



Effingham County Board
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September 9, 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, County Engineer Greg Koester and Foreman Dave Bushue

Minutes: T. Ellis moved/ N. Soltwedel seconded to approve August 12, 2025 minutes. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***
Reviewed and Signed Claims

Old Business.

- 1. Sell 2010 International Tandem to Union Township – T. Ellis moved and N. Soltwedel seconded to sell truck for \$24,000 to Union Township, unanimous.
- 2. Purchase New Half-Ton Trucks – Last month, committee authorized Koester to purchase trucks. Koester will receive quotes or bids as needed after truck specifications determined. City recently purchased trucks from local dealer that had better pricing than the state purchase program. Koester will report on progress next month.
- 3. Distribution of Asphalt Millings from South Altamont Road Project – Millings will be all distributed by the end of today. Many townships took advantage of the free material and the county kept 3,000 tons.
- 4. Completed Tree Obstruction Removal at Airport – Highway dept has cleared approximately 3 acres of trees to the east to assure no penetrations identified when new runway opened. Also, hauled approximately 1,000 yards of clay for hangar project since site had to be over excavated since additional topsoil encountered. Airport will be invoiced for costs.

New Business

- 1. Repaint Centerline Pavement Markings – Varsity Striping was low bidder for the District 7 striping program at \$0.07 per linear foot. Varsity will perform approximately 75,000 feet of striping along 16 miles of paved roads for approximately \$8,000. Will do edge lines next year. Just an informational item and no action needed.
- 2. Amend Speed Limit of Summit Township’s 1600th (Nazarene Short-Cut) – Summit was wanting to reduce speed limit on 1600th and according to the survey change from 55 mph to 45 mph. T. Ellis motioned and N. Soltwedel seconded to recommend board approval, unanimous.
- 3. 2026 Draft Budget – Koester presented the draft 2026 budget.
- 4. Purchase Crushed Stone for 2026 Oiling Program – County looking at purchasing crushed stone under \$30,000 without bid if find a good deal.
- 5. Status of Maintenance – Assisted airport, mowing, shoulders, worked on Mason stockpile site and distributed millings from South Altamont Road resurfacing.
- 6. Miscellaneous – Summit Township and Effingham Water Authority continue discussion of transferring EWA roads to Summit. IDOT will performing a QA review of our bridge inspection program. Also, discussed trail maintenance.

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

COUNTY ENGINEER	DATE
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CHAIRMAN OF ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE	DATE
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Minutes submitted by Becky Hoopingarner,