



Effingham County Board
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January 13, 2026 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, County Engineer Greg Koester, and Foreman Dave Bushue

Minutes: T. Ellis moved/ N. Soltwedel seconded to approve December 11, 2025 minutes. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

Old Business.

1. Assist Airport on Tree Removal – Committee approved last month and work started last week.
2. St. Francis Township Bridge Aid Petition – Some minimal survey work performed last week for preliminary design to determine cost and feasibility. Koester anticipates to outline options for committee consideration within the next couple months.
3. Status of Bridge Construction – Koester reported that the structure is 90% complete and overall project 65% complete. After structure assembled, backfill, construct approach roadways, guardrail, and seeding. Fortunate to get work in channel completed while relatively dry conditions.
4. Equipment Purchases and Needs – three pickup trucks are in, but still waiting on dump body on new tandem truck.
5. Assistant County Engineer Job Opening – Position will be advertised and posted this week on county website.

New Business

1. Replat of Lot 1 of Mead Subdivision – Koester presented draft final plat of 4 acres into 2 parcels. T. Ellis moved and N. Soltwedel seconded to recommend board approval, unanimous.
2. 2026 Maintenance Materials - Rock is being delivered and oil letting scheduled for April.
3. Training – Several maintenance personnel attended spray school last week for license to spray along ROW. Also sending 2 guys to Etnyre for training on chip box and distributor.
4. Office Furniture - Look at some new/used furniture for the new office space. No concerns with authorizing up to \$7500 for furniture purchase.
5. Status of Maintenance –
 - County may enforce 6 tons per axle load postings beginning January 15th but not needed at this time. Posting status is available on county website.
 - Patching, bumping roads, cutting brush, and shouldering roads

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

COUNTY ENGINEER

DATE

CHAIRMAN OF ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE

Minutes submitted by Becky Hoopingarner,

DATE