



Effingham County Board  
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January 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, Becky Hoopingarner, Dave Bushue, and Greg Koester

**Minutes**

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

**Reviewed and Signed Claims -**

**Old Business**

1. Tandem Truck Dump Body Bid Results – County received four bids that were opened during December 20<sup>th</sup> bid letting. Koester distributed the bid results with Higgs Welding of Dieterich was the low bidder at \$89,872.00. Koester executed the agreement with Higgs Welding as authorized during last month’s meeting.
2. Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer’s Salary, BLR 09221 – This resolution was already approved at the November 2024 meeting but state has yet to establish recommended salaries. No action needed since already passed committee. Resolution will go straight to board meeting after we know salary.
3. Flashing Stoplights at 4-way Near Lake Sara - County allocated \$8,060.00 in ARPA funds towards sign upgrade. Sign order was placed.

**New Business**

1. Engineer Agreement to Assist with Land Acquisition for Phase II West Evergreen – Koester proposes to enter into a T&M agreement, not to exceed \$10,000, with Lochmueller Group to assist in securing remaining parcels. N. Soltwedel moved and T. Ellis seconded to authorize Koester to enter into said agreement, unanimous.
2. Snow Removal – Effingham experienced two significant snowfalls last week. Koester appreciated the extra work the highway department did to keep roads passable. The County used around 100 tons of salt this past week.
3. Feasibility Study at the 4–way Stop by Lake Sara – Koester recommends the county enter into a T&M agreement, not to exceed \$15,000, with Lochmueller Group. The feasibility study would identify the costs and benefits to changing the intersection from a 4-way stop to a roundabout. Safety funds may exist considering the volume of traffic and recent accidents. T. Ellis moved and N. Soltwedel seconded to authorize Koester to enter into said agreement, unanimous.
4. Status of Maintenance - Plow snow, bumping roads, and work on equipment.
5. Miscellaneous –

**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,