

Clinton County Highway Committee  
Minutes  
February 10, 2022 7:30 a.m.

1. Mr. Wessel called the meeting to order at 7:30

2. Attendance:

Bryan Wessel	Committee Chairman
Ken Knolhoff	Committee Member
Jim Sullivan	Committee Member
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
Neal Richter	

3. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Knolhoff seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

4. Mr. Richter asked to speak to the Committee concerning the ability to work from home. He stated that the previous week he needed to be home but could effectively work from home. Most of the other offices in the County allow employees to work from home. Mr. Behrens said the only authorization the Board has given to work from home is from County's March 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 Proclamation of Disaster Order to keep the County's offices open through the pandemic. Mr. Knolhoff stated that the covid pandemic is still going on. Mr. Behrens said that he would work with the employees but it needs to be a serious reason to work from home.

5. Mr. Behrens told the Committee they will go out for bids to supply a 10'x4' precast box culvert for the crossing on Huey Road at Sand ridge road.

6. Said that he is still waiting for HMG Engineers to get a proposed contract back for the design of the reconstruction plans for the Grassy Branch Bridge on Albers Road.

7. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee a copy of the "Motion to Dismiss" filed by Brookside Township concerning the judicial review of the decision to deny the vacation of the low water crossing on West 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

8. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee a list of repairs they have had on vehicles and equipment this fiscal year.

9. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that Don Beckemeyer will retire in June. They will begin the process of filling this vacancy so that it may be filled in June.

10. Mr. Behrens reported that they have finished repairing the piles for a bridge in Germantown Township.

11. Mr. Behrens said they have received an estimate from Markus Backhoe for \$16,000 to complete the remaining earthwork on Fuehne Hills Road.

12. Mr. Behrens said the bond for the Fuehne Hills subdivision road has been cashed in. They will be getting with a local contractor to finish the earth work then meet with Don Anderson Company about finishing the road surface.

13. Mr. Behrens said the City of Breese had contacted him wanting to get a turn lane on North Walnut Street at Shell. Mr. Behrens will get back with the City and tell them then the County doesn't have a problem with this but at this time the County thinks that Breese should pay for this.

14. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that they had a dump truck catch fire and be completely destroyed in the last snow storm. An insurance claim has been made. The cause of the fire is unknown but most likely had something to do with the regen process.
15. Other Business - Mr. Knolhoff asked about cutting down the dead trees on Shattuc Road just north of the college. Mr. Behrens said they marked the right of way at this location and that most of the trees are off right of way. It was pointed out that part of the trees are on right of way and they drop limbs on right of way and have the potential to fall on the roadway and block traffic. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to have the highway department cut these trees down. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion passed.
16. The Committee approved the current bills.