



**Ogle County Highway Department**  
**Road & Bridge Committee**  
Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2019

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Meeting called to order at 8:06 AM by Chairman Hopkins at the Ogle County Courthouse, Room 100.  
Members present: Stan Asp, Dorothy Bowers, Lloyd Droege, Rick Fritz and Lyle Hopkins.  
Others present: Jeremy Ciesiel, County Engineer
  
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Reviewed September 10<sup>th</sup> Road & Bridge Minutes.
    1. Motion to approve minutes by – Rick Fritz
    2. Motion seconded by – Dorothy Bowers
    3. Vote – All in favor
  
- III. Reviewed Bills and Payroll
  - A. Motion to approve Highway Dept bills, credit card and payrolls by – Dorothy Bowers
  - B. Motion seconded by – Lloyd Droege
  - C. Vote – All in favor
  
- IV. Received Bids
  - A. Big Mound Rd Structure Repair, Section 19-22107-01-BR
    1. Concurrence on low bid by Scott Township Road Commissioner.
    2. Motion to award low bid subject to no protests being filed by – Dorothy Bowers
    3. Motion seconded by – Rick Fritz
    4. Discussion: It was asked if there would be an insurance claim for the repair. The County Engineer responded that Scott Township is working with both their insurance carrier and that of the driver.
    5. Vote – All in favor
  
- V. Business & Communications
  - A. Unfinished Business
    1. Project Status Report (see attached)
    2. The County Engineer thanked the County Board members for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the Road & Bridge tour last week.

3. Illinois distributed the first Transportation Renewal Funds (TRF) in September. These are the funds produced by the additional Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) collected at the pumps beginning in July 2019. It will take several months of distributions to see exactly how our MFT allotments will increase. It is expected that they will increase by roughly 67%.
4. The County Engineer revised the highway budgets previously submitted to the committee to account for expenses related to a new time clock and new fiber optic cabling to the Highway Department. These revisions were forwarded on to the Finance Committee.
5. The Highway Department has hired a new employee to fill the opening created by the retirement of an employee back on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The new employee will begin on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

B. New Business

1. I.A.C.E. Legislative Committee – No update
2. I.A.C.E. Policy Committee – No update
3. Back in 2015 this office was contacted by an Ogle County resident regarding a drainage issue at the southeast corner of the BNSF railroad tracks and Center Rd. This office reached out to the BNSF and met with their representatives regarding the drainage issue. A blocked culvert under the tracks appeared to be the problem and the BNSF crew reportedly excavated along the north side of the tracks in an attempt to improve the drainage. However, this has not solved the problem, and it does not take much of a rain event to flood the parcel at this intersection. Multiple attempts by the property owner and this office to get additional action out of the BNSF have failed. While this area has a history of flooding, reports to this office regarding flooding have increased greatly since 2015. This coincides with the installation of storm sewer along Flagg Rd and Center Rd. To lower flood waters in the interest of public health, the county has brought over a pump after large rain events. The property owner has investigated outdoor yard sump pump. Recently the County Engineer received updated contact information for a different employee of the BNSF. It was discussed that the County Engineer will continue discussions with the BNSF regarding possible drainage improvements in this area. The intent is to determine the extent of the blockage of the culvert as well as acquire more topographic information for the area. In addition, the County Engineer will also gather more information from the property owner regarding his proposed yard sump pump.

4. One of the motor graders at the Highway Department is experiencing transmission issues. Two options were presented: 1) repair the existing transmission, or 2) replace the transmission. It was decided to replace the transmission assembly based on cost and warranty availability. County Engineer stated that there are funds in the current budget to cover the cost of the new transmission.
5. Next Meeting – **Tuesday, November 12, 2019, @ 8:00 AM,**  
Ogle County Courthouse, Room 100  
Lettings: No lettings

VI. Public Comment

- A. Rick Fritz was contacted by a resident with drainage questions along IL Route 64 in Kings. The County Engineer will get Rick contact information for IDOT.

- VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 A.M. by Chairman Hopkins.  
Minutes submitted by Jeremy A. Ciesiel, PE



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Project Status

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1. 2019 Structure Repairs – Various Roads (Contractor: Civil Constructors)
  - a. Repairs near complete. Some landscaping work remaining.
  - b. Work completed: \$171,522. Remaining work: \$10,000
2. Brush Rd / Bluff Rd Bridge Replacement (Contractor: Martin & Company Excavating)
  - a. Culvert project complete. Road open. Working on punchlist items..
  - b. Work completed: \$422,272. Remaining work: \$0
3. Montague Rd Gutter Relocations (Contractor: N-TRAK Group, LLC)
  - a. Project complete.
  - b. Work completed: \$193,265. Remaining work: \$0
4. Freeport Rd Overlay (Contractor: Martin & Company Excavating)
  - a. Project complete.
  - b. Work completed: ~\$618,000. Remaining work: \$0
5. Flagg Rd Microsurfacing (Contractor: A.C. Paving & Striping Co)
  - a. Project complete.
  - b. Work completed: \$179,725. Remaining work: \$0
6. County Seal Coat (Contractor: Civil Constructors, Inc.)
  - a. County seal coat is complete.
  - b. Work completed: \$417,879. Remaining work: ~\$0.
7. Township/Village Seal Coat (Contractors: Civil, Steffens 3D, Porter Bros & AC Paving)
  - a. Work is complete.
  - b. Work completed: ~\$1,000,000. Remaining work: \$0.
8. County Crack Sealing (Contractor: Complete Asphalt Service Company)
  - a. Project complete.
  - b. Work completed: \$110,971. Remaining work: \$0
9. Flagg Twp Paving (Section 19-06138-00-RS) (Contractor: Rock Roads Companies)
  - a. Paving is complete. Striping to be performed when weather cooperates.
  - b. Work completed: \$281,298. Remaining work: \$7,900.
10. Rockvale Twp Paving (Section 19-21130-00-RS) (Contractor: Martin & Co)
  - a. Project complete.
  - b. Work completed: \$163,167. Remaining work: \$0.
11. Rockvale Twp Paving (Section 19-21000-00-GM) (Contractor: Martin & Co)
  - a. Project complete.
  - b. Work completed: \$158,819. Remaining work: \$0.
12. Oregon-Nashua Twp & Rockvale Twp & City of Oregon Paving of Daysville Rd (Contractor: Martin & Co)
  - a. Project complete.
  - b. Work completed: \$173,531. Remaining work: \$0
13. County Striping (Contractor: Countryman, Inc.)
  - a. Project complete.
  - b. Work completed: \$49,899. Remaining work: \$0

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14. Bridge Deck Sealing (Contractor: M&M Concrete, Inc.)
  - a. Project complete.
  - b. Work completed: \$19,510. Remaining work: \$0.
15. Freeport Rd Pipe Culverts & Grading (Day Labor) – 3 culverts replaced. 2 culverts lined.
16. Kilbuck Rd (Day Labor)
  - a. County to replace cross-road culvert at IL Route 72 (plugged).
  - b. County to replace culverts and reshape ditch when weather permits.
17. County Patching (Day Labor)
18. City of Oregon (6<sup>th</sup> Street Resurfacing)
  - a. Project nearly complete. Some manhole work remaining.
  - b. Work completed: ~\$39,000. Remaining work: ~\$1,000
19. City of Oregon 5<sup>th</sup> St & Jefferson St Resurfacing, Sidewalk and Curb & Gutter
  - a. Preliminary design given to Willett, Hofmann & Associates for review and comment.
  - b. Split out 6<sup>th</sup> St and 7<sup>th</sup> St work for 2019 project. Remainder after jail project.
20. 2019/2020 Bridge Inspections
  - a. Inspections to take place Fall 2019.