

**JERSEY COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

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**MINUTES**

January 7, 2025

The Jersey County Road and Bridge Committee Meeting was held on January 7, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. located at the Jersey County Highway Department Building, 722 State Highway 16, Jerseyville, IL.

**Road and Bridge Committee Members**

Edward E. Koenig Dave Crone  
Ben Heitzig Sheila Beers  
Marty Ward

**Highway Department Support Staff Present:**

Tom Klasner, County Engineer

**Others Present:**

Kenny Grizzle and County Board Chairman Gary Krueger

**Call to Order:**

January 7, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. the Road and Bridge Committee Meeting was called to order by Dave Crone. Present is myself Dave Crone, Ben Heitzig, Marty Ward and Tom Klasner, County Engineer. Ed Koenig and Sheila Beers were absent. At this point Dave Crone turned the meeting over to Tom Klasner.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Ben Heitzig made a motion to approve the minutes from November 27, 2024 seconded by Marty Ward.  
Motion Carried 3-0.

**Approval of the Bills:**

Ben Heitzig made a motion to accept the bills for a total of \$153,618.92 for December 2024, seconded by Dave Crone.  
Motion Carried 3-0.

County Highway	\$78,969.80
Federal Aid	\$2,500.00
Construction of Bridge	\$39,812.46
E.P.C.F.	\$8,888.77
County M.F.T.	\$19,600.34
Township M.F.T.	\$3,847.55
Township Bridge Fund	-0-

**Public Comments**

Mr. Kenny Grizzle spoke on behalf of Tom Groppe about the condition of Fieldon Hollow Road from Meadow Branch Road to Nursery Lane and Nursery Lane after the most recent snow storm. He indicated that it was not plowed yesterday around 11:00 am. He had to go and help Tom Groppe feed his cows. Kenny Grizzle indicated that he got stuck in the 8-12” snow that area received. Kenny Grizzle asked who is responsible for those roads. Tom Klasner said that Fieldon Hollow Road is the responsibility of the County. Meadow Branch Road and Nursery Lane are the responsibility of Rosedale Township.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business:**

On the agenda are two (2) Petition for Aid. One is from Piasa Township on East Barlett Road to make improvements to a low water crossing. The existing crossing is rock. The new crossing would be concrete. The estimated cost for these improvements would be \$100,000.00 to be split evenly between the county and Piasa Township. The last one is from Richwood Township on Lone Star Road to make improvements to a low water crossing. The existing crossing is concrete. It will be replaced with a new concrete crossing and widened at the same time. The estimated cost for these improvements would be \$45,000.00 to be split evenly between the county and Richwood Township. Motion made by Dave Crone and seconded by Ben Heitzig to accept the Petition for Aid for Piasa Township (East Bartlett Road) and Richwood Township (Lone Star Road) as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The next item on the agenda is a Preliminary Engineering Agreement Supplemental #1 with Volkert, Inc. to replace a bridge on Palomino Drive in Mississippi Township, Section 21-05119-00-BR. This supplemental agreement in the amount of \$6,996.00 is required for additional coordination with IDNR for a permit, additional plan detailing for work along Creek Drive and additional plan detailing for work on the roadside ditches. Motion made by Ben Heitzig and seconded by Marty Ward to accept the Preliminary Engineering Agreement Supplemental #1 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Last item on the agenda is a County Maintenance Resolution to Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds for materials, labor, and equipment for this fiscal year. The resolution is in the amount of \$545,966.50. A motion made by Ben Heitzig and seconded by Dave Crone to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**County Engineer's Report:**

Mark Turner longtime employee of the highway department for 24 ½ years retired December 13, 2024. Will advertise for a new employee. Currently working with three (3) maintainers.

The past snow storm we worked 5 hours on Saturday pretreating roads. Worked 13 hours Sunday during the height of the storm. Then worked 9 hours Monday opening all roads to traffic which involved using the V-plow to get through the snow drifts. Back at this morning making another pass and treating the roads with some additional salt. No major mechanical issues with this storm.

Fieldon Hollow Road ROW – The property owner has reached out to Mr. Klasner after it they heard we were beginning the process to obtain the property by eminent domain. They made a counteroffer to our initial offer. We accepted the counteroffer and the final documents were emailed to them on January 6, 2025 to review before they are executed by both parties. After the documents are executed and recorded, the project will be advertised for bids.

**Miscellaneous Business**

Ben Heitzig asked about the next phase of Otterville Road improvements. Tom Klasner indicated that all right of way and temporary construction easements have been obtained. It will be advertised by IDOT with a bid opening scheduled for March 7, 2025 with construction hopefully beginning in June.

Ben Heitzig complemented the highway department on the response to the most recent snow storm.

**Adjourn:**

Ben Heitzig made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marty Ward. Motion Carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Tom Klasner

Jersey County Highway Department