



Effingham County Board
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July 9, 2024 7:30 PM.
Road and Bridge Committee Meeting
MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Doug McCain, Tim Ellis
Committee Member Absent: Norbert Soltwedel
Others Present: Becky Hoopingarner, Dave Bushue, and Greg Koester

Minutes

- T. Ellis moved/ D. McCain seconded to approve June 11, 2024 minutes. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

Reviewed and Signed Claims -

Old Business

1. Road Oiling Completed – County roads have been completed. Out of the four townships that work with county, Banner Township has yet to oil.
2. Upgraded Signage at Intersections – Stop ahead signs were upgraded with the flashing LED lights and new, larger stop signs were placed at the 4-way stop along Moccasin Road. Flashing stop signs were also installed at the intersection one mile to the south and at the intersection of Evergreen and Nazarene Church Road.
3. Status Report for ARPA Funds Designated for Township Drainage – Koester reported that Mark Maxedon does not expect any townships not expending their funds in time. Mark has been flagging for oiling the last couple weeks and on vacation this week.

New Business

1. Project Updates –
 - Airport Road Reconstruction – Koester hopes the new road will be open to traffic in August, before Runway Extension project starts. Meanwhile, we are performing maintenance, if needed, along township road (1425th Street) that is being used as a detour route.
2. South Altamont Resurfacing, Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation – Tabled since we are still waiting award of truck route funding, but hope to hear something soon with the passing of state budget. Looking at a \$2,500,00 project funded by Rebuild Illinois funds, Truck Route funds, and federal funds.
3. Liberty Township Bridge, along 400th Street - Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation – Greg passes out the funding breakdown. T. Ellis moved and D. McCain seconded to recommend board approval at next meeting, unanimous.
4. Preliminary Engineering Service Agreements for Five Township Bridges – With the increased Township Bridge Program (TBP) funding increasing from \$150,000/year to \$600,000/year, Koester recommends moving forward with engineering agreements. TBP funds will cover from 80% to 100% of engineering fees. These five bridges were selected based upon bridge condition based on recent bridge inspections, traffic count, and discussions with highway commissioners.
 - Watson Township, 700th Avenue with Civil Design of Effingham, IL
 - Mound Township, 500th Street with Civil Design of Effingham, IL
 - Lucas Township, 1st Street with Charleston Engineering of Olney, IL
 - Bishop Township, 2100th Street with Charleston Engineering of Olney, IL
 - Union Township, 1700th Street with Charleston Engineering of Olney, IL

T. Ellis moved and D. McCain seconded to recommend board approval at next meeting to accept all 5 Preliminary Engineering Service Agreements, unanimous.

5. Status of Maintenance – Oiling, Mowing, and cut Pine Trees on Courthouse lawn.
6. Miscellaneous – Tax and Finance Committee are requesting draft budgets be submitted by August 2nd.

General Information/Public Comments -

Adjournment – T. Ellis moved/ D. McCain seconded to adjourn, unanimous.

COUNTY ENGINEER

DATE

CHAIRMAN OF ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE

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Minutes submitted by Becky Hoopingarner,