



Ogle County Highway Department
Road & Bridge Committee
November 2023 Meeting Minutes

November 14, 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 & Jeremy Ciesiel (County Engineer)
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Reviewed October 10, 2023 Road & Bridge Minutes.
 1. Motion to approve minutes by –Williams
 2. Motion seconded by – Gillis
 3. Discussion: None
 4. Vote – All in favor
- III. Reviewed Bills and Payroll
 - A. Reviewed Bills and Payroll.
 1. Motion to approve Highway Dept bills and payrolls by – Kenney
 2. Motion seconded by – Reeverts
 3. Discussion: Bills included the purchase of a motor grader.
 4. Vote – All in favor
- IV. Received Bids
 - A. None this month.
- V. Petitions and Resolutions
 - A. None this month.
- VI. Business & Communications
 - A. Unfinished Business
 1. Project Status Report (see attached).
 2. Employment Search Update:
 - a. Engineering Technician – MIT job fair went well. Still need to contact other area schools.
 3. Road & Bridge Tour Discussion: Targeting the weeks of November 27th or December 4th. County Engineer will reach out to LOTS for help with transportation.
 4. Nicor Pipeline – Construction is complete for the year. Received pavement inspection report last week. Need to review roadways prior to closing out project. Nicor is currently planning to continue the project through Scott Township and Monroe Township next year.
 5. Lowell Park Rd and Pines Rd Intersection – Have not received complaints about the

rumble strips. While there have been no severe accidents, there was an accident in September that involved a southbound vehicle failing to yield to a westbound vehicle that resulted in minor injuries.

B. New Business

1. IACE Policy Committee Update:

- a. IDOT stated that Build America, Buy America guidance is coming. This has been in place for steel and iron for years, but will be expanded to other construction materials such as glass and lumber. There will be a waiver system in place for small quantities or sole source products.
- b. IDOT has put together a Long Range Transportation Plan survey called Move Illinois Survey. They are asking for input regarding the transportation systems in Illinois. They would like to know about your transportation experiences, challenges and insights to help formulate their long range plan. The survey can be found at <https://form.jotform.com/mplshdrpi/idot-lrtp-survey-1>.
- c. IDOT stated that there are some concerns in Springfield that the Rebuild Illinois (RBI) capital bill money is not being spent by local agencies. The funding source has a deadline of July 1, 2025 to spend the funds. However, based on the initial results of a recent investigation there does not appear to be such a wide-spread issue. In many cases it is just a paperwork issue or delays in environmental reviews for projects. In Ogle County, all 24 townships have expended their RBI funds totaling \$3,122,095.20. Upon the completion of the bridges on Leaf River Rd and Milledgeville Rd, Ogle County will have expended the \$2,154,945.00 allotted to the County. For reference purposes, the Ogle County projects constructed with RBI funds include the paving of Meridian Rd, Flagg Rd and Sterling Rd as well as the structures on Pecatonica Rd, Leaf River Rd and Milledgeville Rd.

2. IDOT Detour Routes

- a. IDOT has reached out regarding the potential use of county highways as detour routes for two upcoming IDOT projects. These projects include:
 - i. Mud Creek Rd east of Mt. Morris. This would be an approximately 3-week long detour while they work on a culvert on IL Route 64 east of Mt. Morris. Based on preliminary talk, this project would take in 2025 or 2026. Per IDOT, the Village of Mt. Morris had no objections to the use of Hitt Street as part of the detour.
 - ii. Kishwaukee Rd when IDOT reconstructs IL Route 2 from Byron to Rockford. There is still no timeline in place for when construction will begin. County Engineer is in favor of the reconstruction of the Kishwaukee Rd/Meridian Rd intersection ahead of the use as a detour.

3. Annual Christmas Luncheon: The Highway Department is planning to hold a Christmas luncheon for highway department employees, retirees and Road & Bridge Committee members. This will likely take place sometime between December 18th and 21st. Invitations will go out once a date is determined.

4. Next Meeting – **Monday, December 12, 2023, @ 8:00 AM,**
Lettings: None

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VII. Public Comment:

- A. Lyle Hopkins mentioned potholes at the intersection of Route 52 and Freeport Rd. County Engineer will look at the intersection to determine if the potholes fall within county jurisdiction or IDOT jurisdiction.
- B. Skip Kenney shared his experience with pavement striping equipment on state routes. The IDOT maintenance crew is not utilizing cones and it is hard to know what is going on due to the amount of traffic backed up. He warned those present of the hazard and cost resulting from driving through the wet paint. The County Engineer mentioned the IDOT Claims Procedure on IDOT's website.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 A.M. by Chairman Hopkins.
Minutes submitted by Jeremy A. Ciesiel, PE



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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. All concrete work complete. Still working on roadway improvements.
 - b. Work completed: ~\$2,625,589. Remaining work: ~\$375,000
3. Leaf River Rd Bridge Replacement (Section 20-00327-00-BR) (Contr: Martin & Co.)
 - a. Bridge is open. Need to complete slope wall and rip rap plus landscaping.
 - b. Work completed: ~\$1,451,000. Remaining work: ~\$178,000.
4. Lowell Park Rd Overlay (Section 20-00330-00-RS) (Contr: Helm Civil)
 - a. Project complete.
 - b. Work completed: \$929,474. Remaining work: \$0.
5. Eagle Point Rd Culvert Expansion (Section 22-00345-00-BR) (Contr: Martin & Co.)
 - a. Project complete.
 - b. Work completed: \$339,687. Remaining work: \$0.
6. Stillman Rd Culvert Replacement (Section 22-00346-00-BR) (Contr: Martin & Co.)
 - a. Work will begin soon.
 - b. Work completed: \$0. Remaining work: \$109,397.
7. Center Rd & Bethel Rd Overlay (Section 23-00000-04-GM) (Contr: Rock Road Co.)
 - a. Project is complete.
 - b. Work completed: \$556,233. Remaining work: \$0.
8. County Seal Coat (Section 23-00000-02-GM) (Contr: Helm Civil)
 - a. County seal coat application is complete.
 - b. Work completed: \$612,604. Remaining work: \$0.
9. Township/Village Seal Coat (Section 23-XX000-00-GM) (Contr: Helm Civil)
 - a. Seal coat is complete.
 - b. Work completed: \$1,594,699. Remaining work: \$0.
10. Flagg Twp Paving – Westwood Sub. (Section 23-06143-00-RS) (Contr: Martin & Co)
 - a. Paving is complete.
 - b. Work completed: \$198,512. Remaining work: \$0
11. Marion Twp Paving – Wildwood Rd (Section 23-13116-00-RS) (Contr: Martin & Co)
 - a. Project is complete.
 - b. Work completed: \$308,404. Remaining work: \$0.
12. Rockvale Twp Paving – Mongan/Etnyre Sub (Sec 23-21000-00-GM) (Contr: Martin)
 - a. Project is complete.
 - b. Work completed: \$274,708. Remaining work: \$0.
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 October.
 - b. Work completed: ~\$76,000. Remaining work: \$221,835
14. County Striping (Contractor: Countryman, Inc.)
 - a. Project complete.
 - b. Work completed: \$53,907. Work remaining: \$0.
15. Crack Sealing (Day Labor) – Crack sealing under way.

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- 16. Various County Pipe Culverts & Grading (Day Labor)
- 17. County Patching (Day Labor)
- 18. Courthouse Parking Lot Expansion
 - a. Project complete.
 - b. Work completed: \$57,540. Remaining work: \$0

Total work under contract: \$10,372,451
Total contracted work completed: \$9,488,219 (91%)
Remaining contracted work: \$884,232 (9%)