

## **ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE**

### **SEPTEMBER 4, 2025**

The McDonough County Road and Bridge Committee held their monthly meeting on Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. The Meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Law Library. Committee Members present included Chair Craig Foster, Vice Chair Dave Cortelyou, Eric Chapman, Mike Cox, Jerry Raby, Jarad Royer, and Terry Thompson. Other persons in attendance: Dave Cadwalader, Rick Walker, Douglas Palmer, County Chair Eric Blakeley, and Deputy Clerk Kyah Beck. Members absent were Travis Hiel.

Chair Foster called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

#### **Review Minutes from August, 2025**

Member Chapman moved with a second by Member Raby to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

#### **Miscellaneous Project Updates**

The Star Bridge construction will be under way in January of 2026. The County Highway Department is waiting on IDOT to complete their inspection.

A County Engineer is still in need for when Rick Walker leaves. There is discussion about raising the salary to attract a hire. They must have four years of County Engineer experience.

The Camp Creek Wind Farm will start pre work construction this month to prepare for turbine installation sometime in 2026.

As of now, the County Highway Department knows of nine solar farms. The departments' goal is to make sure ordinances are being followed.

The 2025 sealcoat project is completed.

#### **Troublesome Creek TBP**

Bridge has been completed.

#### **West Adams Project**

This project seems to be more time consuming than originally planned.

#### **Work Report**

Report given by Dave Cadwalader.

#### **Claims Review and Approval**

Member Raby moved with a second by Member Chapman to approve the claims submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

#### **Other Items as Needed**

Road upkeep was mentioned. There are overgrown weeds in multiple places along fence lines.

#### **Executive Session**

None.

**Public Comment**

Douglas Palmer, a resident in Adair, came and spoke about the drainage issues present in the town. He also brought pictures to show of the flooding.

**County Chair Comments**

Eric Blakeley thanked everyone that helped prepare for the budget preparation. He also updated us about bids that will be put out for a new generator at the Courthouse.

**Adjourn**

Member Chapman moved with a second by Member Raby to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.