

Clinton County Highway Committee
Minutes
January 14, 2026 7:30 a.m.

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

Ken Knolhoff	Committee Chairman
Mike Hilmes	Committee Member
Joe Jansen	Committee Member
Brad Knolhoff	County Board Chairman
Brian Diekemper	Highway Maintenance Foreman
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
Darrell Huegen	
3. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2025 meeting. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Mr. Huegen expressed concerns about the road ditches near his home. He said the ditches don't drain well and provide habitat for mosquitoes. He was especially concerned with the east ditch. The County has dipped this ditch out within the last year and a half but will look to see if they can do more extensive work within the right of way.
5. The maintenance activities of the previous month were discussed.
6. The highway department sent 4 people to get right of way spray licenses. The new requirement for public notification for spraying was also discussed.
7. The committee discussed major equipment purchases. The highway department is planning to replace one dump truck this year and potentially replace 2 pickup trucks with one truck next year.
8. Mr. Behrens gave the committee the results of the MFT rock letting held on January 12. Mr. Hilmes made a motion to have the low bidders placed on the board's agenda for approval. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed.
9. Mr. Behrens said that he is planning to present the committee some potential changes to the personnel code. Most notable, he would like to have a section included on sick time that was removed with the last codification. There are several non-bargaining unit employees that are affected.
10. Mr. Behrens reported that IDOT have finally given notice of the award of the safety project on Jamestown Road. He will have HMG begin the design of this project.
11. The Contractor plans to start construction of the Lake Road Bridge on March 15th.
12. Wade Township has made a payment on outstanding bills for the culvert on Old State Road and the bridge on Pipeline Road.
13. The highway department has started staking the right of way on Huey Road and it appears that a lot of work can be done without acquiring additional right of way.
14. The Committee reviewed and approved the bills