



Effingham County Board
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November 12, 2024 7:30 PM.
Road and Bridge Committee Meeting
MINUTES

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

Committee Member Absent:

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

Minutes

- T. Ellis moved/ N. Soltwedel seconded to approve October 15, 2024 minutes. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

Reviewed and Signed Claims -

Old Business

1. Update Status on Bid/Delivery Tandem Trucks – Been discussing with both potential bidders to finalize bid specifications on the dump body on the second truck. Once specs finalized, will advertise for bids and should hopefully get bids before meeting in December.
2. Status Report of ARPA Funds for Township Drainage Structures – Bills keep coming on work performed with approximately 95% of the funds spent and remaining 5% allocated to projects.

New Business

- 1) Budget Update – 2024 budget should wrap up this month with no issues. Invoiced 911 fund for sign inventory and repairs, trail fund for maintenance, airport fund for work performed on road relocation. Since money left in material budget got bid price on white chips and hauling 1,200 tons to stockpile location along Moccasin Road and 1,000 tons to Douglas Township yard.
- 2) Approve the 2025 Road and Bridge Committee Meeting Schedule - Handed out new meeting schedule. N. Soltwedel motioned and T. Ellis seconded to recommend board approval, unanimous.
- 3) 2025 Motor Fuel Tax Estimate – Met with all township highway commissioners to go over MFT budgets and maintenance estimates for next year. Material proposals for a December rock letting and April oil letting will be sent into IDOT for review. Koester anticipates advertising for a December 12 rock letting for county and townships. Resolutions to approve low bidders will be on the December board agenda.
- 4) December 12th Rock Letting - Met with highway commissioners to setup township 2025 MFT funds. An early rock letting allows rock to get hauled in over winter months. Oil letting anticipated in April.
- 5) Resolution for Maintenance, BLR 14220, Appropriating MFT Funds for 2025 maintenance – Committee reviewed resolution to appropriate \$1,478,200 for materials, equipment, and labor. T. Ellis moved and N. Soltwedel seconded to recommend board approval of resolution to approve MFT funds for maintenance, unanimous.
- 6) Resolution Reappointing County Engineer, BLR 02121 - County Engineer Reappointment – Last month, the county board approved resolution requesting consent to reappoint incumbent county engineer Greg Koester to another 6-year contract beginning January 1, 2025. T. Ellis moved and N. Soltwedel seconded to recommend board approval, unanimous.
- 7) Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer’s Salary, BLR 09221 – Utilizing MFT and federal funds for county engineer salary – T. Ellis motioned and N. Soltwedel seconded to recommend board approval, unanimous
- 8) Agreement for County Engineer’s Salary, BLR 09220 – An agreement with IDOT to transfer Federal Surface Transportation Program Funds for MFT funds in the amount of 50% of salary annually for the next six years. T. Ellis motioned and N. Soltwedel seconded to recommend board approval, unanimous
- 9) Status of Maintenance – Koester reported that he worked a rental rate for Shelby County to use ditcher this winter. Bushue reported that we continue to mow, shoulder, and work on drainage projects.

General Information/Public Comments -

Adjournment – T. Ellis moved/ N. Soltwedel seconded to adjourn, unanimous.

COUNTY ENGINEER

DATE

CHAIRMAN OF ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE

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Minutes submitted by Becky Hoopingarner,