

APPROVED

HAMILTON COUNTY

Road & Bridge Committee Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

Hamilton County Courthouse, Courtroom

Call to Order by Kelly Woodrow at 5:32 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Board Members Present:

Department Personnel:

Kelly Woodrow John Mead Adam Little

Rick Coronado

John Carrell Landon Vaughn

Bellwether: Dustin Harmon

Visitors: Maryanne Hopfinger Dorthy Smith Heather Bowman

Jimmy Johnson Sherry Henderson

Acceptance Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion By: John Mead 2nd By: John Carrell Motion Carried.

Recognize Visitors / Public Comment

Visitors were recognized / No Comments

1) Old Business

a. Township Bridge Program and Bridge Bundling

i. Bridge Bundling

1. Reminder, this structure is 2 miles south of Dale over Contrary Creek in Twigg Twp.

2. Meeting on the 26th at IDOT District 8

ii. TBP (Township Bridge Program)

1. In summary, 3 structures are being designed and others are being proposed.

b. Road Improvement Program

i. Blairsville Road

1. On schedule for the June 12th IDOT Letting.

ii. Dale Road

1. The project was let on the 15th

a. ET Simonds was the only bidder @ \$1,391,342.45 which was 8.76% below the Engineer's Estimate. The Department supports the Acceptance of Resolution 2026-

05-10 by the County Board to accept the bid and move forward with construction of the project. Tentative start date is July 6th+/- - Weather permitting.

- iii. Edgar's Road and Rural Hills Road
 - 1. The project was let on the 15th
 - a. Illini Asphalt was the only bidder @ \$473,396.36 which was 2.24% above the Engineer's Estimate. The Department supports Acceptance of Resolution 2026-05-09 by the County Board to accept the bid and move forward with construction of the project. Tentative start date is mid-June – Weather permitting.

c. MFT

- i. Maintenance
 - 1. We are currently mowing south of IL 14, brush cutting on Miller Store Road and patching roads.

d. New Highway Facility

- i. We're still getting settled in the office and would like to complete the various other projects.

e. Equipment/Maintenance Report

- i. Tandem Dump Trucks
 - 1. The Department is still keeping an eye out for Tandem Dump Trucks.
- ii. Bush Hog
 - 1. Our new Woods Bush Hog is in use and working great.

f. OSHA

- i. We will resume training as weather and schedules allow.

2) New Business

- a. Resolution 2026-05-11 to Authorize the submission of an application to the Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) Grant Program.
 - i. A grant application has been submitted by the Illinois Association of County Engineers along with uGRIDD Inc., and the University of San Francisco for an acceptable program related to an AI-powered highway asset management system for Government Innovation. We are one of six counties included in the grant application.

- ii. The information gather will be used for maintenance of the County's road system and the data to help apply for various other grants as they become available.
- iii. The cost of the various grants could increase or decrease depending on the criteria for said grant. Some counties may qualify and some may not.
- iv. The cost to the County is 20% which should range from \$15K -\$25K if awarded.
- v. Resolution 2026-05-11 ensures that we, Hamilton County, will be responsible for our 20% portion.

Next Meeting – June 17, 2026 at 5:30 in the Courtroom.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion By: John Mead 2nd By: John Carrell Motion Carried.