

Clinton County Highway Committee
Minutes
January 10, 2024 7:30 a.m.

1. Mr. Ken Knolhoff called the meeting to order at 7:30
2. Attendance:

Ken Knolhoff	Committee Chairman
Joe Jansen	Committee Member
Mike Hilmes	Committee Member
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
Brian Diekemper	County Maintenance Foreman
Mike Timmermann	St. Rose
Mark Rehkemper	St. Rose
Ryan Fuhler	St. Rose
3. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2023 meeting. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Representatives from St. Rose addressed the committee. They requested some financial help with their storm sewer and sidewalk project along St. Rose Road. They said the county is helping Breese with the project on Walnut Street and would like something similar. The County is paying for 50% of the engineering costs for that project. Mr. Behrens stated that neither federal nor MFT funds could be used since there have been no IDOT approvals. Mr. Behrens said that matching funds can only be used to match state or federal funds but they can be used for engineering and utility relocations. St. Rose requested that the county look at helping with the engineering expenses similar to what is being done for Breese.
6. Current maintenance operations were discussed. It was brought up that Mr. Diekemper does not have any position specific working conditions only an offer letter that modifies the county's personnel code slightly. He also doesn't have a salary increase. This will be addressed in a future meeting as well as Mr. Diekemper being able to take the county vehicle home as is the case with the state's maintenance foremen.
6. The roof of the highway department building was discussed. Estimates will be obtained for replacing the existing shingle roof as well as for improving it with metal. MFT funds can be used for the costs associated with the portion of the roof over the shop and garage but not the office
7. Mr. Behrens said they plan to advertise for a new maintenance employee and should have the recommendations for interviews next month.
8. Mr. Behrens gave the committee a resolution appropriating REBUILD Illinois funds for the bridge replacement on Huey Road. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to have this placed on the board's agenda for approval. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
9. The Committee approved the current bills.