



Effingham County Board  
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October 15, 2024 7:30 PM.  
**Road and Bridge Committee Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

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

Committee Member Absent: Josh Douthit

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

**Minutes**

- T. Ellis moved/ N. Soltwedel seconded to approve September 10, 2024 minutes. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

**Reviewed and Signed Claims -**

**Old Business**

1. Status of Tandem Truck Orders –Koester reported that the cab and chassis for the tandem truck the county bids out on December 5, 2023 will not delivered until January; consequently, \$200,000 of current budget that will go unused will need to be added to 2025 budget. The second truck ordered in May 2024 will is scheduled for February delivery.

**New Business**

1. Minor Subdivision NW of Shumway – Committee reviewed a minor plat to subdivide couple of acres from a 17-acre parcel located NW of Shumway. T. Ellis moved and N. Soltwedel seconded to recommend board approval on the condition the county receives necessary documents before recording, unanimous.
2. 2025 MFT Estimates for County and Townships – A meeting is scheduled with the highway commissioners on October 29<sup>th</sup> to go over MFT budgets and material needs for next year. MFT estimates will be prepared along with material bid documents. Rock bids will be advertised for a December letting and an oil letting likely in April. The early rock letting allows bidders to haul in material over winter months, usually attributing to lower bids. Koester plans to county 2025 MFT estimate and MFT budgets on next month’s committee meeting. MFT fiscal year begins January 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. County Engineer Reappointment – D McCain reported that current 6-year county engineer contract ends December 31<sup>st</sup>. N. Soltwedel moved and T. Ellis seconded to recommend request IDOT consent to reappoint Greg Koester as county engineer to another 6-year contract beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> and review contract next month, along with the 2025 MFT budget, unanimous. The county engineer salary is paid from MFT funds and federal funds.
4. Revise 2025 Proposed Budget – N. Soltwedel move to add \$200,000 to the 2025 equipment budget to purchase delayed truck delivery discussed under old business, T. Ellis seconded, unanimous.
5. South Altamont Resurfacing, Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation – Truck route funding was awarded for resurfacing. T. Ellis moved and N. Soltwedel seconded to recommend board approval of Local Agency Agreement that uses the remaining Rebuild Illinois MFT funds, TARP (truck route) and/or federal funds, unanimous.
6. Status of Maintenance – Mowing, shouldering and ditch work
7. Miscellaneous – Greg attended a meeting earlier this month discussing that Township Bridge Program (TBP) funds will now pay up to 100% of bridges with no local match required. Also, IDOT continues to evaluate taking over inspections of bridges on the local system.

**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,