

# MACON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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## MINUTES

May 26, 2021

The Macon County Highway Department Transportation meeting was held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 5:30 pm at the Macon County Highway Department Building, 2405 N. Woodford St., Decatur, IL 62526.

### Members Present:

Ryan Kreke (Chair)	Jake Horve	Pat Dawson (at 5:34)
Phil Hogan (Vice Chair)	Marcy Rood	Karl Coleman

### Members Absent:

Jason Comer

### Support Staff Present:

Bruce Bird, County Engineer	Amanda Askew, Office Assistant
Stuart Jacobs, Road Supervisor	

### Others Present:

Kevin Greenfield, County Board Chairman

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ryan Kreke at the Macon County Highway Department.

### Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes from the March 24, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. Phil Hogan made a motion to accept the minutes, Jake Horve seconded.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote 5-0

### Approval of the Bills:

Motion was made by Phil Hogan to approve the bills, seconded by Marcy Rood.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote 5-0

**Citizen Remarks – Public Comment:** No public present

**No Old Business:**

**New Business:**

*Macon County Board Resolution appropriating funds for the Andrews Street Resurfacing Project*

Bruce Bird stated first we have a resolution appropriating funds for the Andrews Street Resurfacing Project. This project is on CH 32 running east out of Macon, right at the intersection of Route 51 over to Walmsley Rd (CH 49). It is about half way over to Dalton City. The bids were opened about a week and half ago and they came in right at the engineers estimate. It is very much awardable. Phil Hogan asked when does this project start? Bruce replied we have not heard from the paving contractor yet. Illinois Valley got the job and they will work it in whenever they can, they have a lot of asphalt

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projects. It will be done this year. Kevin Greenfield asked where does that go, from 51 to Walmsley? Bruce replied yes. Kevin Greenfield asked what does that break down in miles? Bruce replied about 5 miles. Kevin Greenfield stated so it's about \$75,000 a mile. Bruce replied roughly, yes. Phil Hogan made a motion to approve, seconded by Jake Horve.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote for acceptance. 5-0

*Pat Dawson is now present at 5:34 pm.*

#### *Macon County Board Resolution appropriating funds for 50/50 Drainage Project with Blue Mound Township*

Bruce Bird stated the second item is a resolution appropriating funds for a 50/50 drainage project with Blue Mound Township. This is on an existing bridge on the south side of Boody. It is currently closed. We are replacing it with an aluminum box culvert. We buy the item for the Township and they do the install. All we do is order it; they deliver it. In this case it comes in different plates and pieces, the manufacturer will deliver everything on a trailer to the Township shed and they will assemble the box in their yard. Since it is aluminum, they can use a trac hoe or a back hoe and haul to the job site. They will already have the hole dug and they will drop it in and backfill it and they are good to go. It is a pretty sizable box so the price is what we would expect out of aluminum these days. Phil Hogan made a motion to approve, seconded by Jake Horve.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote for acceptance. 6-0

#### *Macon County Board Resolution appropriating funds for the purchase of Right of Way Parcel 001 for a bridge on Meridian Rd. in Blue Mound Township.*

Bruce Bird explained this resolution is appropriating funds for the purchase of right of way parcel 001 for a bridge on Meridian Rd. in Blue Mound Township. This is a County line bridge between us and Christian County. It is a Christian County project. We are purchasing the right of way on our side of the County and Christian County is handling the right of way on their side. A county line bridge is handled differently than other Township road projects. By Statute, the Counties have to cover the cost of the project even though it is on a Township road. The construction cost is covered based upon the relative assessed evaluations of each County. So, thanks to that little statute, with all the counties around us it is usually about 75/25 us with them. This one is about 80/20. We are covering the cost of the right of way and when they get around to doing construction, it is set up for next year, we will have to cover about 80% of the match, which is 20% of the total cost of the project. This is the first of three parcels on the Macon County side we will have to purchase. Phil Hogan made a motion to approve, seconded by Marcy Rood.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote for acceptance. 6-0

**County Engineers Report:** Bruce stated we have started mowing our roadsides this week. We have quite a few crossroad and entrance culverts that we are putting in. We have been doing some prep work for some of our paving projects. We did some drainage and tile work out there on the Oakley Blacktop, before our contractor comes in and reconstructs that road.

We had our kick off traffic meeting for the Farm Progress Show last week. There is not anything that is really different this year than it was two years ago from a traffic standpoint. We spent most of our time discussing all the projects that IDOT has that will impact the incoming traffic. The main one being the reconstruction of I-72 by Argenta. So, any of the traffic that comes down from the east, we

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wanted to make sure that the State Police are aware that any backups that we may have will be in Piatt County, not in Macon County. We will have another wrap up meeting about two weeks before the show starts to make sure that we have everything covered. At this point whenever we do these meetings, everybody pretty much knows what they are doing. There are not a whole lot of changes.

The folks from Farm Progress said that there are basically two things that they look at from a show standpoint, one is commodity prices are going up, up, and up so the farm economy is looking really good right now. Between that and the "I have been couped up for two years", they are anticipating the largest show attendance wise that they have ever had at any location. Marcy Rood asked what are the dates. Bruce replied it is August 30, 31, and September 1.

Phil Hogan asked did we purchase our mowing tractors or do we lease them? Bruce replied we lease the tractors and we purchase the mower decks. The mowing decks are brand new Bush Hogs that we got; they are doing great right now. We will see what they are doing two weeks from now after being drug through a bunch of heavy wet grass.

Marcy Rood asked how is the Reas Bridge Rd. Grant application progressing? Bruce replied our grant writer is working on that. Usually, she has it done the week before. I always like to have it submitted early, so that if there are any issues, they have with the submission process that we are not cut out. Marcy Rood asked who is doing the application? Bruce replied Jeannie Beckett out in Washington State, she works with Ann Schneider. Jeannie has a lot of experience in submitting grant applications.

### **Miscellaneous Business: None**

Jake Horve made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 pm, seconded by Phil Hogan. Motion passed with a unanimous vote for acceptance. 6-0