

Clinton County Highway Committee
Minutes
November 4, 2021 7:30 a.m.

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

Bryan Wessel	Committee Chairman
Ken Knolhoff	Committee Member
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
3. Mr. Wessel made a motion to approve the Minutes from the October 7th meeting. Mr. Knolhoff seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that he held a public hearing on the appeal of Brookside Township's denial of the petition to vacate a portion of West 10th Street. He said that he decided in favor of the Township and gave the Committee a copy of the order that he filed with Brookside Township. He told the Committee this issue could be reviewed under administrative law.
5. Mr. Behrens said there was a federal programming meeting held in Collinsville to program projects for FY 2025. He was unable to attend but had someone from IDOT program projects for the County. He said he was able to have Aviston Road resurfacing and a bridge replacement on Lake Road programmed. In addition Madison County programmed a bridge on the county line (Lee Road). Madison County will be the lead agency. The cost will be proportional to the county's equalized assessed valuation. Madison County will be responsible for about 85% of the cost and Clinton County about 15%.
6. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that he met with IDNR concerning cutting grass on Fisher Road. IDNR is concerned with protecting eastern massasauga snakes and asked if the county could delay mowing until December. Mr. Behrens said the county would work with them on the back slopes but the front slopes will need to be cut several times throughout the growing season.
7. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that he attended four days of training on inspecting fractural critical bridges. Beginning in 2022 the State will require this training to continue to inspect fractural critical bridges. There is currently one bridge that is classified as fractural critical that the County inspects.
8. Mr. Behrens said they started using time clocks on November 1.
9. Mr. Behrens updated the Committee on the status of Fuehne Hills Subdivision. He said that no additional work has been done and that on November 16th he will take action on the irrevocable letter of credit that is being held for surety for the completion of the road.
10. Mr. Behrens said Evelyn Wuebbles is agreeable to selling right of way on Wringe Road. This is a section of right of way that is needed to correct drainage issues and improve the shoulders and slopes on Wringe Road..
11. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that they are purchasing a new loader from Fabick through the JJCA/Sorcewell joint purchasing program. The highway department used this joint purchasing before when they bought a new Gradall. In addition they are writing a check for the new dump truck that was bid earlier this year. The truck is not in yet arrived but they are having the check written now and will hold it. This way it will come from this year's budget.

12. Mr. Behrens said they will be getting an estimate to replace the cross road culvert at Huey Road and Sand Ridge Road. The existing box culvert was constructed in 1920 then extended in 1957. The intersection needs to be widened and it is probably better to replace the entire culvert than to extend a 100 year old culvert that has structural issues.
13. Mr. Behrens told the Committee they are looking at widening the northwest corner of the intersection of Shattc Road and Sand Ridge Road. There is a large Ameren power pole in the way. They will be meeting with Ameren to discuss options at this location.
14. Mr. Behrens said they have started placing pipe on St. Rose Road for the Village of St Rose. The Village is paying for all of the material.
15. The Committee approved the current bills.