

Clinton County Highway Committee  
Minutes  
November 11, 2023 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
Brad Knolhoff	County Board Chairman
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
Brian Diekemper	County Maintenance Foreman
Dwayne Brinkmann	
3. Mr. Ken Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2023 meeting. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Mr. Brinkmann discussed the possible sale of his building that abuts the county's west property line. The Committee toured this building and afterwards discussed the county's possible offer to Mr. Brinkmann.
6. Mr. Diekemper discussed the maintenance activities that took place the previous month. The large purchases made by the highway department over the past few months were discussed.
7. Mr. Behrens reported that a bridge in Looking Glass Township had to be closed due to recent mine subsidence. The highway department has been in contact with the bridge office, the Office of Mines and Minerals and Exxon's representatives. They will continue to monitor the bridge until it stops sinking then determine a course of action to get the bridge open.
8. Mr. Behrens told the committee that they received the results of the salt bids for this winter. The bid price is \$83.12 per ton which is 16% higher than 2 years. The county bid 1,500 tons where they must take a minimum of 80% of the quantity.
9. Mr. Behrens told the committee that the court case concerning right of way on Shattuc Road has been won by the county. This involved right of way that was purchased in the 1990's and has been in court since 2014.
10. Mr. Behrens told the committee that he would like to revise the county's code with respect to utility permits. He prefers to use a code that was developed by Illinois County Engineers Association, The Township Officials Association and the Illinois Farm Bureau. This code was developed to address some issues that have been occurring with respect to the utility companies not getting land owner's permission. Mr. Behrens will have the States Attorney review the code then bring it back to a future meeting.
11. Mr. Behrens said he has signed up for the 5 day bridge inspection class that will be held in Springfield in December.
12. The Committee approved the current bills.