

HAMILTON COUNTY

**Road & Bridge Committee Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2026 @ 5:30 PM
Hamilton County Courthouse, Courtroom**

Call to Order by Kelly Woodrow at 5:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Board Members Present:

Kelly Woodrow

John Mead

John Carrell

Landon Vaughn

Department Personnel:

Rick Coronado

Bellwether:

Dustin Harmon

Michael Halberstadt

Visitors:

Maryanne Hopfinger

Dorthy Smith

Heather Bowman

Jimmy Johnson

Sherry Henderson

Paula Hatfield

Robert Miller

Acceptance Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion By: John Mead

2nd By: Adam Little

Motion Carried.

Recognize Visitors / Public Comment

None

1) Old Business

a. Township Bridge Program and Bridge Bundling

i. Bridge Bundling

1. IDOT has completed the selection of the engineering consultant firms for Phase I and Phase II for the structures.

a. Structure #033-3107 2 miles south of Dale over Contrary Creek.

b. We should know more in the next 3-6 months. Timelines, Etc.

ii. TBP

1. Next structure to replace is 033-3194 in Dahlgren Township.

a. The structure is located on Angling Road and is a concrete deck plank bridge.

2. Look into the replacement of a 2- tank car crossing with a bridge in S. Twigg Township.

b. Road Improvement Program

- i. Designing Blairsville Road for HMA Resurfacing.
 - a. Reviewed Funding for the project:
 - i. STR - \$900K
 - ii. SMA - \$900K
 - iii. TARP - \$900K
 - iv. Local - \$900K
 2. Moving forward with design.
 3. Plan to remove & replace a culvert @ 1300 E – Big Creek
 4. Correct settling at the box culvert @ 1200 E – Big Creek
- ii. Testing Edgar’s Road (450 N), Rural Hills Road and Dale Road.
 - a. Reviewed Funding:
 - i. Dale Road - \$1.4M
 - ii. Edgar’s Road & Rural Hills - \$600K
 2. Design for these projects will begin after testing results.
 - a. Test results are being reviewed.
 - i. Will need to address a couple of locations on Dale Road.
 - ii. Edgar’s Road and Rural Hills Road had very good results.

c. MFT

- i. 2025 MFT Program
 1. Closing out the 2025 Program
 - a. Meeting with all Road Commissioners.
- ii. 2026 MFT Program
 1. Setting up the 2026 Program
 - a. Support the Approval of Resolution 2026-01-02 for County MFT for the amount of \$335K.
 - b. Support any discussion and approval for the County Board transferring \$10,000.00 per township for road maintenance to Township MFT.
 - i. This helps ensure that the money is spent in accordance with MFT guidelines and used specifically for road maintenance.

d. New Highway Facility

- i. Office Remodel Update
 - 1. HVAC & Lighting - Completed
 - 2. Flooring – Epoxy Flooring has been completed.
 - 3. Paint Doors & Trim – Completed in Office area.
 - 4. Plumbing fixtures
 - a. Should be installed shortly.
 - 5. Cabinets - Completed
 - 6. Internet
 - a. Completed this afternoon.

We will be moving as schedule and weather allows.

e. Equipment/Maintenance Report

- i. Bush Hog
 - 1. Quote from H&R Agri-Power \$36,400.00
 - a. \$22,400.00 with Trade.

2) New Business

a. OSHA Inspection Report

- i. On January 15th, we have received the Citation and Notification of Penalty from our October 23, 2025 inspection which states that violations shall be completed by February 17th.
- ii. The Department is in the process of correcting the violations by:
 - 1. Implementing and maintaining a compliant written Hazard Communication program and training.
 - 2. Other OSHA requirements were brought to our attention:
 - a. Exit Signs w/battery backup lighting for Shop - Completed
 - b. Fire Cabinet to store flammable liquids – To be ordered.
 - c. Fuel Tanks – Proper signing – Notified FS.
 - d. Additional training, Etc.

Next Meeting – February 18, 2026 at 5:30 in the Courtroom.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion By: Landon Vaughn 2nd By: John Carrell Motion Carried.