

**ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE**  
**JANUARY 8, 2026**

The McDonough County Road and Bridge Committee held their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. The Meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Law Library. Committee Members present included Chair Craig Foster, Eric Chapman, Mike Cox, Travis Hiel, Jerry Raby, and Terry Thompson. Other persons in attendance: Dave Cadwalader, Rick Walker, County Chair Eric Blakeley, and Deputy Clerk Kyah Beck. Members absent were Vice Chair Dave Cortelyou and Jarad Royer.

Chair Foster called the meeting to order at 6:25 P.M.

**Review Minutes from December, 2025**

Member Raby moved with a second by Member Thompson to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**County Aid Resolution, Project #2545-20**

This resolution pertains to box culvert replacements.

Member Cox moved with a second by Member Raby to approve the county aid resolution, project #2545-20 as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**County Highway Program Status**

Rick Walker spoke about the different bridge and roadway projects that will be taking place, along with estimated costs towards these projects. He spoke about the different grants and funds he uses to pay for these projects. He showed the current balance in these funds and their annual allotment.

**Cost Saving Measures for Highway Department**

Eric Blakeley presented an idea to start having County Highway workers do in house equipment work, if time allows, instead of taking equipment somewhere else to be fixed. Rick Walker agreed with this idea.

**Miscellaneous Project Updates**

None.

**Work Report**

Report given by Dave Cadwalader.

**Claims Review and Approval**

Member Hiel moved with a second by Member Raby to approve the claims submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Other Items as Needed**

None.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Public Comment**

None.

**County Chair Comments**

Eric Blakeley would like to get the architect in sometime next week to do a final walkthrough.

**Adjourn**

Member Chapman moved with a second by Member Raby to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.