



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 **DATE**

Minutes submitted by Becky Hoopingarner,