



**Champaign County Board
Highway & Transportation Committee
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois**

MINUTES –APPROVED APRIL 10, 2026

DATE: Friday, February 6, 2026
TIME: 9:11AM
PLACE: Lorraine Cowart Conference Room
1605 East Main Street, Urbana, Illinois

Committee Members

Present: Samantha Carter, Lorraine Cowart, Jake Fava, Brett Peugh, Ed Sexton
Absent: Jon Cagle, Matt Sullard

County Staff: Jeff Blue (County Engineer) Jenni Marner (Assistant County Engineer), Steve Summers (County Executive), Michelle Carter (Office Manager/Accountant)

Others Present:

Minutes

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Committee Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:11 AM. A verbal roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

II. Approval of Agenda/Addendum

MOTION by Sexton to approve the agenda; seconded by Peugh.
Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

III. Approval of Minutes – November 7, 2025

MOTION by Carter to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2025, meeting; seconded by Sexton.
Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

IV. Public Input

None

V. Presentations from Outside Entities

None

VI. Communications

None

VII. New Business

A. County & Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims November-December 2025, and January 2026

MOTION by Sexton to receive and place on file the County and Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for November-December 2025, and January 2026; seconded by Peugh.
Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

B. Highway Department Budget Review

Blue provided a brief overview of the multiple Highway Department Funds explaining the revenue and major expenses. The County Highway Fund 2083 is primarily used as the operations fund. This includes personnel, fuel, supplies, and equipment. He explained that each year funds are transferred to the Highway Building Capital Fund 062. The funds accumulate until large building repairs are necessary. The County Bridge Fund 2084 is used to build County and Township bridges. He said 4-5 bridges are scheduled for FY 2026. The Motor Fuel Tax Fund is from the State of Illinois gas tax. The funds are used for the County Engineer's salary, road maintenance, and road construction projects. The Highway Federal Aid Matching Fund is used to match federal projects that require local matching funds.

C. Resolution Awarding of Contract for the Replacement of a Bridge Deck Located on County Road 800N in Philo Township, Section #24-19140-00-BR

Blue discussed the bid tab results from the letting held on February 3, 2026. Three bids were received with Stark Excavating submitting the low bid of \$319,822. Blue recommended awarding the bridge deck replacement in Philo Township to Stark Excavating Inc.

MOTION by Sexton to approve the Resolution; seconded by Fava.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

D. Resolution for Contract Award Authority County Road 6, Section #25-00156-00-BR

Blue said multiple culverts need lengthened on County Road 6. He said the culvert project needs to be completed before the CH 6 road construction project. Blue said it is in the best interest of the County for the project to be bid and awarded as soon as possible.

MOTION by Peugh to approve the Resolution; seconded by Sexton.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

E. Petition Requesting and Resolution Approving Appropriation of Funds from the County Bridge Fund, Hensley Township, Section #26-12157-00-BR

Blue stated there is a culvert in Hensley Township on 2200N that needs replaced. The estimated cost of replacement is \$56,120. Hensley Township is prepared to pay one-half of the cost of replacement.

MOTION by Sexton to approve the Resolution; seconded by Peugh.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously**.

F. Township Funding

Blue discussed a recent News Gazette letter from John Bambenek regarding Mahomet Township Funds.

VIII. Other Business

None

IX. Presiding Officer's Report

None

X. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

Cowart stated that items VII-D & E, be placed on the consent agenda.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Cowart adjourned the meeting at 9:45 AM.

***Please note the minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.*