

JERSEY COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES

August 4, 2026

The Jersey County Road and Bridge Committee Meeting was held on August 4, 2026, 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 Staff Present:

Tom Klasner, County Engineer

Others Present:

None

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Dave Crone. Present was Committee members Dave Crone, Ed Koenig, Ben Heitzig, Sheila Beers, Marty Ward and County Engineer Tom Klasner. After calling the meeting to order, Dave Crone turned the meeting over to Tom Klasner.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Ben Heitzig and seconded by Dave Crone to approve the minutes of July 7, 2026.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Approval of the Bills:

A motion was made by Ben Heitzig and seconded by Marty Ward to approve the bills for July 2026 in the total amount of \$444,849.55.

Motion Carried 5-0.

County Highway	\$59,582.13
Federal Aid	\$95,314.75
Construction of Bridge	\$51,462.58
E.P.C.F.	\$300.00
County M.F.T.	\$34,450.00
Township M.F.T.	\$203,740.09
Township Bridge	-0-

Public Comments

None

Old Business

None

New Business

The first item on the agenda was a Petition for Aid from Ruyle Township on Kemper Road to replace metal structure that is failing with forty feet of 60" pipe culvert. The estimated project cost of \$10,500.00, to be split evenly between the County and Ruyle Township. A motion was made by Sheila Beers and seconded by Dave Crone to approve the Petition for Aid as presented. Motion carried 5-0. The next item was Preliminary Engineering Agreement Supplemental #1 with Heneghan & Associates, Inc. for Improvements to Delhi Road (County Highway 4) Section 21-00053-01-PV. In 2021, a contract was signed with Heneghan & Associates, Inc. to perform preliminary designs services for improvements to Delhi Road from Oak Rest Road east to the Village Limits of Brighton. In 2023, the project was put on hold after it was determined that construction costs would exceed the budget. In 2024, the Illinois Department of Transportation opened applications for the 2024 Local Project Funding program. The highway department elected to apply for the construction funding for this project and later received notice of award of \$2,459,000.00. Supplemental #1 authorizes Heneghan & Associates to update the design to the current IDOT standards, resubmit environmental documents, complete right-of-way and easement documents and coordination with utility companies, at a cost not to exceed \$108,270.00. The additional costs will be paid from the Federal Aid Matching Account. A motion was made by Dave Crone and seconded by Marty Ward to approve Supplemental #1 with Heneghan & Associates, Inc. Motion carried 5-0. The final item was a proposal from Lochmueller Group to furnish negotiation services for the acquisition of right-of-way and easements along Delhi Road (County Highway 4) Section 21-00053-01-PV. Ten parcels along the project require right-of-way or permanent easement or temporary construction easement. Lochmueller Group provided similar services during previous phases of work along Delhi Road. Their fee for these services is \$29,000.00. A motion was made by Ben Heitzig and seconded by Sheila Beers to approve the proposal from Lochmueller Group in the amount of \$29,000.00. Motion carried 5-0.

County Engineer's Report:

On July 20, 2026, an unannounced OSHA inspection was conducted at the Highway Department facility by the Illinois Department of Labor. Three violations were identified, but no penalties were assessed. A formal letter was sent to the County Board Chairman and to the Highway Department. All violations must be corrected by September 3, 2026. The department will correct the violations and send confirmation to the Illinois Department of Labor by the deadline.

The Rapid Penetrating Emulsion Rejuvenator Project on Otterville Road was completed last week.

Voorhees Lane Box Culvert – The contractor reports the box culvert is under construction at the precast concrete facility and is expected to be ready for installation in September.

Sunderland Road Bridge – Right-of-way has been acquired for two of the four parcels. Contact has been made with owners of the remaining parcels.

Delhi Road (Oak Rest Road to Village of Brighton) – The pre-final plans have been submitted to IDOT for review. After the review is completed, acquisition of the right-of-way, permanent easements and temporary construction easements will begin.

Indian Lakes Road Bridge – Field work has been completed. Preliminary design work will begin later this fall with environmental submittals to follow. Replacement is scheduled for late 2028.

County Engineer Appointment - Tom Klasner's appointment as County Engineer expires December 31, 2026. The current appointment term is six years. IDOT requires a two-step process to reappoint the incumbent County Engineer. Tom discussed the process with County Board Chairman Mark Wagner and will present a Resolution Requesting Consent to the Reappointment of the Incumbent as County Engineer at the August 11, 2026, County Board Meeting.

Oil and chipping work on township roads is ongoing. Preparations for oil and chipping of county roads are also underway. Mowing operations are in progress. Work on the two Petitions for Aid for English Township was completed last week.

Miscellaneous Business

Sheila Beers asked how many tandem trucks the highway department has. Tom reported that the department has five tandem trucks and four single-axle trucks. A new tandem will be purchased next year, and one existing tandem truck will be sold. Ed Koeing reported that a mailbox has been installed along the edge of Dow Road. He spoke to the individual, who indicated that mailbox would be moved.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Koenig and seconded by Sheila Beers.

Motion Carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Tom Klasner

Jersey County Highway Department