



Effingham County Board
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August 12, 2025 7:30 PM.
Road and Bridge Committee Meeting
MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Doug McCain, Tim Ellis, and Norbert Soltwedel
Committee Member Absent:
Others Present: Josh Douthit, County Engineer Greg Koester and Foreman Dave Bushue

Minutes: T. Ellis moved/N. Soltwedel seconded to approve July 9, 2025 minutes. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

Reviewed and Signed Claims

Old Business

1. Equipment –
 - Delivery of New Tandem Trucks – First truck runs well. Now, we are just waiting on the dump bed of second truck.
 - Selling Existing Trucks – Probably accept bids on existing trucks in September. In previous meeting, Committee had no opposition to taking bids on existing tandem from townships with bids being no less than 75% of expected value.
 - Purchase New Pickup Trucks – N. Soltwedel moved T. Ellis seconded to authorize Koester to purchase up to two new pickup trucks from state purchase program.
 - Consider Wheeled Excavator - Koester distributed literature on a wheeled excavator. The county has been interested in this type of equipment but none of the local dealers carried a wheeled excavator. Dittamore Implement currently has one available and willing to allow us to demo it for a bit. Benefits include a longer reach to allow us to get behind guardrails and bridge rails with a mower head or mulching head. The tires allow us to move it easier and quicker from one location to another, opposed to having to trailer the mini-excavator.
2. Union Township Bridge – Aluminum bridge structure has been ordered and expect delivery around late October. There's a good chance the contractor will not complete the project before winter extending the road closure to spring. Will know more in October and work with the highway commissioner to see how that would impact the local traffic.
3. South Altamont Road Project – Project went well and is complete. County applied the pavement preservation on August 1st before striping was performed on August 5th. We have a stockpile of millings that will be distributed amongst the county and townships in the area.
4. Assist Airport with Tree Obstructions – Highway dept has cleared a couple acres of trees to the east to assure no penetrations identified when new runway opened. Also, hauled approximately 1,000 yards of clay for hangar project since site had to be over excavated since additional topsoil encountered.
5. Guardrail has been fixed at three locations as approved last month. Haven't received bill yet but have received insurance funds for the guardrail.

New Business

1. 2026 Draft Budget – levy not changing and cut equipment in half. More details in coming months.
2. Status of Maintenance – Oiling completed, mowing, shoulder roads, and help airport.

Adjournment – T. Ellis moved/ N. Soltwedel seconded to adjourn, unanimous.

COUNTY ENGINEER

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CHAIRMAN OF ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE

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Minutes submitted by Becky Hoopingarner,