



Effingham County Board
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November 12, 2025 7:30 PM.
Road and Bridge Committee Meeting
MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Doug McCain and Norbert Soltwedel
Committee Member Absent: Tim Ellis
Others Present: Becky Hoopingarner, County Engineer Greg Koester and Foreman Dave Bushue

Minutes: D. McCain moved/ N. Soltwedel seconded to approve October 14, 2025 minutes. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

Old Business.

- 1. Status of Bridge Construction – Johannes Construction started construction of bridge in Union Township. Not sure how much will get done before winter weather sets in. Residents in the area are aware that this will be an extended road closure.
- 2. Update on Equipment Delivery and Payment – Koester anticipates taking delivery of the three pickup trucks and new tandem in the next 6 weeks. Expect to receive invoices by the end of the month and write checks before the end of the fiscal year.

New Business

- 1. 2026 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Maintenance Estimate and Budget Resolutions –
 - MFT’s fiscal year begins January 1st. Met with all the townships in recent weeks to set up their 2026 MFT estimates and will have proposals ready for a December 11th rock letting and an oil letting in April.
 - The County’s 2026 MFT estimate is \$1,556,500 and covers materials, labor, and equipment.
 - N. Soltwedel moved and D. McCain seconded to recommend board approval of Resolution Appropriating MFT Funds for Maintenance, unanimous
 - N. Soltwedel moved and D. McCain seconded to recommend board approval of Resolution Appropriating MFT Funds for Payment of County Engineer Salary, unanimous
- 2. Safety Audit and Hazard Communication Plan – CIRMA consultant performed safety audit of workplace for OSHA compliance. Only finding was to update Hazard Communication Plan to protect employees from chemical hazards in the workplace. Consultant will also offer safety courses this winter at no charge.
- 3. Invoiced Airport, 911, Trail Fund for 2026 Maintenance Work – Airport work included tree removal, a new entrance for proposed hangar. 911 invoice was for annual inspection and minor repairs.
- 4. Engineering Agreement for Police Station Road – Committee agree to use Milano & Grunloh for assistance.
- 5. Project Programming Discussion – Koester is working on project programming this month. Committee discussed widening Police Station Road as maintenance project or use federal funds for improvement.
- 6. Status of Maintenance – Bushue reported that mowing almost done, shoulder work, and hauling in rock for next year’s oiling program.
- 7. Miscellaneous – Koester plans to meet with Chad Walls soon on third floor breakroom renovation.

Adjournment – N. Soltwedel moved/ D. McCain seconded to adjourn, unanimous.

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Minutes submitted by Becky Hoopingarner,