



Effingham County Board
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April 14, 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 March 13, 2026 minutes. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

Old Business.

1. Completion of Union Township Bridge – Koester reported contractor completed final grading, roadway approaches, railing and seeding since last month. Also, final inspection with IDOT was performed April 6th. No issues observed and final payment likely be made by the end of the month.
2. St. Francis Township Bridge Aid Petition Along Jasper County Line – Koester stated that St. Francis Township is petitioning the county for bridge aid to replaced closed structure 025-3045, located along Jasper County line with a vented low-water crossing (LWC). Given the low traffic and no development along road, the bridge would not be a priority for state bridge funding for the foreseeable future. The LWC would cost approximately 25% of a new bridge. The LWC would be designed to overtop the road on larger rainfall events, about once per year. Koester explained funding amongst Effingham County, St. Francis Township, Jasper County, and Island Grove Township. N. Soltwedel and T. Ellis seconded to recommend board approval, unanimous.
3. Widening Section of County Highway 21 (Old Police Station Road) - Milano & Grunloh Engineers is still working on some preliminary engineering/survey.
4. Take Delivery of Tandem Truck – Koester hopes to receive truck later this week.
5. Sell 2008 Tandem Truck – Rush Truck Centers, Inc. valued the truck between \$25,000 and \$35,000. County would agree to sell Mason Township the truck for \$24,000.00, if interested.

New Business

1. Approve Banner Township Bridge Aid Petition – Banner is petitioning the county for bridge aid to replace the existing culvert with 54” steel culvert, estimated at \$22,000.00. N. Soltwedel and T. Ellis seconded to recommend board approval, unanimous.
2. Advertise for Bids for New Tandem Dump Truck to Replace 2006 Tandem Truck – Estimate \$120,000 for cab and chassis and \$95,000 for dump body, plow, conveyor, etc. Committee discussed bidding out for a completed truck with dump bed, versus bidding out the cab/chassis and bed separate. T. Ellis and N. Soltwedel seconded to recommend board approval to advertise for bids, unanimous.
3. April 23rd Letting for Road Oil and Patch Mix and Award Lowest Responsible Bidders – No action this month, hopefully similar prices as last year.
4. Status of Maintenance –
 - Damaged bridge railing from single-car accident along Old Police Station Road last month was repaired.
 - Mobile patcher and ditcher have been running
 - Shouldering

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

COUNTY ENGINEER

DATE

CHAIRMAN OF ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE

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Minutes submitted by Becky Hoopingarner,