



Effingham County Board  
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May 13, 2024 7:00 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**

- D. McCain moved/ T. Ellis seconded to approve April 10, 2024 minutes. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

**Reviewed and Signed Claims**

**Old Business**

1. Upgrade Mobile Patcher – Last month, the committee voted to upgrade our 19-year-old patcher with approximately 5400 operating hours, to a 2018 model that has less than 500 hours for \$50,000. We took possession of newer patcher last week and sold our existing patcher to Douglas Township for \$8,000.
2. Airport Road Reconstruction – A&R Services starting to construct temporary access road for Poverty (Hetzl) Trucking today in preparations to close Airport Road on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Proposed traffic control plan and detour is available if questions. Road closure should allow for faster completion.

**New Business**

1. Purchase Second Tandem Truck Cab and Chassis from December Bid Opening – Koester distributed bid summary from December 2023 letting. County expecting to take delivery of truck this fall. After discussion between Dave Bushue and G Koester on future equipment needs, Koester recommends purchasing another Tandem Cab and Chassis at same bid price from December 2023 letting. RUSH Equipment will agree to honor the same price if ordered before May 15<sup>th</sup>. RUSH does not know if International will extend this price for another month. County would likely consider rebidding the dump body for the truck. If second tandem was ordered today and given delays on trucks, anticipate getting the new truck during next fiscal year's budget. D. McCain moved and T. Ellis seconded to purchase chassis at old bid price, unanimous.
2. 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.
3. 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. D. McCain move and T. Ellis seconded for approval this board meeting as long as receive state paperwork in time, unanimous.
4. Resolution to Award Low Bidders from April 25<sup>th</sup> MFT Materials Letting – Letting was conducted for both the county and the townships. Townships have all accepted their bids already. For the county, T. Ellis moved and D. McCain seconded to recommend board approval of the resolution to award Emulsicoat Inc, of Urbana, IL to furnish 100,000 gallons of FRS-2P at \$2.83/gallon and Effingham Asphalt Company to furnish 500 tons of bituminous patching for \$95/ton, unanimous.
5. Crack Sealing and New Pavement Markings for Paved Highways -
  - On April 25<sup>th</sup>, IDOT conducted a letting for pavement markings for participating counties in District 7. This district-wide program allows counties to take advantage of very competitive bids. Effingham County utilizes the program every two years to restripe all of our paved roads. The low bidder is Varsity Striping (Champaign, IL) was the low bid for \$0.07 per linear foot. Excluding the south five miles of South Altamont Blacktop since it should be resurfaced soon, Effingham County will restripe approximately 244,000 linear feet for around \$17,000. D. McCain move and T. Ellis seconded to award stripping, unanimous.
  - Negotiating some crack sealing work before striping performed with Huff Sealing Corporation next week or two. D. McCain move and T. Ellis seconded to perform crack seal, unanimous.
6. ARPA Status Report – Approximately \$90,000 has yet to be earmarked by Mason or St. Francis Townships. Townships have until July to identify projects; otherwise, committee will consider other options.
7. Status of Maintenance – Patcher, mowing, install pipe, and start oiling middle of June.
8. Miscellaneous –
  - Koester completed a 5-day Comprehensive Bridge Inspection Course, as well as a 3-day Course on Non-Redundant Steel Tension Members. Successful completion of courses allows Koester to continue to serve as Program Manager for the inspection of approximately 200 bridges along county and township bridges.

- 4-way stop at Lake Sara – looking at a hanging light and Evergreen/Nazarene & Lake Sara Rd to the T put a flashing stop light.

**General Information/Public Comments -**

**Adjournment** – T. Ellis moved/ \_\_\_\_\_ 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,