



Effingham County Board  
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April 14, 2025 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, Dave Bushue, Becky Hoopingarner and Greg Koester

**Minutes**

- T. Ellis moved/ N. Soltwedel seconded to approve March 11, 2025 minutes. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

**Reviewed and Signed Claims -**

**Old Business**

1. Status of Equipment Purchases – Hoping both completed trucks are received before oiling in June.
2. Shelby County Bridge Aid – 90-inch diameter pipe was ordered last month after county board approval.

**New Business**

1. Road Use Agreement (RUA) with Holland Energy – Due to weight restrictions recently placed along Route 33 east of Beecher City, Holland Energy does not have access to its designated haul route on 300<sup>th</sup>; consequently, large permit loads needed for an upgrade to power plant will use County Highway 5 (500<sup>th</sup> St) and county line road. The RUA obligates Holland Energy to repair damages and upgrade a portion of the county line road that includes a \$100,000 bond. Most of the loads went through last week.
2. Oil Letting Scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> – County is accepting bids on 100,000 gallons of road oil and 200 tons of patch mix. Also accepting bids for all 15 townships. Expecting lower prices than last year given recent price index. Low bidders will be approved during the May meeting.
3. Joint Funding Agreement for Federally Funded Construction, Resurfacing South Altamont, Section 20-00099-00-RS – Greg handed out agreement with the price breakdown. N. Soltwedel motioned and T. Ellis seconded to recommend board approval, unanimous.
4. Election Results for New Township Highway Commissioners – The county will have a new highway commissioner in Jackson and Mason Townships. We usually have a brief orientation for new commissioners who take office May 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. Register as Private Training Provider for Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) - allows Brandon Walls, asst airport manager, to obtain CDL and plow snow at airport. This may also be useful for township personnel in the future. N. Soltwedel motioned and T. Ellis seconded to authorize Koester to register county as a Private Training Provider, unanimous.
6. Status of Maintenance – Bushue discussed the following:
  - Temporary closure of South Altamont to replace a culvert. Press release should be on radio.
  - Minor flood damage consisted of some washouts, replacing some shoulder material, and clearing debris from drainage structures;
  - New flashing lights installed on stop signs at 4-way near Lake Sara
  - Assisted Health Department
  - Shelby County is renting ditcher
  - Mobile patcher
  - Ditches...drainage
  - Assisted in some wind damage at airport
  - Trail maintenance
7. Miscellaneous – Koester not aware of any proposed legislation on township consolidation making it out of committee.

**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,