

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE

AUGUST 6, 2026

The McDonough County Road and Bridge Committee held their monthly meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. The Meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Law Library. Committee Members present included Chair Craig Foster, Vice Chair Dave Cortelyou, Eric Chapman, Mike Cox, Travis Hiel, Jerry Raby, and Jarad Royer. Other persons in attendance: Dave Cadwalader, Rick Walker, County Chair Eric Blakeley, and Deputy Clerk Kyah Beck. Members Terry Thompson and Mike Cox was absent.

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

Review Minutes from July 2, 2026

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

Approve 27-00000-00-SC Resolution

This resolution pertains to seal coat work on county highways.

Member Chapman moved with a second by Member Raby to approve the seal coat resolution. Motion carried on a voice vote. This will be moving forward to the full board meeting.

Approve 26-00000-00-ST Resolution

This resolution awarded the 2026 centerline striping bid to America's Parking Remarketing, LLC of Valley Park, Missouri.

Member Hiel moved with a second by Member Cortelyou to approve the striping bid resolution. Motion carried on a voice vote. This will be moving forward to the full board meeting.

Approve 2026 Mack Snowplow Truck

As previously discussed in past meetings, the county highway department would like to replace a 1998 Mack snowplow with a 2026 Mack snowplow.

Member Cortelyou moved with a second by Member Raby to approve the 2026 Mack Snow plow purchase resolution. Motion carried on a voice vote. This will be moving forward to the full board meeting.

Miscellaneous Project Updates

Policy Change: Rick informed the committee that IDOT will no longer be financially providing for projects before they take place. IDOT could request up to 80% for projects upfront. This is due to an auditing issue. Counties will have to pay, then be refunded. Turnaround time for that money will be longer.

Legislation: The state funded road district bridge program has not been increased since 1978. This has recently changed and the fund has been increased up to 4 times. A law specifically stated this state funded money had to be used within 4 years, but it has been proposed to expand that to 6 years. Rick said the fund increase is a big benefit for the county.

Battery Storage: The County Highway Department had their first battery storage request to be put in outside of Colchester. Information was requested in regards to zoning or ordinances stopping the infrastructure to be built. As of now there is nothing, but that could possibly change in the future.

Work Report

Report given by Dave Cadwalader.

Claims Review and Approval

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

Other Items as Needed

Rick Walker is currently in the process of setting a date for an educational visit for the wind turbines. This gives members of the county board a chance to learn about the project.

Executive Session

None.

Public Comment

None.

County Chair Comments

Eric reminded the committee that budget meetings are coming up, as well as the employee appreciation lunch on the 20th. Weekly meetings are being held in regards to the Lifeguard ambulance system. Progress is being made.

Adjourn

Member Raby moved with a second by Member Cortelyou to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried on a voice vote.