

**MCHEMRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS
THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2011
2:00 P.M.
CRYSTAL LAKE CITY HALL
100 W. WOODSTOCK STREET
CRYSTAL LAKE, ILLINOIS 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 2:06 p.m. The meeting was held at the Crystal Lake City Hall located at 100 W. Woodstock Street in Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014. A quorum was in attendance. Attendance was as follows:

Members Present:

Rick Mack, Chair, Village of Ringwood
Joshua Blakemore, City of Marengo
John Isbell, City of Woodstock
Ron Kopke, Village of Spring Grove
Bob Mitchard, Village of Algonquin
Erik Morimoto, City of Crystal Lake
Cris Papierniak, Village of Cary
Claudett Peters, Village of Johnsburg
Paul Ruscko, Village of Lakewood
Rob Scardino, Village of Huntley
Jeff Young McHenry County Division of Transportation

Others Present:

John Ambrose, Baxter and Woodman
Bunny Anderson, Illinois Tollway
Akram Chaudhry, SEC/HR Green
Mary L. Donner, Pace
Alex Househ, IDOT
George Johnson, CMAP
Mark Johnson, Ciorba Group, Inc.
Jeff Mawdsley, City of Crystal Lake
Sue Palmer, IDOT
Bill Peterhansen, City of Crystal Lake
Brian Plum, TCC
Andy Plummer, RTA
Kevin Stallworth, IDOT
Dan Strahan, Gewalt Hamilton Assoc.
Dave Van Camp, HR Green
Abby Wilgreen, City of Crystal Lake

Chalen Daigle, McHenry County Council of Mayors

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Chair Mack asked for a motion to approve the July 21, 2011 meeting agenda. *Mr. Young moved for approval. Mr. Isbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 19, 2011

Chair Mack asked for a motion to approve the May 19, 2011 meeting minutes. *Mr. Young made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Ruscko seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

II. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES

A. IDOT Highway Report

Ms. Palmer provided the IDOT status sheets which included the most recent IDOT letting. She noted that two projects were awarded the day before and were not updated on the sheets. The IL 47 project from Reed Road to Kreutzer Road is on schedule and will be completed by the end of the year. Ms. Palmer said the Algonquin Bypass project is working on grading this year and construction should start next year. Lastly, Ms. Palmer told the Council that IDOT is holding public hearings on their 5-year Highway Improvement Program. The first hearing will be at CMAP on August 5. There will also be one in McHenry County in mid-September. The deadline for comments is November 1.

Mr. Ambrose asked Ms. Palmer if the ROW was cleared along IL 31. Ms. Palmer said she would check and get back to him.

B. RTA

Mr. Plummer informed the Council that the free rides for seniors will end on September 1. New cards offering half fare for seniors and free rides for the circuit breaker seniors should be received by August 15. If a senior hadn't received their new card, he asked that they contact the RTA.

In regards to funding programs, Mr. Plummer stated the 2012 funding cycle was completed on June 6. Twenty projects were submitted, none from McHenry County. Lastly, Mr. Plummer explained that the RTA recently produced a report call "Transit Priority Initiatives" which he distributed. He noted five themes, including streamlining the transit benefit fare program through employers, focusing on reverse commuting especially with Pace and Metra, Transit coordination along corridors such as BRT on I-55., regional open fares system and regional real time travel information.

C. McHenry County Division of Transportation

Mr. Young said that the middle portion of the Walkup Road project is nearing completion and that the south section including the intersection of IL 176 and Walkup Road is on the August 5 letting. He said the Rakow

Road project is well underway and that there was a nice editorial in the paper about the project. The Johnsburg Road project which has multiple funding sources was recently approved to start demolition. The County paving program is wrapping up. Lastly he said the Village of Spring Grove's Blivin Street bridge project will be wrapped up this summer.

D. McHenry County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

Mr. Osborn did a presentation about the McHenry County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan which the County is currently undertaking. He noted that it has been six years since the last plan. The County received a UWP grant in the amount of \$120,000 in federal dollars to hire a firm to get feedback from the public and go to events where the public can provide feedback – called a pop-up meeting. Mr. Osborn said the consultants are currently planning pop-up meetings around the county at municipal events, the County Fair and will work with schools starting in September. A website has been formed www.2040mchenrhycountyplan.org which will allow users to upload photos and leave comments.

The comments and suggestions received will be incorporated into the Plan which will be released in December 2012. Mr. Kopke asked if the locations of the pop-up meetings will be on the website and Mr. Osborn said yes and encouraged members to contact him with any ideas or events.

E. Pace

Ms. Donner said that Pace is working on a unified contract for the Dial-A-Ride services. She said Pace is also working with the Townships to get service to the northern area of the County. Ms. Donner stressed the benefits of the Vanpool program and said that there are 5 vanpools in McHenry County. She noted that Pace is willing to work with municipalities and organizations on route changes or service. Lastly she said that WCIU will be running Pace service updates at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. The McHenry County Dial-A-Ride program will be highlighted on one of those programs featuring Mayor Aaron Shepley.

F. Metra

Chair Mack said that Metra is facing a \$19 million shortfall due to the high cost in fuel. This and the effect of a slumping economy has prompted the Board to consider service cuts and fare increases. The proposed budget will be released in October with a public comment period in November. Chair Mack said that Metra is accepting comments now if there are any.

G. Illinois Tollway

Ms. Anderson informed the Council of the I-90 Corridor Planning Group which has been meeting regularly to study the future of the corridor. She noted the meetings are wrapping up and she will share the reports once they are available. Ms. Anderson said the congestion relief program is 85% complete which included open road tolling on I-294 and the

extension of I-355. She said the Tollway Board was meeting on Thursday to discuss the next congestion relief program. Mr. Ambrose told Ms. Anderson that the IL 53 extension is an important project to Lake and McHenry Counties and would connect to McHenry County through IL 120. Chair Mack said that the Blue Ribbon Committee for IL 53 is studying only the portion in McHenry County.

H. IDOT STP Local Program

Mr. Stallworth and Mr. Househ provided the updated IDOT STP Local Program. Two projects – Prospect Street in the City of Marengo and Lake Shore Drive in the City of Woodstock – required additional follow-up.

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

A. Executive Committee Report

The Council of Mayors Executive Committee summary was included in the agenda packet.

B. CMAP Report

Mr. Johnson provided the following items for the CMAP report:

- The proposed FY 2012-2016 CMAQ Program is posted on the CMAP website. The CMAQ Project Selection Committee is considering the program today. It will be presented to the CMAP Transportation Committee on August 5.
- Three advance funding requests for the September letting are being considered by the Council of Mayors Executive Committee officers.
- In regards to legislation, the expansion of gambling will provide additional revenues – an estimated \$30-40 million a year.
- The federal government is still working on a multi-year bill. The dilemma of taxes is still being debated. A possible \$31 billion a year authorization is being considered which would be about \$10 billion less than previous years. He noted that some programs may be eliminated including Safe Routes to School. He urged the Council to contact their legislators with any concerns.

IV. MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS / STP PROGRAM

A. Village of Ringwood's Barnard Mill Road Move from FY 2013 to FY 2012

Chair Mack said that Barnard Mill Road is deteriorating quickly and that the Village would like to resurface this road in FY 2012 rather than FY 2013.

Mr. Young moved for approval to move Barnard Mill Road from FY 2013 to FY 2012. Mr. Blakemore second the motion which passed unanimously, with the Village of Ringwood abstaining.

B. Project Updates

Ms. Daigle informed the Committee that she would start including project updates in the agenda packet so the Council would have regular updates on project lettings and moves.

C. FFY 11-15 Surface Transportation Program

Mr. Young moved for approval of the program. Mr. Isbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

V. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Daigle noted she had received comments back from the FAU revised guidelines which she and the other Councils are currently reviewing.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Palmer said she checked on the status of the IL 31 Right of Way from Ames Road to Edgewood Road in the Village of Prairie Grove and that it is still pending. Ms. Palmer should know more at the September meeting.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the McHenry County Division of Transportation located at 16111 Nelson Road in Woodstock.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A was made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Kopke to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m.