



Effingham County Board  
101 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 301, Effingham, IL  
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March 12, 2024 7:30 AM.  
**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

**Minutes**

- T. Ellis moved/ N. Soltwedel seconded to approve February 13, 2023 minutes. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

**Reviewed and Signed Claims**

**Old Business**

1. 2012 New Holland Tractor Sold - Tractor sold at Schmid Auction for \$25,600.
2. New Hire – Jeff Ruholl started March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business**

1. South Altamont Resurfacing, Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation – Still waiting award for truck route funding; consequently, agreement will likely go through in next month.
2. Airport Road Reconstruction – A&R Services will likely start March/April. County constructed new ditch outside the project limits, just south of the new airport sign to improve drainage in the area.
3. Assist Airport in Reconstruction of Watson Township Road – Airport is responsible for relocating short section of road, approximate estimate of \$175,000. The committee agreed to allow the highway department to assist in project in the best interest of the county with Airport to reimburse highway department for any work performed.
4. Addendum to PE Agreement for Liberty Township Bridge along 400<sup>th</sup> Street, Section 21-05108-00-BR – Cost increase due to design change. T. Ellis motioned and N. Soltwedel seconded to recommend board approval for increase, unanimous.
5. Highway Department Assist in Funding Window Replacement – no action taken
6. April 8 Solar Eclipse – Plan to avoid significant road work this day.
7. Information Update for 2024 IDOT Construction along I-70 and Route 40. – No road closure until after solar eclipse and IDOT implementing strategies to reduce accidents from last year.
8. Bridge Inspection Classes – Koester will be attending courses in Springfield the entire week of April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 30 – May 1. Courses are needed to maintain Program Manager status for county and township bridge inspection programs.
9. Change April Meeting to 7:00 pm April 10<sup>th</sup> – Meeting will be changed if no conflict with committee.
10. Status of Maintenance – Installing pipe, shouldering, patching, and cutting pine trees on short cut.

**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,