

## **ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE**

**JULY 2, 2026**

The McDonough County Road and Bridge Committee held their monthly meeting on Thursday, July 2, 2026 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, Jarad Royer, and Terry Thompson. Other persons in attendance: Dave Cadwalader, Rick Walker, County Chair Eric Blakeley, and Deputy Clerk Kyah Beck. Members Mike Cox, Travis Hiel, and Jerry Raby were absent.

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

### **Review Minutes from June 4, 2026**

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

### **Miscellaneous Project Updates**

**Spraying:** During the June meeting, Eric Blakeley asked about spraying guardrails where weeds are growing. Rick has contacted two companies to obtain pricing.

**Equipment Purchase:** Rick and Dave are working to complete the truck fleet. They are planning to trade in a truck and expect to have pricing soon.

**Building Improvements:** The Highway Department has a couple of buildings they would like to upgrade. They would like to add heating to the truck storage building, which would be beneficial during the winter months. They would also like to repurpose another existing building for equipment storage. Pricing estimates will be brought back soon.

**Star Bridge:** The project is still waiting on EPA approval and the soil erosion permit. Dirt work is expected to begin in August, and beam installation is anticipated to take approximately 7–8 months.

**Camp Creek:** Nearly all road improvements have been completed. Ten foundations have been poured. Work on the Ameren substation is expected to begin soon. The project team has notified nearby residents and is working to accommodate them during construction.

### **County Aid to Bridge Resolution**

This resolution is to resurface a portion of County Highway 3.

Member Cortelyou moved with a second by Member Thompson to approve the resolution. Motion carried on a voice vote.

### **Work Report**

Report given by Dave Cadwalader.

### **Claims Review and Approval**

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

### **Other Items as Needed**

None.

### **Executive Session**

None.

**Public Comment**

A resident of Adair came to speak about the flooding issue again with the committee. Rick said the highway department will be improving the problem culverts to help with drainage. One will be replaced and another will be reset. A few more will be checked while there. Rick believes a hydraulic study needs to be done.

**County Chair Comments**

Eric reminded the committee that the Abraham Lincoln statue will be unveiled on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn**

Member Chapman moved with a second by Member Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.