



Kane County

KC Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Government Center
719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A
Geneva, IL 60134

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

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

9:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

County Board Vice-Chair Tepe called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Tepe asked the Committee for a motion and a second to vote upon a Chairman Pro Tem for this Committee meeting due to the in-person absence of the Committee Chairman and Committee Vice-Chair. Committee Member Kious motioned to accept Tepe as the Chairman Pro Tem of this Committee for today's meeting, Roth seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Dale Berman Board Member Mo Iqbal Board Member Chris Kious Board Member Bill Roth Board Member Ron Ford Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Vern Tepe
REMOTE	Board Member Mark Davoust
ABSENT	Board Member Gary Daugherty Board Member Bill Lenert

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

3. Remote Attendance Requests

Chairman Pro Tem Tepe announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. He asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Members Davoust and Daugherty attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections. Committee Member Daugherty did not attend today's meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes: March 19, 2024

Committee Member Kious stated that there was a scrivener's error within the minutes. He explained that the order of the numbers differ from the agenda to the meeting minutes. He motioned to accept the March 19, 2024 minutes with the correction, Roth seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Bill Roth

5. Public Comment (Agenda Items)

None.

6. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

Gerry Seiwer, 41W987 Silver Glen Road, St. Charles, spoke on the high levels of speeding drivers down Silver Glen Road. He stated that as the weather has become warmer, the traffic has worsened outside of his home. There have been numerous car crashes that have been more severe. Seiwer recalled a car versus pick-up truck pulling a trailer accident that occurred on March 24, 2024. He explained the occurrences of this crash. He asked the Committee to push the progress of having stop signs installed at the intersection of Silver Glen Road and Burlington Road. He questioned the County's cost of two stop signs that could prevent someone from being killed. Seiwer hopes the Committee will push forward on having these stop signs installed promptly. (Committee ex-officio Ford arrived 9:09 a.m.)

Lorraine Chidester, 8401 Perry Road, DeKalb, spoke on the annual memorial of Steven W. Chidester. She stated that she has worked for Kane County for 30 years. Chidester recounted the amount of time that she has lived without her husband, Steve Chidester. Steve was killed while working on road detail for the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) on May 19, 2016. Chidester stated that in a blink of an eye, a life was lost and lives were changed due to one distracted driver. She spoke on the plans Steve and herself had during their 24 years together. She explained that she was here today to honor her husband's memory and asked that the County to promote "Slow Down, Move Over for All Roadside Workers", in the hopes another tragedy does not occur. Chidester spoke on her personal, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) when driving in road construction areas. She hopes that speaking today, she can save one life. She would like everyone's help in spreading this slogan: Move Over for ALL Road Construction Crews & Pay Attention While Driving - Save A Life - In Memory of Steven Wayne Chidester.

7. Finance**A. March Transportation Committee Finance Reports**

(Madam Chairman Pierog arrived remotely at 9:07 a.m.)

KDOT staff Zakosek stated the monthly financial reports were on file. No additional report was made.

B. FY2025 Transportation Budget Development - Projects & Personnel

KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert provided the FY2025 Transportation Budget Development for Projects and Personnel. First, he addressed the personnel aspect of the FY205 Budget. He reviewed the KDOT Organizational Chart. He pointed out the number of KDOT vacant positions and their importance to the organization. He reviewed the personnel considerations for the FY25 budget. Currently, KDOT has a total of 77 positions with 13 being vacant, including engineers and planning professionals. Rickert spoke on the difficulties of hiring these professional positions. He brought this to the Committee's attention because of the new proposed budget policy, which would enforce a two vacancy limit for KDOT, due to staff size. However, KDOT needs to hire these positions and could not afford to lose the funding for them. Rickert reviewed the vacancies' impacts, such as safety, project management, planning, and traffic operations. He recommended maintaining the existing headcount of KDOT and try to fill the professional positions. Additionally, Rickert spoke on the salary ranges and the potential of hiring adequate staff. Rickert addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued. (Madam Chairman Pierog arrived in-person at 9:30 a.m.)

Rickert addressed the project considerations for the FY2025 Budget. He stated that project costs have increased approximately 20-25%, since the COVID pandemic. He noted that over the next month, KDOT will begin to organize and prioritize projects to bring to the County Board. He explained that KDOT has always planned in advance, in order to apply for federal and state grants. He spoke on the financial issues, such as adding additional revenue sources. Within KDOT's five-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), there is an \$184M projected short fall. Rickert reviewed KDOT's expenditures and phases of the TIP. He asked the Committee to review the list and to let KDOT know if there is any projects missing. Rickert listed the numerous expansion roadway capacity, modernization/safety, multi-modal, and preservation projects. Rickert addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

- C. Authorizing Number of Procurement Cards Issued to the Kane County Division of Transportation and the Transaction Limits Thereof

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Chris Kious

- D. Approving an Appropriation for Anderson Road Bridge Maintenance Pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Elburn

KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert 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, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Ron Ford, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, and Bill Lenert

8. Maintenance

A. Maintenance Report

KDOT staff Way stated the monthly Maintenance Report was on file. He reported they are currently in the process of switching over to summer activities, including steam cleaning trucks and disassembling plows. They complete this annually to help maintain the lifespan of the trucks. Way announced Work Zone Safety Week. Staff has been participating in Work Zone Safety trainings. He stated that KDOT takes road safety seriously and will continue to reevaluate safety procedures and policies regularly. Way explained that twice a year, KDOT must take all their vehicles to a certified Safety Lane, which is required by the State of Illinois. The previous process was to have all the vehicles shipped to Wasco, Illinois. They would have to pay \$50 per truck and stand in line for approximately three hours. Way stated that in order for KDOT to become a certified Safety Lane, they needed to obtain 75 vehicles. After collaboration with the Kane County Forest Preserve and Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Kane County met that standard. Therefore, the State came in to train KDOT and certify it as a Safety Lane. Way noted that the Safety Lane is only for Kane County vehicles, and not open to the public. This certification will save the County approximately \$10K every six months. Way stated that all KDOT

vehicles were passed within a week. Historically, this would have taken about a month.

B. Approving Adopt-A-Highway Applicants

Committee Member Kious thanked all of the applicants for their service, including KDOT in Memory of Steve Chidester.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Bill Roth

C. Approving a Contract with Matrix Coatings Solutions, Inc. of West Chicago, Illinois for Building "E" Resinous Flooring Protective System for the Kane County Division of Transportation

KDOT staff Way provided additional information on this resolution. He explained that when the bidding process was closed for this project, staff reviewed the three bids and determined that the bids were compliant with the County's Responsible Bidder's Ordinance (RBO). After the bids were reviewed by the Purchasing Department, it was determined that none of them met the guidelines of the RBO. Therefore, KDOT went back to the original Kane County Purchasing Ordinance and has recommended the lowest bidder of matrix be approved for \$149,956.25. Way addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

ASA Weldon stated that an Executive Session would be appropriate to discuss the qualifications of the RBO.

Committee Member Kious motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, Davoust seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

This resolution failed by a 3-3 roll call vote.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Ron Ford
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford
NAY:	Dale Berman, Chris Kious, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, and Bill Lenert
AWAY:	Mo Iqbal

9. Planning & Programming**A. Planning & Programming Report**

KDOT staff Forbes stated the monthly Planning and Programming Report was on file. She announced that the five-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) will be presented, along with a resolution. She reviewed the First Quarter Ridership Data of the Ride-in-Kane Transportation Program.

B. Approving a Supplemental Appropriation for a Funding Agreement Between the County of Kane and Pace for the Ride in Kane Program

(Madam Chairman Pierog left at 10:27 a.m.)

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Chris Kious
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Ron Ford, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, and Bill Lenert

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 was on file. No additional report was made.

12. Project Implementation**A. Project Implementation Report**

KDOT staff Coffinbargar stated the monthly Project Implementation Report was on file. He mentioned that they are planning for the removal of the Longmeadow Parkway toll signs on April 30, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. Coffinbargar shared photographs of new beams being laid for the bridge over BNSF Railroad.

B. Approving a Contract for Construction with Builders Paving, LLC of Hillside, Illinois for 2024 Blackberry Township Road District, Section No. 24-04000-01-GM

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Ron Ford
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Ron Ford, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, and Bill Lenert

C. Approving a Contract for Construction with J.A. Johnson Paving Co. of Arlington Heights, Illinois for 2024 Burlington Township Road District, Section No. 24-05000-01-GM

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Ron Ford
SECONDER:	Mo Iqbal
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Ron Ford, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, and Bill Lenert

- D. Approving a Contract for Construction with Peter Baker & Son Co. of Lake Bluff, Illinois for 2024 Hampshire Township Road District, Section No. 24-10000-01-GM

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Ron Ford, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, and Bill Lenert

- E. Approving a Contract for Construction with Builders Paving, LLC of Hillside, Illinois for 2024 Kaneville Township Road District, Section No. 24-11000-01-GM

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Mo Iqbal
SECONDER:	Ron Ford
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Ron Ford, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, and Bill Lenert

- F. Approving a Contract for Construction with Builders Paving, LLC of Hillside, Illinois for 2024 St. Charles Township Road District, Section No. 24-14000-01-GM

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Mo Iqbal
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Ron Ford, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, and Bill Lenert

- G.** Approving a Contract for Construction with SKC Construction, Inc. of West Dundee, Illinois for 2024 Kane County HMA and PCC Crack Sealing Project, Kane County Section No. 24-00000-02-GM

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Bill Roth, Ron Ford, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, and Bill Lenert
ABSTAIN:	Chris Kious

- H.** Approving a Contract for Construction with Corrective Asphalt Materials, LLC of South Roxana, Illinois for 2024 Kane County Asphalt Rejuvenator Project, Kane County Section No. 24-00000-01-GM

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Mo Iqbal
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Bill Roth, Ron Ford, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, and Bill Lenert
ABSTAIN:	Chris Kious

- I. Approving an Amendment to the Phase II Engineering Services Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd. of Rosemont, Illinois for Randall Road at Hopps Road Intersection Improvements, Kane County Section No. 19-00511-00-CH

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Mo Iqbal
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Ron Ford, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, and Bill Lenert

- J. Approving an Amendment to the Agreement with Thomas Engineering Group, LLC of Lombard, Illinois for On-Call Traffic/Safety Engineering Services, Kane County Section No. 21-00494-00-EG

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Ron Ford, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, and Bill Lenert

- K.** Approving a Grey Willows Wetland Mitigation Bank Credit Purchase Agreement with V3 Wetland Restoration, LLC of Woodridge, Illinois for Randall Road at Big Timber Road Intersection Improvements, Kane County Section No. 19-00369-01-CH

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Mo Iqbal
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Ron Ford, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, and Bill Lenert

- L.** Authorizing Acquisition of Real Property for Kirk Road over Union Pacific Railroad, Kane County Section No. 12-00192-04-BR
- KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert stated a revised resolution was handed out during the Transportation Committee meeting. The proper steps will be taken to have this corrected before the next Executive meeting.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Ron Ford, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, and Bill Lenert

13. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

14. Executive Session

The Transportation Committee entered into Executive Session at 9:58 a.m. to discuss potential litigation on a motion made by Kious, seconded by Davoust. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Committee returned to Open Session at 10:24 a.m. on a motion made by Kious, seconded by Roth. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Mark Davoust
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Ron Ford, and Vern Tepe
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, and Bill Lenert

15. New Business

None.

16. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Bill Roth

This meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM.

Savannah Valdez
Sr. Recording Secretary