

**MCHEMRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013
2:00 P.M.
CRYSTAL LAKE CITY HALL
100 W WOODSTOCK ST.
CRYSTAL LAKE, IL 60014**

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS (SIGN-IN SHEET)

President Rick Mack, Chair of the McHenry County Council of Mayors, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. The meeting was held at the Crystal Lake City Hall located at 100 W. Woodstock St. in Crystal Lake. There was not a quorum. Attendance was as follows:

Members Present:

Rick Mack, Chair, Village of Ringwood
Tim Clifton, City of Woodstock
Wally Dittrich, McHenry County DOT
Dave Johnson, Village of Huntley
Bob Mitchard, Village of Algonquin
Jeannine Smith, Village of Prairie Grove
Rich Vance, Village of Bull Valley
Abby Wilgreen, City of Crystal Lake

Others Present:

Bunny Anderson, Illinois Tollway
Greg Benske, Thomas Engineering Group
Kristen Dahm, McHenry County Health Department
Mary L. Donner, Pace
Keeley Gallagher, McHenry County Health Department
Scott Hennings, McHenry County DOT
Alex Househ, IDOT Local Roads
Mark Johnson, Ciorba Group
Jeff Mawdsley, City of Crystal Lake
Sue Palmer, IDOT Programming
Ryan Pettit, Parsons Brinkerhoff
Michael Plant, Baxter and Woodman
Kaamil Tayyab, IDOT Local Roads
Chalen Daigle, McHenry County Council of Mayors

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

There was not a quorum so the meeting agenda was not approved.

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 17 2013

There was not a quorum so the meeting minutes were not approved. They will be approved at the next meeting.

II. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES

A. IDOT Highway Report

Ms. Palmer provided the updated IDOT status sheets. The sheets were updated to include the latest letting and any awarded projects. She noted that the IL 176 and Smith Street project was awarded to Curran Construction for \$1.5 million. Any questions can be directed to Sue. The FY 2014-2019 program is in Springfield for review. Utility work on the IL 176 and IL 31 intersection project is nearing completion. AT&T has started works and drainage and removal of fuel tanks will start in May. Ms. Palmer also said a public hearing for the Richmond Bypass will be soon.

B. Pace

Ms. Donner distributed information about the Ventra Card. The Legislature required that the service boards have a universal fare card system in place by 2015. The Ventra card is the first step towards this. Pace and CTA are working together on a pilot program this year. The card will be in McHenry County by August. Ms. Donner distributed an informational flyer to address any concerns or questions.

Ms. Smith asked if Pace would be sending information about the fare card to municipalities for their newsletters. Ms. Donner said they would be in contact with the municipalities and that Pace is looking for businesses to partner with to sell the card.

C. Metra

Chair Mack said there would be more information about Metra at the next meeting, but that Metra is meeting to discuss changing the agency's direction. The Board is considering establishing a sub-committee to review their policies, hiring practices, awarding of contracts, etc. He said he would provide more information at the next meeting.

D. McHenry County Division of Transportation

Mr. Dittrich distributed the Project Status Update. The Charles J. Miller project is still under construction. Work on the project lasted throughout the winter. Work will continue on the Walkup Road project starting next week, weather permitting. Mr. Dittrich briefly discussed the bridges that will be under construction this summer. Lastly, Mr. Dittrich said that Contract 1 of the Johnsburg Road project came in under bid. The first portion of the project is using only CMAQ and ITEP funding. Due to the low bid, Contract 2 of the project may not need the STP funding that is allocated for it. Chair Mack asked about the progress of Contract 1 and Mr. Dittrich said most utility work is done and there will be a pre-construction meeting in May.

E. RTA

Andy Plummer from the RTA was not at the meeting, but provided a report that Ms. Daigle will email to the Council.

F. Illinois Tollway

Ms. Anderson distributed several flyers outlining current Illinois Tollway projects. She noted that this will be a major construction year with almost \$1 billion in construction work being done. \$415 million will be spent in the I-90 Corridor alone which includes the I-90/IL 47 interchange. The I-57/I-294 interchange will start in the fall of 2014. The western access to O'Hare will also begin. As for I-90, work along the corridor will include adding lanes for bus transit and a number of crossover bridges.

Ms. Anderson also acknowledged the Village of Huntley for their great work with the I-90/IL 47 interchange. The Illinois Tollway used Huntley as a model for their intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Hoffman Estates on an interchange project at I-90 and Barrington Road.

Ms. Anderson also distributed new Tollway maps.

G. IDOT STP Local Program

Mr. Househ gave a brief update on the STP projects programmed.

H. McHenry County "We Choose Health" Program

Ms. Dahm and Ms. Gallagher provided a presentation about the McHenry County "We Choose Health" program which was a \$300,000 grant the McHenry County Health Department received to help prevent obesity, chronic illness and tobacco use. They are working with schools and will be in contact with municipalities about this program.

III. CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING (CMAP) / COUNCIL OF MAYORS

A. Executive Committee Report

The Council of Mayors Executive Committee met on January 29. They approved the Council of Mayors Planning Liaison request for UWP funds which will now go through the approval process with the CMAP Transportation Committee and MPO Policy Committee. The Executive Committee expanded the region to include the Village of Sandwich, the Village of Plano and two townships in DeKalb County. The Executive Committee also approved the 2013 STP marks. The next meeting will be in May.

B. CMAP Report

Ms. Dobbs provided the CMAP update which included the following:

- The CMAQ Call for Projects received over 150 projects for approximately \$1 billion. Staff is reviewing the projects and the

program rankings will be available in June. A draft program will be available in July and a final program will be adopted in the fall.

- The Go To 2040 Implementation Report was provided.
- HB1549 which addresses performance measurements will not be called. This is unfortunate as CMAP considers the bill good at allocating funding for transportation
- CMAP remains neutral on the CMAP/RTA bill that is in its second reading.

IV. MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS / STP PROGRAM

A. Getting America To Work Coalition

Ms. Daigle provided additional information about the Getting America to Work Coalition. Since there wasn't a quorum at the meeting, the Council did not vote on joining the Coalition. The Council will consider joining in May.

B. Village of Bull Valley's Country Club Road Project

Mr. Plant provided a brief update of the Country Club Road project. He noted that the Village would like to move the project into 2014 and may be requesting a funding increase. The village is working with the Township on this project. Mr. Clifton asked if the City of Woodstock had been contacted about their portion and Mr. Plant said he would follow up with the City.

C. FFY 13-17 Surface Transportation Program

This item was informational.

V. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

There was no Planning Liaison report.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Mack acknowledged and thanked Tim Clifton for his great work with the Council over the years. Mr. Clifton is retiring in April and the Council wished him the best.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the McHenry County Division of Transportation in Woodstock.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A was made by Mr. Clifton, seconded by Mr. Dittich to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m.