

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Minutes Monday September 15, 2025
4:00 PM Highway Office
1415 North Belt West Belleville, IL.
Conference Room

Members in Attendance

Richard Vernier, Chairperson
Marty Crawford, Asst. Chairperson
Michael O'Donnell
Robert Trentman
Harry Hollingsworth
Jana Moll

Guest

Norm Etling, County Engineer
James Harms, Asst. County Engineer
Cheri Weaver, Road & Bridges

Members Absent

Robert Allen

The Chairperson called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Moll made a motion seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to approve the minutes of the 9-15-2025 meeting. All members present voted aye.

The Chairperson asked if there were any comments on the agenda from the Committee. None were presented.

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Resolutions:

- A) Resolution authorizing a Joint Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the widening of Greenmount Road, Section 16-00333-17-PW and authorizing the use of County Highway Revenue Bond Funds for the County portion of the project. Mr. O'Donnell made a motion seconded by Mr. Hollingsworth to approve. All members present voted aye.
- B) Resolution authorizing a joint agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the widening of Greenmount Road, Section 13-00333-15-PW and authorizing the County portion to be funded from the County Highway Revenue Bond Funds. Mr. Crawford made a motion seconded by Mr. Hollingsworth to approve. All members present voted aye.

- C) Resolution authorizing a Joint Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for widening portions of Frank Scott Parkway, Section 24-00301-26-PW and authorizing the County Portion to be paid out of the County Highway Revenue Bond Funds. Ms. Moll made a motion seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to approve. All members voted aye.
- D) Resolution authorizing the award of Plum Hill School Road over Loop Creek, Section 22-17105-02-BR, in Shiloh Valley Township to the low bidder, C-Hill in the amount of \$ 696,273.50 and authorizing the County's 10% of the project required above those paid by the Township Bridge Fund and the Township to be paid from the County's Bridge Fund. Mr. O'Donnell made a motion seconded by Mr. Crawford to approve. All members present voted aye.
- E) Resolution authorizing a Highway Permit for Bluebird Fiber to install a buried communication line on both sides of Upper Bunkum from Highway 50 to Holy Cross Road. Ms. Moll made a motion seconded by Mr. Hollingsworth to approve. All members present voted aye.
- F) Resolution authorizing a Highway Permit to I-3 Broadband to install communication lines along the south side of Frank Scott Parkway from IL 159 and westerly. Mr. O'Donnell made a motion seconded by Mr. Hollingsworth to approve. Members present voted: six aye one nay. Mr. Trentman expressed his reasons for voting nay.
- G) Resolution authorizing a Highway Permit to I-3 Broadband to construct communication lines along the south side of Frank Scott Parkway heading easterly. Mr. O'Donnell made a motion seconded by Mr. Hollingsworth to approve. Members present voted: six aye one nay. See F above.
- H) Resolution authorizing a Highway Permit to I-3 Broadband to install communication lines along the west side of Greenmount from Carlyle Avenue to Commons Parkway. Mr. O'Donnell made a motion seconded by Mr. Hollingsworth to approve. Members present voted: six aye one nay. See F above.
- I) Resolution authorizing the purchase of a John Deere FC 10R Flex Wing Rotary Cutter with 5 foam filled tires, ball type hitch, and rigid tongue casting in the amount of \$26,500.00: Section 25-00000-08-EQ. To be funded out of the County Highway Equipment Trust Fund. Mr. Hollingsworth made a motion seconded by Mr. Crawford to approve. All members present voted aye.
- J) Resolution authorizing a Highway Permit to Bee Hollow Solar/Burns and McDonnell to bore Lickenbrock School Road approximately 2,250 feet south of IL 15. Mr. O'Donnell made a motion seconded by Mr. Crawford to approve. All members present voted aye.
- K) Resolution authorizing a Reimbursement Agreement with AT&T Enterprises, LLC to relocate facilities that are in a private easement for the widening of Greenmount Road North in the amount of \$34,030.00, Section 16-00333-17-PW. Funds to be paid out of the County Highway Revenue Bond Funds. Mr. Crawford made a motion seconded by Ms. Moll to approve. All members present voted aye.

Engineer Report

No news on 9 grant applications sent for the IDOT Local Project Funding Request: IDOT latest is end of September.

FSP Extension proceeding.

Working on acquiring Right of Way for the Frank Scott Parkway Fill in, Greenmount Road widening north and intersection improvements on Old Collinsville at Ashland.

Several meetings with reps of Bee Hollow Solar Farm and discussed proposal.

Old Collinsville Road tentative start 9-22-2025 depending on dowel bar availability.

Plum Hill School Let

Canteen Twp 71st Street Project pre-con meeting

IDOT Flagger class 9-11-2025

CPR-AED class 9-15-2025

Meeting with IDOT on IL RT 13 improvements from 157 to 23RD Street in Belleville

Zoom with IDOT IL RT 3 relocation from Packers Avenue south.

Meeting with ICC and RR on Greenmount Widening South

Mandatory MS4 meeting on 9-16-2025.

Ameren started on structural repairs from heavy loads.

Meeting with attorney on 9-17-2025 about Scott Troy Bridge that was hit.

Engineer reported on two parked tractors that were hit at 2:13 a.m. on 9/11/2025.

Mr. Hollingsworth made a motion seconded by Ms. Moll to approve. All members present voted aye.

The Chairperson asked if there was any Old Business: None presented.

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Mr. Trentman wanted to go on record regarding I3 Broadband. He said they are very unsafe, they have hit utilities, such as water mains and did nothing about it. When they damage a curb, they will not make the necessary repairs, and they leave debris in the roadways. This is why Mr. Trentman voted nay.

Mr. Crawford asked about the cones in the center of 74th Street Bridge. Mr. Harms reported that the important ones are the ones protecting the fascia beams.

Adjournment

Mr. O'Donnell made a motion seconded by Mr. Trentman to adjourn. All members present voted aye.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.