

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE

February 6, 2025

The McDonough County Road and Bridge Committee held their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. The Meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Law Library. Committee Members present included Chair Craig Foster, Eric Chapman, Mike Cox, Travis Hiel, Jerry Raby, Jarad Royer, and Terry Thompson. Member Dave Cortelyou was absent. Other persons in attendance: Justin Bagley, Ken Durkin, Will Colback with RWE, Scott Hance, County Chair Eric Blakeley, Deputy Clerk Joni Theis, and Deputy Clerk Emily Flynn.

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

Review Minutes from January 2, 2025

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

Approve Resolution to Accept Material Quotations

Member Hiel moved with a second by Member Raby to approve the Resolution to Accept Material Quotations. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Approve Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary

The additional salary will come from the County Motor Fuel Tax fund.

Member Raby moved with a second by Member Chapman to approve the Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Declare the Blue Service Truck as Surplus Material

This is a 2003 F-250 engineering truck with 189,000 miles, they would like to take it to auction.

Member Hiel moved with a second by Member Raby to Declare the Blue Service Truck as Surplus Material. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with IPWMAN

A discussion was held regarding the agreement. They would like State's Attorney Matt Kwacala to look it over.

Member Cox moved with a second by Member Chapman to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with IPWMAN. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Approve the Intergovernmental Agreements for Seal Coating North and South Townships

Member Hiel moved with a second by Member Cox to approve the Intergovernmental Agreements for Seal Coating North and South Townships. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Discuss the Short Form Services Agreement with IMEG

The agreement with IMEG was discussed. IMEG would be on retainer for ordinance enforcement, the agreement is for one year.

Member Royer moved with a second by Member Raby to approve the Short Form Services Agreement with IMEG. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Bridge Inspections

Hance informed the Committee that bridge inspections have been completed.

Speaker from Wind Farm

Will Colback, with RWE discussed the Camp Creek wind project. There will be 45 turbines, construction is to start in the Spring of 2026 and should be complete in December of 2026. They will have 2 large cranes for the project, and the staging area will be at 700 N./1800 East Street, Table Grove. Colback informed the Committee that they will need a road use agreement.

Discuss Solar Farms

Hance informed the Committee that he has received a lot of calls regarding the Solar Ordinance. There are three new entrances that are needed for solar farms on Grant St, Walnut Grove Township, and on Route 41 close to the Bardolph junction. It was determined that Hance will be responsible for the entrances, and that all other questions regarding the Solar Ordinance will be directed to IMEG.

Miscellaneous Project Updates

None.

Work Report

Report given by Scott Hance.

Claims Review and Approval

Member Thompson 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

County Chair Blakeley informed the Committee that Board Member Dave Bartlett has resigned, previous Board Member Mike Kirby has agreed to fill the position, this will be voted on at the February full Board meeting. McDonough District Hospital has offered to give the Board Members a tour. The MDH Board will need another member.

Adjourn

Member Chapman moved with a second by Member Raby to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.