



**Ogle County Highway Department**  
**Road & Bridge Committee**  
November 2021 Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2021

- I. Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman Hopkins at the Ogle County Courthouse, Room 100.  
Members present (in-person): Stan Asp, Dorothy Bowers, Lyle Hopkins, Bruce McKinney and Dave Williams.  
Members present (over Zoom Conference): Rick Fritz & Lloyd Droege  
Members absent: None.  
Others present: Jeremy Ciesiel (County Engineer) & Patricia Nordman
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Reviewed October 12, 2021 Road & Bridge Minutes.
    1. Motion to approve minutes by – McKinney
    2. Motion seconded by – Williams
    3. Vote - Aye: Asp, Bowers, Droege, Fritz, McKinney, Williams & Hopkins.  
Nay: None.
- III. Reviewed Bills and Payroll
  - A. Motion to approve Highway Dept bills and payrolls by – Bowers
  - B. Motion seconded by – McKinney
  - C. Vote – Aye: Asp, Bowers, Droege, Fritz, McKinney, Williams & Hopkins.  
Nay: None.
- IV. Received Bids
  - A. None this month.
- V. Petitions and Resolutions
  - A. Engineering Services Agreement with Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. to perform Bridge Permit Analysis for County Bridges, Section 21-00340-00-ES.
    1. Motion to approve by – Bowers
    2. Motion seconded by – Williams
    3. Vote – Aye: Asp, Bowers, Droege, Fritz, McKinney, Williams & Hopkins.  
Nay: None.
- VI. Business & Communications
  - A. Unfinished Business
    1. COVID-19 Update: One employee tested positive since last meeting and was quarantined. Employee has returned to work and no other employees have symptoms or tested positive.
    2. Project Status Report (see attached).

3. Milledgeville Road Trees – The Highway Department will remove the trees from within the Milledgeville Rd right of way at the southwest corner of the intersection with Wilson Mill Rd in November. While on site we will look at the oak tree to the west and trim if deemed necessary.
4. Pecatonica Rd Culvert Replacement: The design work for the replacement box culvert between Myrtle Rd and Water Rd is on schedule for a Spring 2022 letting. Preliminary design results indicate that the structure will need to be upsized slightly. Currently we are looking at changing from a double barrel 12' x 9' culvert to a triple barrel 9' x 9' box culvert. In November, county personnel will be performing tree trimming and removal in the vicinity of the culvert in preparation of next year's construction project.
5. Flagg–Center Railroad Drainage Issues: Committee-member Droege had asked about the status of the BNSF culvert in Flagg Center. The County Engineer reached out to BNSF and visited the site. The BNSF used a vac truck to clean out the existing 10-inch pipe and they said they saw no damage. The County Engineer visited the site and the pipe is mostly clean; however, there is a dislocated joint in the tile that can let material fall into the pipe. Also, the existing pipe is small, has low capacity and is prone to clogging. The County Engineer passed all of this information along to the BNSF representative.
6. Equipment Sale: The Highway Department completed the sales of used equipment in 2021. In all, the Highway Department collected \$35,156 from the equipment sales. Equipment sold included a 2002 Badger Excavator, 2009 Tandem Axle Dump Truck and a 1968 Water Tanker.
7. Pines Rd/Lowell Park Rd Engineering Study: We are in the process of performing the engineering study at the intersection of Lowell Park Rd and Pines Rd. Traffic counts should be completed this week.
8. Lake Mistake FEMA Grant Submittal – IEMA approved our pre-application and has directed us to submit a formal application to FEMA for the engineering study.

B. New Business

1. I.A.C.E. Legislative Committee – Provided information on the recently passed federal bill: Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act. For Illinois, the bill increases Federal Highway Funding by 50% from \$7.5 billion to \$11.3 billion. There are also additional competitive grant funds available.
2. I.A.C.E. Policy Committee – No Update.
3. Lowell Park Rd Culvert Replacement: The Request for Qualifications for the preliminary engineering on the Lowell Park Rd culvert replacement project will be going out before the end of the month.
4. Adeline Tree: A resident in Adeline expressed his concern regarding a tree overhanging his house on Adeline Rd (Main St). We investigated and the tree is healthy, but there are larger branches overhanging the house. We normally do not cut down healthy trees, but it will need to come down at some point.

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Unfortunately, it is too close to the house for us to cut down with our own personnel, so we will need to hire this out.

5. Annual Christmas Luncheon: The Highway Department is planning to once again hold a Christmas luncheon for highway department employees, retirees and road & bridge committee members. This will take place sometime between December 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Invitations will go out once a date is determined.
6. Next Meeting – **Tuesday, December 14, 2021, @ 8:00 AM,**  
Lettings: None

VII. Public Comment: None

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 A.M. by Chairman Hopkins.  
Minutes submitted by Jeremy A. Ciesiel, PE



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1. 2020/21 Structure Repairs – Various Roads (19-00323-01-BR) (Contr: Martin & Co)
  - a. Lowell Park Rd & Mt. Morris Rd bridges complete.
  - b. Work complete: \$131,214. Remaining work: \$0.
2. Maple Grove Rd Culvert Replacement (Section 19-16120-00-BR) (Contr: Martin & Co)
  - a. New structure is in place. Need to backfill and perform road work.
  - b. Work completed: \$258,762. Remaining work: \$0.
3. Kennedy Hill Rd Gutter Improvement (Section 21-00338-00-CG) (Contr: Stenstrom Exc.)
  - a. Work to take place fall 2021.
  - b. Work completed: \$130,598. Remaining work: \$0.
4. Flagg Rd Culvert Structural Upgrade (Section 20-00335-00-BR) (Contr: Martin & Co)
  - a. Project complete.
  - b. Work completed: \$105,650. Remaining work: \$0.
5. Meridian Rd Culvert Extensions (Section 20-00336-00-BR) (Contr: O'Brien Civil Works)
  - a. Project complete. A utility conflict required force account work to resolve the issue that resulted in a 6% increase.
  - b. Work completed: \$27,628. Remaining work: \$0.
6. Meridian Rd Overlay (Section 17-00317-00-RS) (Contr: William Charles Construction)
  - a. Project is complete.
  - b. Work completed: \$949,615. Remaining work: \$0.
7. Flagg Rd Overlay (Section 20-00329-00-RS) (Contr: Martin & Co)
  - a. Paving began the week of August 29<sup>th</sup>. Mainline paving should be complete the week of September 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Work completed: \$522,750. Remaining work: \$0.
8. Highway Department Salt Shed Paving (Contr: Martin & Company Excavating)
  - a. Work complete.
  - b. Work completed: \$50,874. Remaining work: \$0.
9. County Seal Coat (Section 21-00000-02-GM) (Contr: Steffens 3-D Construction)
  - a. Seal coat placement complete. Some sweeping remaining.
  - b. Work completed: \$434,673. Remaining work: \$0.
10. Twp/Village Seal Coat (Section 21-XX000-00-GM) (Contr: Steffens/Civil/AC Pavement)
  - a. All seal coat placement by Civil Constructors, Steffens 3D and A.C. Pavement Striping is complete. Some sweeping remains.
  - b. Steffens work completed: \$796,923. Remaining work: \$0.
  - c. Civil work completed: \$747,450. Remaining work: \$0.
  - d. A.C. Pavement Striping work completed: \$54,672. Remaining work: \$0.
11. County Crack Sealing (Sec 21-00000-04-GM) (Contr: Denler, Inc.)
  - a. Work completed on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Due to additional pavement distress noted in Spring, approximately 15% to the project.
  - b. Work Completed: \$112,544. Remaining work: \$0

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12. Flagg Twp Paving – Deer Creek Estates (Section 21-06000-01-GM) (Contr: Martin & Co)
  - a. Paving complete.
  - b. Work completed: \$60,735. Remaining work: \$0.
13. Rockvale Twp Paving – Town Hall Rd & Silver Creek Rd (Section 21-21000-00-GM)
  - a. Contractor: Martin & Company Excavating.
  - b. Paving complete.
  - c. Work completed: \$434,298. Remaining work: \$0.
14. Oregon-Nashua Twp Paving – Oregon Trail Rd (Section 21-26000-00-GM)
  - a. Contractor: Martin & Company Excavating.
  - b. Contracts executed. Paving to be completed in September.
  - c. Work completed: ~\$26,300. Remaining work: \$61,284.
15. Leaf River Twp Paving – Mt. Morris Rd (Section 21-10122-00-FP)
  - a. Contractor: Helm Civil
  - b. Paving complete.
  - c. Work completed: \$43,240. Remaining work: \$0.
16. Flagg Twp Microsurfacing – Skare Rd (Section 21-06000-02-GM) (Contr: Struck & Irwin)
  - a. Project complete.
  - b. Work completed: \$54,106. Remaining work: \$0.
17. County Striping (Contractor: America’s Parking Remarketing)
  - a. Work to take place in September. Paint has been delivered.
  - b. Work completed: \$50,761. Remaining work: \$0
18. Various County Pipe Culverts & Grading (Day Labor) – (Supplier: Metal Culverts)
  - a. Pipe letting in February 2021.
  - b. Pipe Delivered: \$33,550. Remaining: \$0.
19. Union Road Milling – Contractor: Martin & Company Excavating
  - a. Profile milling of Union Rd from IL Route 64 to Haldane Rd.
  - b. Work completed: 11,100. Remaining: \$0.
20. County Patching (Day Labor)
21. 2021/2022 Bridge Inspections
  - a. Inspections currently being performed.

Total work under contract: \$5,098,727

Total contracted work completed: \$5,037,443 (~99%)

Remaining 2021 contracted work: \$96,235 (~1%)