

Clinton County Highway Committee
Minutes
January 15, 2025 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 December 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 and Mr. Diekemper discussed the recent Department of Labor OSHA surprise inspection. They stated that there were some minor citations that have been corrected. The Highway Department has not received the official letter from the Department of Labor, but it was stated that most likely there would be no fines.
7. Mr. Diekemper gave the Committee price quotes for a new mowing tractor and rotary mower. All of the quotes were through Sourcewell, therefore bidding is not required. Midwest Tractor's quote was substantially less than that of John Deere and Massie Ferguson. The prices included trade-in values for a used Massie Ferguson tractor and a John Deere rotary mower.
8. Mr. Behrens reported on the snow removal operations from the recent winter storms. The County used approximately 950 tons of salt and about 190 hours of overtime.
9. Mr. Behrens reported that they are performing their biennial bridge inspections. He noted that this may be the last time they will do these inspections, because the State will very soon perform these for all local agencies.
10. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee two resolutions to appropriate local funds for the upcoming resurfacing project on Aviston Road. One resolution appropriates the remaining REBUILD Illinois funds the other appropriates local matching funds. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to have this placed on the board's agenda for approval. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.
11. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee an engineering agreement from HMG Engineers to perform design engineering for a bridge on Meridian Road. The bridge will be joint project with Marion County. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to have this placed on the board's agenda for approval. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.
12. The Committee discussed the potential for adding a stop line on St. Rose Road at the intersection with Old US Route 50
13. Mr. Behrens said they plan to have the annual MFT rock letting on January 8th.
14. Mr. Behrens gave the committee the results of the aggregate letting held on January 8. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to have the Board award the low bidders for each item. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
14. The Committee approved the current bills.

Clinton County Highway Committee
Minutes
February 12, 2025 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 December 11, 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 told the Committee that they have purchased rain suits and hard hats for all the maintenance workers, but they have not bought rubber boots. Mr. Behrens said they were purchasing boots to help eliminate the issue they have had in the past when they pour concrete not everyone had boots. He said they were having an issue with getting one type of boots for everyone, so they were going to reimburse each person \$75 when they purchase their own boots. The employee will need to sign a statement that they understand that disciplinary action will be taken if they do not have rubber boots when needed.
7. The committee discussed an entrance on Main Street that had been requested by Metro Ag. No one from Metro Ag showed up; therefore, no action was taken.
8. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that the engineering agreement with HMG that was to be on last month's board agenda, did not make the meeting so it will be on this month's agenda.
9. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee a copy of a joint agreement with IDOT for federal funding for the resurfacing of Aviston Road. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to have this placed on the board's agenda for approval. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The motion passed.
10. The Committee discussed repairs for Walnut Street in Breese. Mr. Behrens said they will need to close the road to southbound traffic for a couple of weeks unless they remove the entire median and pour a traffic lane where the median is located. Breese will discuss the possibility for this closure and what impacts it may have for the City.
11. Mr. Behrens said they are scheduled for a June letting to replace the bridge on Lake Road but they are still waiting on environmental signoffs.
12. The department has completed the biennale bridge inspection and this may be the last time the county will do these inspections.

13. Mr. Behrens said they have been talking to Chris Hilmes to acquire additional right of way on Stolletown Road. This section of road has very narrow shoulder and Chris Hilmes is needing a mailbox turnout. Mr. Behrens said that he is agreeable to sell the County 15' of additional right of way at \$15,000 per acre and for a mailbox turnout constructed along this portion of Stolletown Road. Mr. Behrens pointed out that the new county code authorized the Highway Committee to approve right of way purchases. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to purchase this right of way. Mr. Jansen seconded he motion. The committee passed this motion with Mr. Hilmes abstaining.
14. Mr. Behrens said they will paint a stop bar on St Rose Road at Old US 50 when weather permits. The Committee also discussed the City of Breese's request for the County to paint a stop bar on their approach to this intersection.
154. The Committee approved the current bills.

Clinton County Highway Committee
Minutes
March 12, 2025 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
Tyler Kramer	
3. Mr. Ken Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2025 meeting. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: Tyler Kramer addressed the Committee concerning his request for an additional entrance from Main Street.

It was pointed out that Mr. Kramer's request involves access to a lot in a previously approved subdivision. The County's subdivision code will not allow an additional entrance for this lot due to the lack of County Highway frontage; therefore, only the full County Board can issue a permit for this additional entrance.

Mr. Behrens will prepare a permit application which Mr. Kramer may present to the Committee at a future meeting. The application should require the applicant to construct the proposed entrance to the County's commercial entrance policy and improve the existing entrance to the County's commercial entrance standards, post a surety guarantee for the entrances and agree to maintain the entrance and maintain the drainage structures.
5. The current maintenance activities were discussed.
6. Mr. Behrens told the Committee they will develop plans for the repairs for Walnut Street in Breese. In order to utilize enough MFT funds to complete these repairs IDOT requires approved plans instead of simply purchasing the concrete through the County's maintenance program.
7. The Committee discussed the purchase of a new pickup truck. The highway department will utilize Sourcewell to purchase a truck from a dealer in the County then the old pickup truck will be used by the County's maintenance department.
8. Mr. Behrens presented the Committee with a request from the Village of St. Rose for a crosswalk on Main Street at Church Street. The Committee was not in favor of this because there is no sidewalk on the south side of Main Street and the Sidewalk on the north side would need to be improved to meet ADA requirements. If the Village performs improvements to this location the Committee would reconsider the request.
9. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee a request from Aviston for a crosswalk on Aviston Road. This crossing was requested a few years ago but the ramps did not meet ADA requirements. Last year the ramps were improved so the Village is now requesting this crossing again.

Mr. Hilmes made a motion to have this place on the Boards agenda for approval. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

10. The Committee agreed to change the April meeting date to the 2nd at 7:30 A.M.
11. Mr. Behrens said they are scheduled for a June letting to replace the bridge on Lake Road but they are still waiting on environmental signoffs.
12. Mr. Behrens said they will open bids for oil on March 27th and have the results for next month's meeting.
14. Mr. Behrens said Neal Richter will be attending a 4 day bridge inspection class in Springfield to maintain his certification. He most likely will stay in Springfield instead of driving each day.
15. The Committee approved the current bills.

Clinton County Highway Committee

Minutes

April 2, 2025 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
Mike Meskil	County Maintenance Foreman
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
3. Mr. Ken Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2025 meeting. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: No one from the public asked for time to speak.
5. The current maintenance activities were discussed.
6. Mr. Behrens gave the committee a permit request from Metro-Ag for an additional entrance onto County Highway 12 (Main Street). Mr. Jansen made a motion to have this placed on the County Board's agenda for approval. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The motion passed.
7. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee the results of the oil letting that was held on March 27th. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to have the award of the low bidders placed on the County Board's agenda. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed.
8. Mr. Diekemper reported that the new pickup truck is ordered and should be in next month.
9. Mr. Behrens reported that he ordered boring for the two bridges on the Marion County Line. He also stated that he is waiting for Marion County to appoint a new County Engineer so that he can get a signature to use Marion County TBP funds for their portion.
10. The Committee discussed the new roof for the highway building.
11. Mr. Behrens said they did not get any responses on the summer employee position so they will only have the one from last year returning.
12. Mr. Behrens reported on the Aviston Road resurfacing project and the Lake Road Bridge project.
13. Mr. Behrens said they sold the old patch wagon to th Village of Germantown. He said that they previously offered this for sale to all of the Townships and Villages/Cities in the County with no offers for purchase.
14. The Committee approved the current bills.

Clinton County Highway Committee
Minutes
May 14, 2025 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
Brian Diekemper	Highway Maintenance Foreman
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
Brandon Ratermann	HMG Engineers
Tyler Kruep	HMG Engineers
3. Mr. Ken Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2025 meeting. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: No one from the public asked for time to speak.
5. Brandon Ratermann and Tyler Kruep presented a potential candidate for HSIP funding. They have performed a preliminary study on some safety improvements that could be done on a section Jamestown that might have a good chance of receiving 90% funding from the State's HSIP program. The Committee agreed that it would be a good idea to submit this project for funding and if this is selected the County would enter into an engineering agreement with HMG for the design of the project.
6. Mr. Behrens gave the committee the results from the April bid opening of the Aviston Road resurfacing project. Christ Brothers asphalt submitted the low bid of \$2,147,937.98. Mr. Behrens said that the State has control of the contract and it is typical that the project starts 1 ½ to 2 months after the bid opening.
7. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee a resolution to appropriate MFT funds for repairs to the concrete pavement on Walnut Street in Breese. Mr. Hilmes made a motion to have this placed on the board's agenda for approval. Mr. Knolhoff seconded the motion. The motion passed.
8. The Committee discussed the engineer technician position and the retirement of Bill Wade and a possible new maintenance employee.
9. The Committee discussed the new roof for the highway department building.
10. Mr. Diekemper told the Committee that a truck damaged the guardrail on the Coles Creek Bridge on Boulder Road. The highway department is waiting on an estimate to repair this railing. They plan to have a contractor do the work since insurance will pay for the repairs.
11. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee a resolution to pay the County Engineer's salary with MFT funds. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to have this placed on the board's agenda for approval. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The motion passed
14. The Committee approved the current bills.

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Minutes

June 11, 2025 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
3. Mr. Ken Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2025 meeting. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: No one from the public asked for time to speak.
5. Mr. Diekemper listed the current maintenance activities including the culvert replacements on Aviston and Boulder Roads.
6. Hot-mix asphalt will be added to a section of Boulder Road to level this section prior to oiling.
7. The County will be oiling roads the 3rd week of July. They have reduced the mileage of roads to be oiled due to the shortage of slag chips. They plan to oil a section of Boulder Road and Damiansville Road.
8. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee a Joint Agreement for Federal Funding for the bridge replacement on Lake Road. Mr. Jansen made a motion to have this placed on the Boards agenda for Approval. Mr. Knolhoff seconded the motion. The motion passed.
9. Mr. Behrens reported that Christ Brothers plans to start the Aviston Road project the first week of July.
10. The Committee approved the current bills.

Clinton County Highway Committee
Minutes
July 16, 2025 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
Holly Clark	Clinton County Board Member
Brian Diekemper	Highway Maintenance Foreman
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
3. Mr. Ken Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2025 meeting. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: No one from the public asked for time to speak.
5. Ms. Clark attended the meeting to relay a concern that a constituent has on Lake Road. She expressed the person is concerned about the ditch on Lake Road near Oak Drive. The ditch always has water in it, and it is difficult to cut grass. Mr. Diekemper stated that the County dipped this ditch out last year and has cut the grass but there are three sump pump drains that run very frequently and keep the ditch wet.

The ditch does have steep slopes but the county is restricted from improving this due to lack of right of way. Mr. Behrens stated that they would look at flattening the ditch slopes if they could get right of way, but cautioned that if utilities are located just behind the back slope of the ditch these improvements it may be very costly.

Ms. Clark stated that she would relay this information to the concerned individual.
6. Mr. Diekemper listed the current maintenance activities including placing hot-mix asphalt on Boulder Road and the proposed oil and chipping plans.
7. Mr. Behrens reported on the Aviston Road resurfacing project. The contractor should be finished near the end of the month.
8. Mr. Behrens reported that they have made the first round of selection of the State's Off System Bridge Program. The State may replace 5 township bridges in Clinton County at no cost to the County or Townships. There is no final selection date set as of now.
9. Mr. Behrens reported that they submitted the Grant Application for safety funds for improvements to Jamestown Road.
10. Mr. Behrens reported that the Ford Explorer that the sheriff's department gave them for an engineering vehicle has a transmission that slips when under a load. They do not want to put any money into repairing this car. They will look at trading this in for a new vehicle utilizing a Sourcewell contract.
11. The Committee approved the current bills.

Clinton County Highway Committee
Minutes
August 13, 2025 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
3. Mr. Ken Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2025 meeting. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: No one from the public asked for time to speak.
5. The current maintenance activities were discussed. The county has completed its road oiling for this year. There is a long list of culverts and ditch work to be done this fall. They will continue mowing and spraying brush.
6. The contractor has finished most of the Aviston Road resurfacing project. He still must replace the traffic signs and replace the approach guard rail on the bridge south of Aviston.
7. IDOT has approved the contract for the Breese Walnut Street repairs. The Contractor plans to begin after Labor Day.
8. Mr. Behrens reported that they purchased a new Colorado pickup truck through a Sourcewell contract. They traded-in the Ford Explorer with this purchase.
9. Mr. Diekemper reported on the flooding that took place near St. Rose and on Jamestown Road.
10. T A meeting was held with officials from Ameren concerning the power poles on St. Rose Road. Ameren is not willing to deviate from their policy and reconstruct this line. If the county still wishes to have it relocated to enable the proposed ditch work to take place, the county will need to pay to have it moved.
11. Mr. Behrens reported the C-Hill Civil Contractors submitted the low bid to replace the bridge on Lake Road. IDOT will handle the award of the contract. In order to avoid a winter shutdown, the contractor will not start the project until next spring..
12. The Committee approved the current bills.

Clinton County Highway Committee
Minutes
September 10, 2025 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
Merk Rehkemper	Village of St. Rose
3. Mr. Jansen made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2025 meeting. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Mark Rehkemper discussed the issues the Village of St. Rose had with getting permission from the County to install crosswalks on Main Street. It was also mentioned that most other municipalities have maintenance agreements with the County for County Highways within the municipal limits. Mr. Rehkemper said the Village would be interested in a similar agreement.
5. Mr. Behrens gave the committee a permit application for the Village of St Rose for a crosswalk on Main Street. Mr. Hilmes made a motion to have this placed on the County Board's agenda for approval. Mr. Knolhoff seconded the motion. The motion passed.
6. The current maintenance activities were discussed. The county has the opportunity to get considerable amount dirt just north of Hoffman at a cost of \$15/tandem truck load. They plan to get as much as possible and stockpile in on county right of way to be used for shoulder work on Huey Road.
7. Mr. Behrens reported that the contractor has finished of the Aviston Road resurfacing project.
8. The contractor has started the repairs on Walnut Street in Breese.
9. Mr. Behrens reported that IDOT has confirmed that the county has two bridges in Meridian Township as well has three additional ones on the Marion County line included in the Off System Bridge Bundling Program. These will be entirely designed and replaced by the State with no cost to the County or Township.
10. Several instances of unauthorized work on County Right of Way were discussed. The people will be contacted and informed of the violations and instructed to correct the action.
11. The proposed budget was discussed more specifically the salary line item due to potentially large payouts for two retirees. Brad Knolhoff stated that these can come from a different line item in the County's budget and not from the Highway Department's budget.
12. The Committee approved the current bills.

Clinton County Highway Committee
Minutes
October 16, 2025 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
3. Mr. Ken Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2025 meeting. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. The maintenance activities of the previous month were discussed.
5. The Committee discussed the possibility of one of the employees needing surgery and requiring extended time off starting in December which may require additional temporary staff for snow removal.
6. Mr. Behrens reported on the Breese Walnut Street project. The Contractor should be finished with the exception of striping the median in the next week.
7. Mr. Behrens reported that there was a preconstruction meeting with the contractor for the Lake Road bridge replacement. They plan to start sometime in mid March, weather permitting.
8. The Committee discussed Mr. Diekemper's salary increase which should take place on December 1. It was suggested to set it at a percentage of the County Engineers recommended salary set by the State. This will be continued next month.
9. Mr. Behrens reported that Breese is looking at building the roundabout near Shell possibly in 2028 but there has not been any official information yet.
10. The Committee decided to pursue the suggestion of writing the State with a request for improvements to the intersection of St. Rose Road and Old US Route 50.
11. A maintenance agreement with the Village of St. Rose was discussed. Mr. Behrens will draft an agreement where the County maintains the driving lanes on St Rose Road within the Village limits and the Village will maintain the remainder of the road. In addition the County will offer to transfer the jurisdiction of Main Street to the Village.
12. Mr. Behrens reported that they received conditional approval of their HSIP (Safety) improvements for Jamestown Road.
13. The Committee approved the bills

Clinton County Highway Committee

Minutes

November 12, 2025 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
Brian Diekemper	Highway Maintenance Foreman
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
3. Mr. Hilmes made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2025 meeting. Mr. Knolhoff seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. The maintenance activities of the previous month were discussed.
5. The Committee discussed the possibility of one of the employees needing surgery and requiring extended time off starting in December which may require additional temporary staff for snow removal.
6. Mr. Behrens reported the Breese Walnut Street project has been completed. In addition they have talked to Breese and they will help replace approximately 130 feet of concrete pavement on the south bound lane early next year.
7. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee a proposed maintenance agreement with the Village of St. Rose. It was decided to send this to the Village for the maintenance of St. Rose Road and give them the option of doing a full jurisdictional transfer of Main Street. The Committee may take future action depending upon the Villages response.
8. It was reported that the new boom mower and tractor have been ordered. It will be sometime in the spring before they will be available.
9. Mr. Behrens reported Madison County has completed the Lee Road Bridge. This bridge is on the County Line which is funded by the two counties according to their EAV. Clinton County will pay about 11% of the total cost.
10. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee the proposed 2026 MFT maintenance resolution for the county. Mr. Hilmes made a motion to have this placed on the Board's agenda. Mr. Knolhoff seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
11. Mr. Behrens reported on the federal programming meeting that was held in October to program federal projects of FY 2029.
12. The Committee approved the bills

Clinton County Highway Committee
Minutes
December 10, 2025 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
Brian Diekemper	Highway Maintenance Foreman
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
3. Mr. Hilmes made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2025 meeting. Mr. Knolhoff seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. The maintenance activities of the previous month were discussed.
5. The recent snow removal operation was discussed. It was stated that some of the workers were concerned of the lack of help. Mr. Behrens said that Neal Richter and Mike Mescal each ran a snow route with one of the usual drivers and will be placed on the help list for the next snow.
6. The weed spraying licenses are expiring at the end of the year. They plan to send 4 people to take the license test in January.
7. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee an IDOT resolution to allow the county to reimburse the highway fund with MFT funds for the payment of the County Engineer's salary.
8. Mr. Behrens reported that they are planning to bid the aggregates for the county and townships the first week on January.
9. The Committee approved the bills