



Effingham County Board  
101 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 301, Effingham, IL  
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December 10, 2024 7:30 PM.  
**Road and Bridge Committee Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

Committee Members Present: Tim Ellis, and Norbert Soltwedel

Committee Member Absent: Doug McCain

Others Present: Josh Douthit, Becky Hoopingarner, Dave Bushue, and Greg Koester

**Minutes**

- T. Ellis moved/ J. Douthit seconded to approve November 12, 2024 minutes. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

**Reviewed and Signed Claims -**

**Old Business**

1. Bid/Delivery Tandem Trucks Update and Accept Lowest Responsible Bidder for Dump Body – Public notice was published last week to accept bids for dump bed on second tandem. Bids will be opened December 20<sup>th</sup>. T. Ellis moved to authorize Koester to order dump bed if acceptable bid received/ J. Douthit seconded, unanimous.
2. Status Report of ARPA Funds for Township Drainage Structures and Addressing Lapsed Funds, if available – \$19,319.00 left in ARPA fund looking at culverts and clean up brush around bridges for remaining if townships don't have spent or written agreement.

**New Business**

1. December 12<sup>th</sup> Rock Letting – T. Ellis moved to prepare resolutions as needed to award low bidders for county board consideration/ N. Soltwedel seconded, unanimous. Oil letting anticipated in April.
2. Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary, BLR 09221 – still haven't heard from IDOT on increase.
3. Flashing Stoplights at 4-way Near Lake Sara – The intersection was improved earlier this year with the flashing stop ahead signs, as well as larger stop signs. Committee discussed additional upgrades of adding flashing red beacons above stop signs at a cost of approximately \$1,500 per sign. J. Douthit moved and T. Ellis seconded to purchase upgrades with ARPA and/or highway funds, unanimous.
4. Status of Maintenance – Bushue reported that mowing finished, treated some slick roads last week, ditch work, and will start bumping roads next week.
5. Miscellaneous – discussed cross training Brandon Walls at airport with getting a CDL license.

**General Information/Public Comments –**

1. Township Caucuses conducted last week – Based upon caucuses last week, county anticipate new highway commissioners in the townships of Mason, St. Francis, and Jackson.
2. Assist Airport with Snow Removal – Koester reported that we plan to make are spare plow truck available to airport as we have in the past.
3. Bridge Inspections – ongoing
4. Comprehensive Planning Effort in City of Effingham – Greg attending Monday meeting at 5:30 focusing on transportation.

**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,