are any questions, people can reach out KDOT Chief of Planning, Jackie Forbes.

B. Approving a Technical Services Agreement Between the Regional Transportation Authority and the County of Kane for the Ride in Kane Program, Contract Number S5310-2021-11, Federal Project Number IL-2022-025, FY2020-21 Section 5310 Mobility Management (Transfer Funds)

KDOT staff Forbes provided additional information on the following two resolutions.

Committee Member Iqbal motioned to move the following two resolutions forward, Lenert seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: KC Executive Committee

MOVER: Mo Iqbal SECONDER: Bill Lenert

AYE: Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris

Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford

ABSENT: Corinne M. Pierog

C. Approving a Technical Services Agreement Between the Regional Transportation Authority and the County of Kane for the Ride in Kane Program, Contract Number S5310-2021-12, Federal Project Number IL-2022-025, Phase 19&20 Operating

KC Executive Committee

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: KC Executive Committee

MOVER: Mo Iqbal SECONDER: Bill Lenert

AYE: Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Mo Igbal, Chris

Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford

D. Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Transportation Planning Activities

KC Executive Committee

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: KC Executive Committee

MOVER: Bill Roth
SECONDER: Dale Berman

AYE: Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris

Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford

ABSENT: Corinne M. Pierog

E. Approving the Kane County 5-Year FY2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

KDOT staff Forbes provided additional information on this resolution.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: KC Executive Committee

MOVER: Bill Roth SECONDER: Ron Ford

AYE: Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Mo Igbal, Chris

Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford

ABSENT: Corinne M. Pierog

10. Permitting

A. Permitting Report

KDOT staff Hohertz stated the monthly Permitting Report was on file. No additional report was made.

11. Traffic Operations

A. Traffic Operations Report

KDOT staff Nika stated the monthly Traffic Operations Report are on file. He spoke on KDOT's exploration efforts of possibly linking Kane County's and McHenry County's traffic signal networks together. This will allow the counties to share the cost of a single signal management system. Nika noted that this is still a work in progress and will be reporting to the Committee as it develops.

12. Project Implementation

A. Project Implementation Report

KDOT staff O'Connell stated the monthly Project Implementation Report was on file. The Randall Road at Route 72 intersection project has reached a pre-final milestone. KDOT has received the construction drawings and will be reviewing those. The arterial road corridor project has been completed as well as the alternatives analysis. She noted that round-a-bouts are being considered as part of that project. Also, the Phase 1 design study for the Galligan from Binnie to Freeman Road project is also developing a round-a-bout design. O'Connell shared several photos of County construction projects.

B. Approving a Contract for Construction with Preform Traffic Control Systems, Ltd. of Elk Grove Village, Illinois for 2024 Kane County Paint Pavement Marking Program, Kane County Section No. 24-00000-03-GM

KC Executive Committee

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: KC Executive Committee

MOVER: Bill Roth SECONDER: Ron Ford

AYE: Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris

Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford

ABSENT: Corinne M. Pierog

C. Approving Sugar Grove Township Utilization of the 2024 Kane County Paint Pavement Marking Contract with Preform Traffic Control Systems, Ltd. of Elk Grove Village, Illinois for the 2024 Sugar Grove Township Maintenance, Section No. 24-15000-02-GM

KC Executive Committee

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: KC Executive Committee

MOVER: Bill Lenert SECONDER: Dale Berman

AYE: Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris

Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford

D. Approving a Contract for Construction with Martam Construction, Inc. of Elgin, Illinois for Hughes Road Culvert Improvement and Guardrail Replacement Project, Kane County Section No. 23-00569-00-GR

KC Executive Committee

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: KC Executive Committee

MOVER: Bill Roth SECONDER: Dale Berman

AYE: Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris

Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford

ABSENT: Corinne M. Pierog

E. Approving a Contract for Construction with Builders Paving, LLC of Hillside, Illinois for 2024 Batavia Township Road District, Section No. 24-02000-01-GM Committee Member Roth motioned to move the following four resolutions forward, Lenert seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: KC Executive Committee

MOVER: Bill Roth SECONDER: Bill Lenert

AYE: Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Mo Igbal, Chris

Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford

F. Approving a Contract for Construction with AC Pavement Striping Co. of Elgin, Illinois for 2024 Big Rock Township Bituminous Surface Treatment Project, Section No. 24-03000-01-GM

KC Executive Committee

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: KC Executive Committee

MOVER: Bill Roth SECONDER: Bill Lenert

AYE: Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris

Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford

ABSENT: Corinne M. Pierog

G. Approving a Contract for Construction with Peter Baker and Son Co. of Lake Bluff, Illinois for 2024 Plato Township Road District, Section No. 24-12000-01-GM

KC Executive Committee

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: KC Executive Committee

MOVER: Bill Roth SECONDER: Bill Lenert

AYE: Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris

Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford

ABSENT: Corinne M. Pierog

H. Approving a Contract for Construction with J.A. Johnson Paving Co. of Arlington Heights, Illinois for 2024 Rutland Township Road District, Section No. 24-13000-01-GM

KC Executive Committee

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

TO: KC Executive Committee

MOVER: Bill Roth SECONDER: Bill Lenert

AYE: Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Mo Igbal, Chris

Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford

13. Reports Placed On File

RESULT: APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

MOVER: Bill Lenert

14. Executive Session (If Needed)

None.

15. New Business

Committee Member Ford stated that the External Equity Study should be done for Kane County's Division of Transportation in order to get the vacant positions filled. The Committee provided consensus for staff to move forward with the study.

16. Adjournment

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

MOVER: Bill Roth SECONDER: Mo Iqbal

This meeting was adjourned at 10:27 AM.

Savannah Valdez Sr. Recording Secretary