

MINUTES OF A HIGHWAY COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON THE 30TH DECEMBER 2025

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF HANCOCK)

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by the Chair Dennis Castlebury.

Those present were Tom Rodgers, Mark Menn, Alex Blythe, Dennis Castlebury, Wayne Bollin. Ryan Weeks and Mark Hanson were absent.

Mr. Berry gave an engineer's report. He recommends approval of a resolution to construct a bridge in Fountain Green township with Federal and TBP funds. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the resolution, and it was seconded by Mr. Blythe. Mr. Menn asked about using other options for engineers and Mr. Berry said they would look into that for the future as this project had already begun. All present voted "aye," motion carried.

Discussion was had on security cameras on recycling area at the Highway Department. Mr. Berry has asked Mr. Dedey for recommendations and the concern is unauthorized dumping and obtaining evidence for prosecution. Mr. Bollin made a motion for one wired camera that could be added as time goes on, it was seconded by Mr. Blythe. All those present voted "aye," motion carried.

The La Harpe Creek bridge on the Fountain Green Road will require a Phase 1 and Phase 2 engineering agreement to be continued. These projects typically have combined agreements for Phase 1 and Phase 2, but this bridge might have been rehabilitated instead of replaced. Pricing was too uncertain at first, so the initial agreement only covered Phase 1. Klingler and Associates have completed the Phase 1 engineering, and they will undoubtedly be the most economical choice for Phase 2 work. Any other firm will have to reproduce much of their field work to complete the design and furnish a set of plans and specifications. Mr. Berry is happy with Klingler on the Connable with the exception of the dirt work. The consensus was to continue with Klingler.

Mr. Berry stated there are 10 Townships that have turned in Half-Aid Culvert petitions. Costs are pending and Mr. Bollin asked about the range. Mr. Berry stated \$15,000 to \$50,000. He will have an update next month.

Mr. Berry brought up a concern about coordinates in relationship to JULIE locate maps. Mr. Bollin agrees he has experienced this. Mr. Berry asked a board member to sit down with WIU GIS, 911, the Walker Township commissioner and 811 to address this issue. Mr. Blythe volunteered.

Mr. Berry provided an informational sheet to clarify overtime. There was discussion on adding another employee versus paying overtime. Mr. Berry wants to ensure good equipment and well-trained

employees. He hired 3 township road commissioners for road and chip to save money. Mr. Blythe asked about the rural reference signs.

Mr. Menn brought to Mr. Berry's attention the Warsaw Road where 900 meets up with Francis Sartory Road and that he has been contacted about it coming apart. Mr. Berry will drive it.

Claims were gone over, Mr. Rodgers made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Blythe. All present voted "aye," motion carried.

Mr. Berry updated the committee on the employee being rear ended plowing snow. They will need a new spreader which is around \$9,000 from Knapheide and that the truck also has damage. No one was hurt.

Mr. Bollin asked if there was any report from the State's Attorney on the letter to Klingler.

Mr. Bollin made a motion to recess at 9:48 a.m. and it was seconded by Mr. Rodgers until January 29, 2026, all present voted "aye," motion carried.

Respectfully,

Dennis Castlebury