

MEETING: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE/ TIME: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 - 1:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Greg Menold, Nancy Proehl, Tammy Rich-Stimson, Joe Woodrow, and Deene Milam

ABSENT: Kaden Nelms and Nick Graff

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: **MOTION BY MILAM, SECOND BY WOODROW** to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2025, meeting. **MOTION CARRIED** on voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Joint Funding Agreement
Guardrail Project
21-00000-00-SP** Mr. Parr stated this agreement is the final stage in the guardrail project before construction. He reminded the committee that the project is being funded at 90% and covers the Tri-County area. There are approximately 250 locations receiving guardrail, 34 of those locations are within Tazewell County’s jurisdiction, and approximately 150 locations fall within the whole County of Tazewell. Tazewell is the lead agency and will be covering each entity’s 10% share up front and then will then bill the other local agencies for reimbursement. The design plans are complete, and it will go out for bid in November. Ms. Proehl inquired about how this project may have come about. Mr. Parr stated there may have been discussion about the necessity of guardrail, but due to lack of funding, it may have fallen to the bottom of the list. Ms. Proehl stated she has been battling with the thought of Tazewell County Highway being appointed as the lead agency and the time and talents of the staff being utilized for the project without any renumeration. She explained that she’s grateful Tazewell is receiving this abundant amount of new guardrail at 10% of the cost, but so are the other entities who do not have to use their staff and resources to receive it. Ms. Proehl stated she just wanted to express her concern because our staff cannot be valued enough.

RESOLUTION: **MOTION BY RICH-STIMSON, SECOND BY MILAM** to approve the joint
T-25-17 funding agreement for the Tri-County area guardrail project. **MOTION**
Joint Funding Agreement **CARRIED** on voice vote.
Guardrail Project

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**County Engineer Salary
Program** Mr. Parr stated the County Engineer Salary Program with IDOT simply states that if Tazewell County pays the county engineer at least 95% of the IDOT recommended salary then Tazewell County can be reimbursed 50% of the salary cost. IDOT does this using Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds. Ultimately the net cost for Tazewell County to pay the county engineer is 50%.

RESOLUTION: **MOTION BY PROEHL, SECOND BY WOODROW** to approve the
T-25-16 agreement with IDOT to participate in the County Engineer Salary Program.
County Engineer Salary **MOTION CARRIED** on voice vote.
Program

PROJECT UPDATES:
Design/Construction

Mr. Parr gave a brief update on all of the projects with recent changes.

The County general maintenance project has a few locations left to complete shouldering. Mowing and striping are ongoing. Mr. Scott Williams placed an order for salt to complete the required fulfillment on the contract. He stated all salt has arrived, and there is plenty of salt on-hand. He also added that the allocation planned for the next contract has been cut in half due to the abundance of salt. Chairman Menold asked if our Highway Department crew was attending the Sensible Salt Training Course coming up. Mr. Williams confirmed and added that Highway will be providing three tandems for the course and demonstration. He stated McHenry County is putting on the educational aspect and they do a great job.

Mr. Parr stated three bridges in the preliminary stage have been added to the list: Winkel Rd. over drainage ditch, Dee Mack Rd. over Mackinaw River, and Proehl Rd. over drainage ditch.

Towerline Rd. bridge over drainage ditch will be bid out in October.

Robison Rd. bridge is complete other than the nameplate. Mr. Milam inquired about a bridge nameplate. Mr. Augspurger stated that all bridges have a brass plaque that details the bridge's identification number, when it was built, and the project section number.

Hopedale Rd. over Little Mackinaw and School St. over Farm creek are both in the survey stage of preliminary engineering.

Toboggan embankment project is proceeding nicely. Stabilization is complete. Minor pavement items will be completed as well as seeding.

Heritage Lake Special Service Area seal coating is underway.

OTHER:
Sale of Truck #7 and #10

Mr. Williams provided an update on the sale of truck #10. He reminded everyone that Truck #7 sold last month using govdeals.com and brought in \$10,200. Truck #10 recently sold, and like #7, it brought in more revenue than we would have received on trade. He stated the whole process was smooth and added that selling a tandem via GovDeals rather than trade should be strongly considered.

**REPORTS AND
COMMUNICATIONS:**
Financial Reports

Chairman Menold stated the weekly bill-pay report provided by the Finance Office has been a nice asset showing bills paid in real time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Menold adjourned the meeting at 2:13PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Committee is Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 1:30PM.