



Effingham County Board  
101 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 301, Effingham, IL  
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February 10, 2026 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, Becky Hoopingarner, County Engineer Greg Koester, and Foreman Dave Bushue

**Minutes:** N. Soltwedel moved/ T. Ellis seconded to approve January 13, 2026 minutes. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

**Old Business.**

1. St. Francis Township Bridge Aid Petition – Item remains on agenda until Koester presents preliminary design and cost estimate for committee consideration.
2. Status of Bridge Construction – construction has been limited due to weather.
3. Widening East Half of County Highway 21 (Old Police Station Road) – Koester reported that we are waiting on survey data from M&G Engineers.
4. Equipment – Received all 3 pickup trucks, but still waiting second tandem.
5. Position Opening for Assistant County Engineer – Opening was posted on county website Jan 27<sup>th</sup> and accepting applications. Koester hopes an offer letter can be extended by the end of the month with a start date in March.

**New Business**

1. Reschedule March 10<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting to March 13<sup>th</sup> – T. Ellis/ N. Soltwedel agreed to change the committee date from March 10<sup>th</sup> to March 13<sup>th</sup>.
2. Participate in the 2026 District-Wide Pavement Marking Program – Plan to restripe all 21 miles of paved roads that include approximately 300,000 linear feet of centerline and edge line striping at an estimated unit cost of 6 cents/linear ft. – T. Ellis moved and N. Soltwedel seconded to authorize Koester participate in program.
3. Status of Maintenance –
  - Snow Removal (estimated costs submitted to state for possible public assistance)
  - 200 tons of salt delivered
  - Assist Airport with tree removal and snow removal
  - Shouldering, bump roads, and start patching
4. Status of Winter Road Postings – Frost coming out, so enforcing weight posting. We’ll update the website this week.

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

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**COUNTY ENGINEER**

**DATE**

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**CHAIRMAN OF ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE**

**DATE**

Minutes submitted by Becky Hoopingarner,