



**Ogle County Highway Department**  
**Road & Bridge Committee**  
January 2024 Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2024

- I. Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman Hopkins at the Ogle County Courthouse, Room 100.  
Members present: Rick Fritz, Austin Gillis (8:12), Skip Kenney, Ryan Reeverts, Dave Williams and Lyle Hopkins.  
Members absent: Stan Asp  
Others present: Jeremy Ciesiel & John Finrock  
Note: Meeting delayed 2 days due to winter storm that resulted in the closure of county facilities.
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Reviewed December 12, 2023 Road & Bridge Minutes.
    1. Motion to approve minutes by – Fritz
    2. Motion seconded by – Reeverts
    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 – Williams
    3. Discussion: None
    4. Vote – All in favor
- IV. Received Bids
  - A. None this month.
- V. Petitions and Resolutions
  - A. Resolution for County Road Construction, Baileyville Rd & Montague Rd paving, Section 20-00331-00-RS
    1. Motion to approve by – Williams
    2. Motion seconded by – Reeverts
    3. Discussion: This resolution appropriates \$248,000 from the Federal Aid Matching fund to serve as the local match for the federal funds Ogle County will receive for the project. It also authorizes the county board chair to execute the final Joint Funding Agreement once received. A draft version of the agreement is attached to the resolution.
    4. Vote – All in favor

VI. Business & Communications

A. Unfinished Business

1. Tandem Axle Dump Truck Update: Highway Department has been operating this winter short one truck while waiting for a new truck to be completed. This was the result of one of the trucks being deemed a total loss in the accident that occurred at the end of last year's winter season. Tristate is estimating that the truck will be ready in the next week or two. Thus far, we have been able to use motor graders and ton trucks to fill the void; however, this is not as efficient.

B. New Business

1. 2024 Project Status Report (see attached).
2. Illinois Association of County Engineers (IACE)
  - a. Federal funding levels were not reduced as feared.
  - b. IDOT: Region 2 Engineer Masood Ahmad has retired. No mention of replacement.
  - c. Bicycles: Illinois Supreme Court reaffirmed the 1998 decision that bicycles are permitted users of roads, not intended users, unless there are formal marked bike lanes.
3. Next Meeting – **Tuesday, February 13, 2024, @ 8:00 AM**  
- Bid Letting scheduled for Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Highway Department.

VII. Public Comment:

1. John Finfrock thanked the highway department personnel on behalf of the residents of Ogle County for the way we responded to the winter storm on 1/9/2024. Rick Fritz agreed and added that complaints on social media were more prevalent for areas outside Ogle County.
2. Ryan Reeverts inquired about mailbox damage. While the highway department has received calls about damage, most appear to be from the heavy snow hitting mailboxes, not direct impacts by our equipment. Callers have been informed of our policy that if the damage is the result of thrown snow, the residents are responsible for repair.
3. Skip Kenney asked about traffic barrier tests and what speeds they are designed for. The County Engineer was not sure regarding the speed, but responded that the devices are designed to absorb the energy if impacted head on or to deflect traffic in the case of glancing blows.
4. Dave Williams asked if there was a law that required municipalities to maintain the roads within their municipal boundary. While there is a law regarding the automatic transfer of jurisdiction of township roadways to municipalities at the time of annexation, transfers of county roadways would require a jurisdictional transfer to be agreed upon by both the municipality and the county. Maintenance agreements are also a possibility instead of full jurisdictional transfers.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 A.M. by Chairman Hopkins.

Minutes submitted by Jeremy A. Ciesiel, PE



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

### January 2024 Update

1. Church Road Pulverization (Section 24-00000-00-GM) (Contr: TBD)
  - a. Working on design.
  - b. Currently scheduled for February 9, 2024 letting.
2. Baileyville Rd & Montague Rd Overlay (Section 20-00331-00-RS) (Contr: TBD)
  - a. On State letting to be held on March 8, 2024.
3. County Seal Coat (Section 24-00000-02-GM) (Contr: TBD)
  - a. Working on design.
  - b. Currently scheduled for April 5, 2024 letting.
4. Township/Village Seal Coat (Section 24-XX000-00-GM) (Contr: Helm Civil)
  - a. Working on design.
  - b. Currently scheduled for April 5, 2024 letting.
5. Flagg Twp Paving (Contr: TBD)
  - a. Working on design.
  - b. Currently scheduled for April 5, 2024 letting.
6. Rockvale Twp Paving (Contr: TBD)
  - a. Working on design.
  - b. Currently scheduled for April 5, 2024 letting.
7. Oregon-Nashua Twp Paving (Contr: TBD)
  - a. Working on design.
  - b. Currently scheduled for April 5, 2024 letting.
8. County Striping (Contractor: Countryman, Inc.)
  - a. Working on design.
  - b. Currently scheduled for March 8, 2024 letting.
9. Razorville Rd Bridge Rehabilitation – Rockvale Township (Section 23-21133-00-BR)
  - a. Working on design.
  - b. Hoping for a 2024 letting date. Dependent on IDOT approval.
10. Crack Sealing (Day Labor) – Crack sealing under way.
11. Various County Pipe Culverts & Grading (Day Labor)
12. County Patching (Day Labor)

Total work under contract: \$0

Total contracted work completed: \$0

Remaining contracted work: \$0