



**Ogle County Highway Department**  
**Road & Bridge Committee**  
July 2023 Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2023

- I. Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman Hopkins at the Ogle County Courthouse, Room 100.  
Members present: Stan Asp, Rick Fritz, Austin Gillis, Skip Kenney, Ryan Reeverts, Dave Williams and Lyle Hopkins.  
Members absent: None  
Others present: John Finfrock & Lloyd Droege
  
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Reviewed June 13, 2023 Road & Bridge Minutes.
    1. Motion to approve minutes by – Kenney
    2. Motion seconded by – Gillis
    3. Discussion: None
    4. Vote – All in favor
  
- III. Reviewed Bills and Payroll
  - A. Motion to approve Highway Dept bills and payrolls by – Williams
  - B. Motion seconded by – Asp
  - C. Discussion: The \$3,684 Business Card charge was for tarp systems for the new trucks.
  - D. Vote – All in favor
  
- IV. Received Bids (Bids Received Monday, July 10, 2023)
  - A. Purchase of a Dump Body, Hydraulic System, Push Frame, Wing Plow and Spreader for a tandem axle dump truck.
    1. The County Engineer reviewed the submitted bids. The low bid had one exception, but it was deemed acceptable. The low bidder also had the earliest delivery date. The County Engineer recommended award to the low bidder.
    2. Motion to award low bid submitted by TriState Truck & Equipment in Dubuque, IA by - Fritz
    3. Motion seconded by – Reeverts
    4. Discussion:
    5. Vote – All in favor
  
- V. Petitions and Resolutions
  - A. Preliminary Engineering Agreement with IMEG for the Phase I and Phase II Preliminary Engineering for the replacement of the Lowell Park Rd Culvert and improvements to the Lowell Park Rd/Penn Corner Rd Intersection, Section 23-00347-00-BR
    1. Motion to approve by – Kenney
    2. Motion seconded by – Williams

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3. Discussion: Project consists of the replacement of a box culvert on Lowell Park Rd south of Penn Corner Rd, intersection improvements at Penn Corner Rd including sight distance improvements to the south of the intersection and associated drainage improvements. Estimate construction in 2025.
  4. Vote – All in favor
- B. Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Chastain & Associates, LLC for the Phase I and Phase II Preliminary Engineering for the replacement of the Skare Rd Culvert in Flagg Township, Section 23-06144-00-BR
1. Motion to approve by – Williams
  2. Motion seconded by – Kenney
  3. Discussion: This is a Flagg Twp project that consists of the replacement of a box culvert on Skare Rd south of Fowler Rd. May be constructed 2024, but likely 2025.
  4. Vote – All in favor
- C. Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. for the Phase I Preliminary Engineering for the replacement or rehabilitation of the Mill Rd Bridge in Byron Twp, Section 23-03121-00-BR
1. Motion to approve by – Williams
  2. Motion seconded by – Kenney
  3. Discussion: This is a Byron Twp project that consists of the replacement or rehabilitation of a bridge on Mill Rd west of Byron, IL. It is necessary to complete the Phase I Engineering in order to determine if rehabilitation is possible. A separate Phase II Engineering agreement will be issued following the completion of Phase I. Construction depends on environmental clearances.
  4. Vote – All in favor
- D. Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. for the Phase I Preliminary Engineering for the replacement or rehabilitation of the Big Mound Rd Bridge in Scott Twp, Section 23-22124-00-BR
1. Motion to approve by – Asp
  2. Motion seconded by – Fritz
  3. Discussion: This is a Scott Twp project that consists of the replacement or rehabilitation of a bridge on Big Mound Rd east of Meridian Rd. It is necessary to complete the Phase I Engineering in order to determine if rehabilitation is possible. A separate Phase II Engineering agreement will be issued following the completion of Phase I. Construction depends on environmental clearances.
  4. Vote – All in favor
- E. Preliminary Engineering Agreement with Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. for the Phase I Preliminary Engineering for the replacement or rehabilitation of the Razorville Rd Bridge in Rockvale Twp, Section 23-21133-00-BR
1. Motion to approve by – Reeverts
  2. Motion seconded by – Fritz

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3. Discussion: This is a Rockvale Twp project that consists of the replacement or rehabilitation of the load posted bridge on Razorville Rd between Pleasant Grove Rd and Spring Creek Rd. It is necessary to complete the Phase I Engineering in order to determine if rehabilitation is possible. A separate Phase II Engineering agreement will be issued following the completion of Phase I. Construction in 2025 or sooner.
4. Vote – All in favor

VI. Business & Communications

A. Unfinished Business

1. Mt Morris Twp Section 19-16120-00-BR (Maple Grove Rd Culvert) – County Engineer is working with Mt. Morris Twp and IDOT to alter the Township Bridge Program (TBP) funding on this project from the previously set up 50/50, to the traditional 80/20. If accomplished, this will save both Mt. Morris Twp and Ogle County ~\$50,000. This is possible due to the increase in TBP funds discussed at last month's meeting. The consensus of the committee was for the County Engineer to continue with the adjustment process.
2. Project Status Report (see attached).

B. New Business

1. I.A.C.E. Committees – No update since last meeting
2. Next Meeting – **Tuesday, August 8, 2023, @ 8:00 AM,**  
Lettings: None currently scheduled.

VII. Public Comment:

- A. John Finfrook mentioned that the Historical Society is looking for people from each township to write about the history of their area since 1976 so as to update the history contained within the book, Bicentennial History of Ogle County. If interested, or for more information, contact Kris Gilbert in the GIS office.
- B. Lloyd Droege expressed his satisfaction with the new paving on Center Rd and Bethel Rd.
- C. Lyle Hopkins commented that the new rumble strips on Lowell Park Rd are not so bad. Not as loud as others in the county.
- D. Skip Kenney asked if the LED stop signs were also in place. County Engineer confirmed that the LED signs were up, rumble strips in place, but we still have to finish the associated pavement striping.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 A.M. by Chairman Hopkins.  
Minutes prepared by Jeremy A. Ciesiel, PE



## Ogle County Highway Department Road & Bridge Committee Project Status

### July 2023 Update

1. Lowell Park Rd Culvert Extensions (Section 21-00339-00-BR) (Contr: Martin & Co.)
  - a. Project complete. 2022 project carried into 2023.
  - b. Work completed: \$409,862. Remaining work: \$0.
2. Milledgeville Rd Bridge Replacement (Section 20-00326-00-BR) (Contr: Sjostrom)
  - a. Piles in place at both abutments and one pier. Poured both abutment caps & west pier. Working on piles at east pier.
  - b. Work completed: ~\$831,361. Remaining work: ~\$2,162,238
3. Leaf River Rd Bridge Replacement (Section 20-00327-00-BR) (Contr: Martin & Co.)
  - a. South abutment cap poured. Test piles driven at piers and north abutment.
  - b. Work completed: \$190,580. Remaining work: \$1,438,438.
4. Lowell Park Rd Overlay (Section 20-00330-00-RS) (Contr: Helm Civil)
  - a. Paving is complete and shoulder stone in place. Waiting for striping.
  - b. Work completed: ~\$895,982. Remaining work: ~\$44,949.
5. Eagle Point Rd Culvert Expansion (Section 22-00345-00-BR) (Contr: Martin & Co.)
  - a. Plan to start in mid-July.
  - b. Work completed: \$0. Remaining work: \$356,062.
6. Stillman Rd Culvert Replacement (Section 22-00346-00-BR) (Contr: Martin & Co.)
  - a. Working on construction schedule.
  - b. Work completed: \$0. Remaining work: \$109,397.
7. Center Rd & Bethel Rd Overlay (Section 23-00000-04-GM) (Contr: Rock Road Co.)
  - a. Paving is complete. Need to finish shoulder stone, then stripe.
  - b. Work completed: ~\$534,267. Remaining work: ~\$29,679.
8. County Seal Coat (Section 23-00000-02-GM) (Contr: Helm Civil)
  - a. Pines Rd is complete. Remaining work to be completed in a few weeks.
  - b. Work completed: ~\$174,478. Remaining work: ~\$408,483.
9. Township/Village Seal Coat (Section 23-XX000-00-GM) (Contr: Helm Civil)
  - a. Have worked in Buffalo Twp, Byron Twp, Eagle Point Twp, Forreston Twp, Grand Detour Twp, Leaf River Twp, Lincoln Twp, Mt. Morris Twp, Pine Creek Twp and Village of Mt Morris. Will resume work in a couple weeks.
  - b. Work completed: \$620,441. Remaining work: \$892,672.
10. Flagg Twp Paving – Westwood Sub. (Section 23-06143-00-RS) (Contr: Martin & Co.)
  - a. Paving is complete.
  - b. Work completed: ~\$208,221. Remaining work: \$0
11. Marion Twp Paving – Wildwood Rd (Section 23-13116-00-RS) (Contr: Martin & Co.)
  - a. Working on construction schedule.
  - b. Work completed: \$0. Remaining work: \$319,018
12. Rockvale Twp Paving – Mongan/Etnyre Sub (Sec 23-21000-00-GM) (Contr: Martin)
  - a. Working on construction schedule.
  - b. Work completed: \$0. Remaining work: \$292,350.
13. Oregon-Nashua Twp Paving East Daysville–(Sec 22-26131-00-FP) (Contr: Martin & Co.)
  - a. Earthwork and widening is complete. Paving to take place in September.
  - b. Work completed: ~\$76,000. Remaining work: \$221,835

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14. County Striping (Contractor: Countryman, Inc.)
  - a. Work completed: \$0. Work remaining: \$55,594.
15. Crack Sealing (Day Labor) – Crack sealing under way.
16. Various County Pipe Culverts & Grading (Day Labor)
17. County Patching (Day Labor)
18. Courthouse Parking Lot Expansion
  - a. Contracts being executed.
  - b. Work completed: \$0. Remaining work: 56,462

Total work under contract: \$10,331,369

Total contracted work completed: \$3,941,192 (includes 2022 project rollover)

Remaining contracted work: \$6,390,177