

Clinton County Highway Committee  
Minutes  
August 5, 2021 7:30 a.m.

1. Brian Wessel called the meeting to order at 7:30
2. Attendance:

Bryan Wessel	Committee Chairman
Jim Sullivan	Committee Member
Ken Knolhoff	Committee Member
Larry Johnson	County Board Chairman
Brad Knolhoff	County Board Member
Mike Hohmeyer	Clement Twp. Road Commissioner
Greg Baysinger	Clement Twp. Supervisor
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
3. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the Minutes from the July 1 meeting. Mr. Ken Knolhoff seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Mr. Hohmeyer and Mr. Baysinger addressed the Committee concerning two bridges on Hammel Road. The northwest bridge has a 10 ton load limit and the southeast bridge has a 5 ton load limit. Presently there is no way to legally access a considerable amount of farm ground and several homes with a load greater than 10 tons. Mr. Behrens said they repaired two piles under the northwest bridge this past spring and are waiting for the bridge office to increase the load limit to 15 tons. It was pointed out that 15 tons is still not sufficient for agriculture loads. Mr. Johnson said it might be possible to work out an agreement with some private land owners to gain temporary access to this area in an emergency, but that at least one of the bridges need to be replaced.

Mr. Behrens said this could program the larger bridge which has the 5 ton limit with federal funds. But the soonest this could be constructed would be in FY 2025. The preliminary estimate is \$800,000 which could be funded with 80% federal, 16% state township bridge and 2% for both the county and township. The smaller bridge would be about \$400,000 which could be constructed sooner by using only Township Bridge and local funds. This funding would be 80% Township Bridge and 10% for both the county and township. Both township officials were in favor of replacing the southeast bridge first. Mr. Behrens said there will be a federal project programming meeting in October and he will try to get this programmed for FY 2025.
5. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee a resolution that will appropriate \$500,000 for construction on Aviston Road. The project will consist of adding 6 feet of additional paved shoulders and flattening slopes from Lake Branch to just north of Highline Road. He told the Committee the final plans have been submitted to the State and is anticipated the project could begin in the spring.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to have this resolution placed on the Board agenda for approval. Mr. Ken Knolhoff seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
6. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that Depew and Owen started the pipeline Road bridge project on Tuesday. They have 30 working days to complete this project.
7. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that the entrance culvert at the Hoffman School will need to be replaced soon. The County will be responsible for all of the cost since this is an existing culvert. The cost of the pipe will be about \$10,000.

8. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that the Commerce Commission is planning to have signals added to the Norfolk Southern crossings with Red Fox and Kannall Hill Roads. There will be no cost to the County. The Townships will need to modify the approaches to the crossings.
9. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee a list of the upcoming projects and probable funding which included the following:
  - End Road bridge replacement over Prairie Branch – Federal funds
  - Hoffman Road bridge replacement over Prairie Creek – REBUILD Illinois Funds
  - Albers Road bridge replacement over Grassy Branch – REBUILD Illinois Funds
  - Germantown Road resurfacing – Federal Funds
  - Albers Road resurfacing – Federal Funds
10. The Committee discussed a letter that was received from IMRF concerning accelerated payment for a recent retiree. Mr. Brad Knolhoff said he would take this to the Finance Committee.
11. Mr. Behrens said Steve Schomaker, Albers Village President, was in the office on earlier this week. It was too late to make the agenda so no action was taken; however, the Village wantsto get sidewalk constructed along Aviston Road from the Village to Court Road.
12. The Committee approved the current bills.