

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.

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Minutes
February 14, 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
Brad Knolhoff	County Board Chairman
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
Brian Diekemper	County Maintenance Foreman
3. Mr. Hilmes made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2024 meeting. Mr. Knolhoff seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Current maintenance operations were discussed.
6. The Committee reviewed the applications that were received for the new maintenance employee. Mr. Behrens will set up the interviews.
7. Mr. Diekemper presented estimates for replacing the roof on the highway department building. Estimates for both metal and shingles were presented. Since the estimates were over \$30,000 formal bids must be received.
8. The Committee discussed obtaining right of way from Evelyn Wuebbles on Wringe Road. The county has been trying to purchase this for a number of years to add shoulder to the road and to correct drainage issues in this location. Ms. Wuebbles said that she will probably be agreeable to selling but wanted to see how much land the county will need. The Committee discussed the offer price and land in that area has been selling for around \$15,000 to \$16,000/ acre. The county will offer her \$15,000 and see if she accepts this.
9. Mr. Behrens gave the committee an agreement for the Village of Germantown to place a new crosswalk on Germantown Road. Mr. Jansen made a motion to have this put on the Board's agenda for approval. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The motion passed.
10. The Committee discussed a revised agreement with the Village of St. Rose where the limits of the sidewalk and storm sewer will be extended to the park. The County will also offer to reimburse the Village for 50% of the engineering up to a maximum of \$10,000.
11. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee the results of the rock letting. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to have the bids awarded to the low bidder placed on the Board's agenda. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed.
12. The bid results for the Albers Road project were discussed. The Kiian Corp. submitted the low bid. The State will handle the award of the contract.
13. Mr. Behrens reported that the bid opening for the replacement of the bridge on Huey Road will be held on March 8th.
14. The Committee approved the current bills.

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March 13, 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
Brad Knolhoff	County Board Chairman
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
Brian Diekemper	County Maintenance Foreman
3. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2024 meeting. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Current maintenance operations were discussed.
6. The Committee discussed the new maintenance employee applications and interviews. Mr. Behrens said that after the interviews he believes that Mr. Schilling is the most qualified and intends to extend him an offer of employment.
7. The position of summer employment was discussed. Mr. Diekemper said that he notified all of the high school Agriculture Departments and the Kaskaskia College shop instructor but to date no one has picked up an application. It was noted that Brock Beckmann, the employee from last summer has expressed interest in returning but he is currently attending Kaskaskia College's CDL training and may not be available.
8. Mr. Behrens presented the results of the bid opening for the bridge replacement on Huey Road. C-Hill Civil Contractors was the low bidder with a bid of \$999,888.00. Mr. Jansen made a motion to have the low bid placed on the board agenda for approval. Mr. Knolhoff seconded the motion. The motion passed.
9. Mr. Behrens gave the committee a petition from Wheatfield Township for 50% county match to replace a culvert on Emerald Road. Mr. Hilmes made a motion to have this placed on the board agenda for approval. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed.
10. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee a permit application from the Village of Albers to install pedestrian warning lights of the crosswalk signs at Dwight Street. Mr. Jansen made a motion to have this placed on the board's agenda for approval. Mr. Knolhoff seconded the motion. The motion passed.
11. Mr. Behrens told the Committee they plan to hold their annual oil letting the first week of April.
12. The Committee approved the current bills.
13. Mr. Jansen made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

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April 15, 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
3. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2024 meeting. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Current maintenance operations were discussed.
6. Mr. Behrens said they have an summer applicant that has good experience operating farm machinery who should be able to mow with a tractor and bushhog. He said that he will offer him this summer position.
7. Mr. Behrens said that they had to close a lane on an East Fork township bridge due to deteriorated wood piles. They are waiting for repair plans from the Bridge Office and will repair the piles once it stops raining.
8. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that IDOT is requiring most of the sidewalk ramps in Albers and Aviston to be reconstructed to meet ADA requirements before the road is resurfaced next year. He said this is a change in policy since they did Germantown Road where the ramps did not need to be corrected since the walk did not cross the County Highway. He said they do not have time to have county crews perform the work and is getting a quote from CTR Construction.
9. Mr. Behrens said they are attempting to purchase right of way from the Jenne heirs on Emerald Road. Previously the county purchased right of way from the other owners on this stretch of highway. Once this is purchased they will perform the drainage work and add shoulders to this stretch of Emerald Road.
10. The contractor plans to start construction on Albers Road on April 29th. The resurfacing project will take about 1 month.
11. Mr. Behrens said that a bridge on Emerald Road had been damaged. They do not know who hit the bridge but the bridge rail has been damaged along with the outside edge of the concrete bridge beams. They are waiting for repair plans from the Bridge Office.
12. Mr. Behrens told the Committee the Village of St. Rose has the revised sidewalk agreement and will have this for next month's meeting.
13. Mr. Behrens reported that he has been in contact with Norfolk Southern Railroad concerning the crossing of Shattuc Road. They plan to have crews there to have this reconstructed.
14. The new dump trucks are at Higgs Welding having the beds and hydraulics installed. They should be ready in about 1 month.
15. Mr. Behrens gave the committee the results of the road oil bids. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to have this award placed on the board's agenda. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed.
16. The Committee approved the current bills.

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May 15, 2024 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
Brad Knolhoff	County Board Chairman
Kurt Haselhorst	County Board Member
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
Brian Diekemper	County Maintenance Foreman
3. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2024 meeting. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Current maintenance operations were discussed.
6. Mr. Haselhorst discussed a request the Village of Damiansville has to install solar flashing beacons on the school crossing signs. He also relayed the Village's request for financial assistance for these lights. The Committee discussed why this location would be different than other school crossing locations in the county. The Committee discussed offering \$4,000 for the lights, because this school is directly adjacent to the County Highway. The Committee also noted that the Village should be responsible for the lights including all maintenance and future replacement costs. Mr. Behrens said that he would write up a permit for next month's meeting. Mr. Haselhorst also stated the Village of Damiansville was concerned about vehicles on Albers Road speeding by the intersection of Damiansville Road.
7. Mr. Behrens reported that the contractor on the Albers Road resurfacing project is still being delayed as they wait for railroad flaggers to become available. Their estimate is 90 days before the flaggers would be available. The County is unable to charge working days because the delay is outside of the Contactor's control.
8. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that C-Hill Contractors plans to start the Huey Road bridge project after the Memorial Day holiday.
9. The new dump trucks should be ready within the next month. Mr. Behrens said that they would like to finish chipping with the old trucks then offer them for sale. It was suggested the County should consider giving the townships the first chance of purchasing these prior to trying to sell them to the public.
10. Mr. Behrens stated that this fiscal year contains an extra pay period. He has spoken to the treasurer and apparently no one else caught this either when budgets were being figured last year. Ms. Trame said that she will make Fred Becker aware of the issue and will probably need to amend the budget for everyone.
11. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee the signed revised agreement with St. Rose for the sidewalk and storm sewer. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to have this placed on the Board's agenda for approval. Mr. Himes seconded the motion. The motion passed.
12. The Committee discussed a question that the maintenance workers have regarding a boot allowance for newly hired employees. The Committee reviewed the Union contract and determined that this payment is only made one time per year in December; therefore, unless the union pursues this, an initial boot allowance will not be made for new employees prior the the annual one in December.

13. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee a resolution for IDOT's approval to reappoint Mr. Behrens. His term ends this August and the statutes require the County pass a resolution requesting IDOT's approval before reappointing the existing county engineer. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to have this placed on the Board's agenda for approval. Mr. Himes seconded the motion. The motion passed.
14. Mr. Behrens reported they are waiting for dry weather to repair the piles on East Fork Township's bridge on Shattuc Road.
15. The Committee approved the current bills.
16. Mr. Hilmes made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Knolhoff seconded the motion.

June 12, 2024 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
Kurt Haselhorst County Board Member
Dan Behrens County Engineer
3. It was noted that the following need corrections in the May minutes: The heading should be changed from June to May and the word "her" in the 7th line of number 6 should be changed to "he". Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes, with corrections, from the May 12, 2024 meeting. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Mr. Behrens reported that they are currently adding hot-mix to Emerald Road to level the road prior to oil and chipping. They are scheduled to oil and chip roads in mid July. Noltings, Marydale and Emerald Roads are scheduled to be oiled this year. The maintenance crews are also continuing to mow and spray right of way.
6. The Committee discussed the permit for the Village of Damiansville to install lighted crosswalk signs and the County's one-time match.
7. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that the Village of St. Rose has requested permission to replace the stop signs, on St. Rose Road at Main Street, with LED lighted signs. Mr. Behrens will work up an agreement where the Village is required to pay for all costs including future mainenance and replacement.
8. Mr. Behrens reported that there was additional overtime due to storm cleanup.
9. Mr. Behrens reported that Kilian is still waiting for railroad flaggers before they can start the Albers Road project. The current estimate is 90 days before they will be available.
10. Mr. Behrens said the contractor has the bridge removed in Huey Road project. The project contains 50 working days.
11. Mr. Behrens said they are still waiting for the new trucks, but they should be ready any day.
12. Mr. Behrens reported that since the County changed banks, there is a substantial increase in the interest for motor fuel tax.
13. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that the State has just made the determination that the concrete bridge on Hammel Road is historic and will need to be left in place. He said it should be possible to realign the new roadway to the north to allow the existing bridge to remain in place.
14. Mr. Behrens reported they just received the hydraulic report approval on the bridge replacement on Lake Road. He will need to have HMG Engineers do the structural plans for the bridge.
15. Mr. Behrens said they have about \$150,000 remaining REBUILD Illinois funds. He said IDOT will allow this to be used as part of the County's local match for the Albers Road resurfacing project.
16. Mr. Behrens said he is waiting for Marion County to send him an agreement for the bridge replacement on Meridian Road. Clinton County will be responsible for about 60% of the cost of this bridge replacement which is determined by a ratio of EAV's of the counties.
17. The Committee approved the current bills.

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Minutes

July 17, 2024 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	Maintenance Foreman
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
3. Mr. Ken Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2024 meeting. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: None
5. The current maintenance activities were discussed. They have finished with the hot mix asphalt leveling and oil and chipping operation for this year.
6. The new trucks have arrived. The old trucks will go out for sealed bids very soon.
7. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that the State is planning to utilize Albers Road from Albers to I64 for their detour route for the construction on IL 161, west of Albers. This is planned to be finished around the middle of September. They will change this route if the County's Contractor started the resurfacing project on Albers Road prior to the completion of IDOT's project.
8. Mr. Behrens reported that all of the sidewalk ramps in Aviston have been finished. They still have one ramp in Albers to complete. This work was necessary to meet the ADA requirements prior to this road being resurfaced next year.
9. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee a copy of the engineering agreement with HMG to provide structural design services for the new bridge on Lake Road. This will be paid out of the County's Matching funds.
10. Mr. Behrens said they are still waiting for railroad flaggers for the Albers Road resurfacing project. They have been informed that they are now in the queue with an estimated wait of 120 days.
11. Mr. Behrens said the Huey Road Bridge contractor has been delayed by flooding. They will drive piles as soon as the weather allows.
12. Mr. Behrens said that he received a call from Marion County that another bridge on the County line will need to be closed. This is the second one and it will remain closed until it is replaced. Marion County will be the lead agency but the cost will be a ratio of the EAV's of the two counties.
13. Mr. Behrens gave the committee a list of township bridges that will be replaced in the coming years.
14. The Committee approved the current bills.

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August 17, 2024 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	Maintenance Foreman
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
3. Mr. Ken Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2024 meeting. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: None
5. The current maintenance activities were discussed.
6. A discussion was held concerning possible equipment and vehicle needs for the next year. A proposed budget for next year will be submitted for these items.
7. Mr. Behrens told the Committee he sent the Village of St. Rose an agreement to allow them to install and maintain LED lighted stop signs on St. Rose Road. Once the Village returns the agreement the County Board will need to approve it before they can install these signs.
8. Mr. Behrens reported that the contractor has finished driving piles. The Contractor is now finished working in the creek so weather should not be as large of a problem.
9. Mr. Behrens said they are still waiting for railroad flaggers for the Albers Road.
10. Mr. Behrens said the Marion County engineer will accept the open position in Bond County. This will leave Marion County without a County Engineer for some time. He said that it would be in the best interest if Clinton County took over as the lead agency for the replacement of the two closed bridges on the Marion County Line. He will contact Marion County concerning this.
12. Mr. Behrens said they have two dump trucks and the bucket truck out for sale by sealed bids. It has been advertised in the paper and place on social media. The deadline for submitting bids is September 6.
13. It was reported that the State has now changed the Township Bridge Program such that local match will no longer be required.
14. Mr. Behrens said the State will be auditing their bridge inspection files in the coming weeks.
15. The Committee approved the current bills.

Clinton County Highway Committee
Minutes
September 11, 2024 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
Brian Diekemper	Maintenance Foreman
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
3. Mr. Ken Hilmes made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2024 meeting. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: None
5. The current maintenance activities were discussed.
6. Mr. Behrens reported that they have finished pile repairs to the bridge in East Fork Township. This should qualify for 50% county match. He will have a petition for county match from the road commissioner when all of the bills are in from this job.
7. Mr. Behrens gave the committee the results from the used truck bids. All three trucks had bids that were above the minimum amount set by the county. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to have the award of the high bids for each truck placed on the board agenda. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
8. Mr. Behrens told the committee that they are waiting for the sale of the used trucks to have the money in the account to buy the mini excavator.
9. Mr. Behrens reported on the progress of the Huey Road bridge project.
10. Mr. Behrens reported that they are still waiting on the railroad flaggers before Albers Road project will begin.
11. Mr. Behrens said IDOT is still working on a policy to make Township Bridge Program 100% funded by state funds.
12. The Committee approved the current bills.

Clinton County Highway Committee
Minutes
October 16, 2024 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	Maintenance Foreman
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
3. Mr. Ken Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2024 meeting. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: None
5. The current maintenance activities were discussed.
6. Mr. Behrens reported that the Huey Road Bridge project has been completed and the road is open. He stated that the county is widening the shoulders near the bridge and will seed the area soon.
7. Mr. Behrens said the contractor has started on the resurfacing project on Albers Road. The project should be complete in about one more week.
8. Mr. Behrens said they have purchased a mini excavator and are waiting for delivery.
9. Mr. Behrens told the committee that they replaced the pickup truck that had an engine failure with a new Chevrolet Trail Blazer. The 2009 ½ ton truck that was already in the fleet will be used as the new engineering technician vehicle.
10. Mr. Behrens reported that they are waiting on an engineering agreement from HMG for the design of the Lost Creek Bridge on Hammel Road.
11. Mr. Behrens reported that they have finished the pile repairs on Shattuc Road and is waiting for all of the bills before having East Fork Township petition for 50% county match.
12. The Committee discussed potential retirements that may happen next year.
13. The Committee approved the current bills.

Clinton County Highway Committee
Minutes
November 13, 2024 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	Maintenance Foreman
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
3. Mr. Ken Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2024 meeting. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: None
5. The current maintenance activities were discussed.
6. Mr. Behrens reported that the Huey Road Bridge project has been completed and the road is open. He said they received a crop damage request from the adjacent farmer. This was given to the Contractor and was told the County will not release the retainage until this issues has been resolved.
7. Mr. Behrens said the contractor has finished the resurfacing project on Albers Road.
8. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee an agreement with Marion County for the replacement of the East Fork Bridge on the county line. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to have this placed on the Board's agenda for approval. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed..
9. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee an engineering agreement with HMG Engineers for the design of a bridge on Hammel Road. The Township Bridge Program will pay for the cost of the work. Mr. Hilmes made a motion to have this placed on the Board's agenda for approval. Mr. Knolhoff seconded the motion. The motion passed.
10. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee a petition from East Fork Township for 50% county match for the pile repairs to the bridge on Shattuc Road over Brewster Creek. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to have this placed on the Board's agenda for approval. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed.
10. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee a copy of the 2025 MFT Maintenance resolution for the county. It appropriates \$1,200,000 for maintenance activities for FY 2025. Mr. Jansen made a motion to have this placed on the Board's agenda for approval. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The motion passed.
11. Mr. Diekemper reported that they are waiting for Kohrmann Electric to install a new solar powered light at the intersection of Shattuc Road and US Route 50.
12. The maintenance foremen's salary was discussed and Mr. Behrens will issue a memo with the salary increase to be effective on December 1, 2024.
13. Mr. Behrens said they had discussed repairs to North Walnut Street in Breese with the City. The City will assist the county with this work which should be done early next year.
14. The Committee approved the current bills.

Clinton County Highway Committee
Minutes
December 11, 2024 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	Maintenance Foreman
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
3. Mr. Ken Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2024 meeting. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: None
5. The current maintenance activities were discussed.
6. Mr. Behrens and Mr. Diekemper discussed the need to replace the existing boom mower. The possibility of leasing a mower was discussed. Mr. Behrens said they will visit this issue later in the budget year.
7. Mr. Behrens said they will begin bridge inspections next month and that most of the bridges will need to be inspected this winter. The bridge office will eventually perform these inspections for the local agencies.
8. Mr. Behrens reported that the Huey Road bridge contractor settled the crop damages with the adjacent farmer. The project has been completed so they will make the final payment to the contractor including releasing the retainage.
9. Mr. Behrens reported that they are working on plans for the replacement of a section of pavement on North Walnut Street in Breese. They will contact the State to get permission to close the west bound off ramp from New US 50 for this project. The City of Breese is willing to help with this project which is anticipated to take place this spring.
10. Mr. Behrens reported that Bill Wade has given his retirement notice. He gave June 20, 2025 as his retirement date. Mr. Behrens said that they will anticipate advertising for a new employee in March or April.
11. Mr. Behrens said they plan to have the annual MFT rock letting on January 8th.
12. The Committee approved the current bills.