

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

The McDonough County Road and Bridge Committee held their monthly meeting on Thursday, September 3, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. The Meeting was held at the Zahren Building in the Special Education Co-op Room. Committee Members present included Chair Craig Foster, Vice Chair Dave Cortelyou, Eric Chapman, Mike Cox, Travis Hiel, Jerry Raby, and Jarad Royer. Other persons in attendance: Rick Walker, County Chair Eric Blakeley, and Deputy Clerk Kyah Beck. Member Terry Thompson was absent.

Chair Foster called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Review Minutes from August 6, 2026

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

Miscellaneous Project Updates

Rick Walker went through all the resolutions and explained where the projects would take place and what fund they would be coming out of.

Approve County Aid to Bridge Resolution project #2652-61, Township District #1

This resolution pertains to a culvert that needs fixed on N 1100th Road, over a branch of the east fork of the LaMoine River.

Member Hiel moved with a second by Member Raby to approve the resolution for project #2652-61. Motion carried on a voice vote. This will be moving to full board.

Approve County Aid to Bridge Resolution project #2646-43, Emmet Township

This resolution pertains to a culvert that needs fixed on Ember Road, over a branch of Wigwam Hollow Creek.

Member Cox moved with a second by Member Raby to approve the resolution for project #2646-43. Motion carried on a voice vote. This will be moving to full board.

Approve County Aid to Bridge Resolution project #2646-44, Emmet Township

This resolution pertains to a culvert that needs fixed on N 1350th Road, over a branch of Spring Creek.

Member Raby moved with a second by Member Hiel to approve the resolution for project #2646-44. Motion carried on a voice vote. This will be moving to full board.

Approve County Aid to Bridge Resolution project #2651-47, Chalmers Township

This resolution pertains to a culvert that needs fixed on N 900th Road, over a branch of Troublesome Creek.

Member Cox moved with a second by Member Raby to approve the resolution for project #2651-47. Motion carried on a voice vote. This will be moving to full board.

Approve Township Bridge Resolution Section# 26-18126-00-BR, Walnut Grove Township

This resolution is for a bridge project of the north fork of the LaMoine River. This project will not be started until next year, but Rick would like to get it approved now due to the funds in this specific account is only good for 4 years.

Member Royer moved with a second by Member Raby to approve Resolution for section 26-18126-00-BR. Motion carried on a voice vote. This will be moving to full board.

Colchester Sun Site Application Approval

Rick informed the committee that a solar application came in, which will now need approval from the board. This solar farm is located in Colchester, but due to them not being zoned, they had to fall back on the County. McDonough County is not zoned either. All requirements have been met in regards to the ordinance. A public hearing will be held, then it will go to the full board for approval.

Battery Storage Ordinance Discussion

Rick Walker suggested that this ordinance needs to be revised due to a law change.

Work Report

Report given by Dave Cadwalader.

Claims Review and Approval

Member Chapman 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 thanked Rick Walker for the wind farm tour. Someone has also reached out to Eric Blakeley in regards to the Adair drainage issue. Rick Walker strongly believes that a hydraulic study needs to be done before the county highway department agrees to help any further.

Adjourn

Member Cortelyou moved with a second by Member Hiel to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.