

# MACON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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## MINUTES

October 26, 2022

The Macon County Highway Department Transportation meeting was held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 5:30 pm at the Macon County Highway Department, 2405 N. Woodford St., Decatur, IL 62526.

### **Members Present:**

Ryan Kreke (Chair), Jim Gresham, Karl Coleman, Marcy Rood, and Pat Dawson

### **Members Absent:**

Phil Hogan and Jake Horve

### **Support Staff Present:**

Bruce Bird (County Engineer) and Amanda Askew (Office Assistant)

### **Others Present:**

Kevin Greenfield (County Board Chairman), Tammy Wilcox (County Administrator), Jeff Entler

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

### **Approval of the Minutes:**

The minutes from the September 21, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. Jim Gresham made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Karl Coleman.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote 5-0

### **Approval of the Bills:**

Motion was made by Jim Gresham to approve the bills, seconded by Marcy Rood.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote 5-0

### **No Citizen Remarks – Public Comment**

### **No Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

#### ***Macon County Board Resolution approving the purchase of right of way from Louis Lee Properties for the CH 99 Macon County Beltway Project:***

Bruce explained this lot is where the Huddle House is currently under construction. The new alignment of the Beltway will eventually cut across the south west corner of that property. This is to buy a somewhat triangular piece off that corner. It is for future use whenever the beltway comes through. When they were developing, they split it so it was a good time to approach them. We got an actual appraisal on the property. We made them the offer of the appraised amount and they accepted it. This is to pay them. Pat Dawson asked its on what corner? Bruce replied where the Huddle House is on that lot it is a triangular piece on the south west corner. Where Commercial Crossing turns into Route 48.

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Ryan Kreke made a motion to approve, seconded by Karl Coleman.  
Motion passed with a unanimous vote for acceptance 5-0

**County Engineers Report:**

Bruce explained the bridge on County Highway 38 is in, the approaches are graded, slopes are graded and seeded, and the guardrail is on. We are just waiting on Dunn Company to come in and do their paving. That bridge should be done and opened within the next week and a half. County Contractors out of Quincy did this project. They come in and get things done.

Illinois Valley is paving on County Highway 21. That is the road that goes straight north out of Harristown all the way up to 121. They started paving the surface today. They will be done with that on Saturday. By the middle of next week, they should have all the asphalt work in. The paving crew that is out there right now will be going down to 51 south where they are milling right now. This project should be wrapped up probably in about 3 weeks. That will be the last of our major projects.

Our crews are busy doing ditch work. We have been working on the section of County Highway 19 just north of Niantic getting some drainage squared away that has been a problem for the last couple of years. There four or five other smaller spots to work on as well. We also have a crew doing the final mowing for the year. We are getting everything mowed back and over the edges of the shoulders to make sure it is all cut nice and short for the winter. That helps because there is nothing there to catch the snow.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

Discussion was had regarding the hiring process for the County Engineers position.

**No Closed Session**

**Adjourn:**

Jim Gresham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 pm, seconded by Karl Coleman.  
Motion passed with a unanimous vote for acceptance. 5-0