



Effingham County Board  
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October 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, County Engineer Greg Koester and Foreman Dave Bushue

**Minutes:** N. Soltwedel moved/ T. Ellis seconded to approve September 9, 2025 minutes. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

**Reviewed and Signed Claims**

**Old Business.**

- 1. New Pavement Markings Completed – Koester reported that work was completed last month for approximately \$8,000.
- 2. 2010 International Tandem Sold to Union Township – Union Township paid county \$24,000.00.
- 3. Purchase New Pickup Trucks – Koester presented summary of bids. Dan Hecht was low bidder. T. Ellis/N. Soltwedel seconded to approve purchase of two ½ ton trucks and one ¾ ton truck to low bidder, unanimous
- 4. Equipment Needs for 2026 – Dittamore Implement has been allowing the county to demo a wheeled excavator at no cost. Also considering a new tractor or tandem truck
- 5. Status of ARPA Funding for Township Drainage Structures – finished all township projects, spent all \$1 million of ARPA fund.

**New Business**

- 1. Bridge Aid Petition for West Township – West Township is petitioning the county for half of a \$4,000 project to repair an existing low-water crossing. N. Soltwedel and T. Ellis seconded to recommend board approval, unanimous.
- 2. Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Effingham and Village of Teutopolis Regarding Maintenance of Green Street, a Portion of County Highway 19 – Proposed agreement formalized the understanding that the county is responsible for maintaining the two driving lanes and village is responsible for maintaining from edge of driving lanes to edge of ROW. T. Ellis seconded and N. Soltwedel seconded to recommend board approval, unanimous.
- 3. Bridge Inspection Quality Assurance Audit – IDOT performed an audit of our inspection program. Audit went well and expect a report soon. Committee discussed that IDOT will likely be taking over bridge inspections within the next few years.
- 4. Status of Maintenance –mowing, shoulders, patching.
- 5. Miscellaneous – Trail maintenance and 911 inspection this fall

**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,