



Effingham County Board  
101 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 301, Effingham, IL  
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April 10, 2024 7:00 PM.

**Road and Bridge Committee Meeting  
MINUTES**

Committee Members Present: Norbert Soltwedel, Doug McCain, Tim Ellis,

Committee Member Absent:

Others Present: Becky Hoopingarner, Dave Bushue, and Greg Koester (via conference call)

**Minutes**

- T. Ellis moved/ N. Soltwedel seconded to approve March 12, 2024 minutes. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

**Reviewed and Signed Claims**

**Old Business**

1. Airport Road Reconstruction – A&R Services will likely start April 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>. Proposed traffic control plan. Plan on closing road and detour traffic, so hopefully complete project sooner.

**New Business**

1. South Altamont Resurfacing, Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation – Still waiting award of truck route funding; consequently, agreement will likely go through in next month. We will be using Rebuild Illinois MFT, TARP (truck route) and/or federal funds.
2. Liberty Township Bridge, along 400<sup>th</sup> Street - Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation – plan to submit draft agreement for state review and incorporate comments for May Board meeting consideration.
3. April 25<sup>th</sup> Oil Letting – Koester reported that prices have remained steady since last year.
4. Upgrade Mobile Patcher – Koester reported that our current patcher is 19 years old with approximately 5400 operating hours. Bushue and Koester recommend updating our patcher with a 2018 model that has less than 500 hours. A new patcher costs around \$100,000. Sufficient budget exists for upgrade. After discussion, T. Ellis motioned and N. Soltwedel seconded to purchase 2018 patcher for around \$50,000 and selling our existing patcher to Douglas (or another township) for around \$8,000, unanimous.
5. Crack Sealing and New Pavement Markings for Paved Highways – All paved roads, except for portion of South Altamont to be resurfaced, will be included in the district-wide striping program. Also, considering crack sealing before striping performed.
6. ARPA Status Report – Handed out updated ARPA report for each township stands on the funds. Majority of funds spent or earmarked for projects. Townships have until July to identify projects.
7. Status of Maintenance –
  - Replacing entrance culverts, shouldering, and patching
  - Recent minor flooding along rivers
  - Salt ordered for next winter

**General Information/Public Comments -**

**Adjournment** – T. Ellis moved/ N. Soltwedel 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,